B'RACHOT FOR ALL OCCASIONS

For a rainbow

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹחֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, זוֹכֵר הַבְּרִית, וְנָאֶמָן בִּבְּרִיתוֹ, וְקַיָּם בְּמַאֲמָרוֹ.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You remember the covenant and faithfully fulfill promises.

For a large body of water

ַבָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה אֶת הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You made the great sea.

On experiencing a wonder or exceptional joy

ַבָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה לִי גֵס בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You performed a miracle for me at this place.

On experiencing a sublime or mysterious event

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, חֲכַם הָרָזִים.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You see what is hidden from our sight.

On seeing a Torah scholar

ּבָרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁחָלַק מֵחָכְמָתוֹ לִירֵיאָיו.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You share Your wisdom with those who revere You.

בְּרָכוֹת לְּכָל יוֹם B'RACHOT FOR ALL OCCASIONS

B'rachot of Thanksgiving בָּרֶכוֹת הוֹדָאָה

On a joyous occasion or the first time doing something

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֶינוּ וְקִיְּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעְנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You have kept us in life and have enabled us to reach this time.

For beautiful people or nature

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁבֶּכָה לוֹ בְּעוֹלָמוֹ.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. Your world is filled with beauty.

For lightning and other natural wonders

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, עוֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂה בְרַאשִׁית.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You are the Source of creation.

For thunder

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁכֹּחוֹ וּגְבוּרָתוֹ מָלֵא עוֹלָם.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. Your power and might fill the universe.

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On physical exercise and sports

ַבַּרוּךְ יוֹצֵר הַגּוּף וְכִשְׁרוֹנוֹ, שֶׁנָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ שִׂמְחַת הַמִּשְׂחָק.

Blessed be the Creator of the body and its skills, who has implanted within us the joy of sport.

B'rachot over Mitzvot בָּרֶכוֹת הַמִּצְוֹת

On performing an action that benefits others

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָּ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצְנֵנוּ לַעֲסוֹק בְּצֹרְכֵי הצִבּוּר.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You have made us holy with Your mitzvot and commanded us to pay attention to the needs of the community.

For social action

ַבָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשְׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִנְּנוּ לִרְדּוֹף צֶדֶק.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You have made us holy with Your mitzvot and commanded us to pursue justice.

ַבָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁנַתָן לָנוּ הוְדַּמְנוּת לְתַקֵן אֶת הָעוֹלָם.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You have given us the opportunity to mend the world.

On affixing a mezuzah

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּנָה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִנְּנוּ לִקְבְּעַ מְזוּזָה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You have made us holy with Your mitzvot and commanded us to affix a mezuzah.

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On seeing a secular scholar

בַּרוּךְ אַתַּה יִיַ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁנָתַן מֵחָכְמָתוֹ לְבָשָׁר וָדָם.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You give Your wisdom to flesh and blood.

On seeing a wide variety of creatures and people

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, מְשַׁנֶּה הַבְּרִיּוֹת.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You make creatures different.

On hearing good news

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, הַטּוֹב וְהַמֵּטִיב.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You are good and You are the Source of good.

On hearing bad news

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, דַּיָּן הָאֱמֶת.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You are the true Judge.

On creating a work of art

בָּרוּדְ הַנּוֹתֵן לָנוּ כִּשָּׁרוֹן לִיצוֹר יֹפִי וְלֶהֶנוֹת מִמֶּנוּ.

Blessed be the One who makes us able to create and to enjoy works of beauty.

For courage

ַוְעָם רוּחִי גְּוִיָּתִי יְיָ לִי וְלֹא אִירָא. ^{Solon}

For as long as I have breath, You are with me; I will not fear.

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May we be blessed as we go on our way. May we be guided in peace. May we be blessed with health and joy. May this be our blessing. Amen.

Amen, amen. May this be our blessing. Amen.

May we be sheltered by the wings of peace. May we be kept in safety and in love. May grace and compassion find their way to every soul. May this be our blessing. Amen.

Debbie Friedman

B'rachot Over Food and Fragrances בָּרֶבוֹת הַנֶּהֶנִין

Before washing hands

ָבָרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדֵיִם.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You have made us holy with Your mitzvot and commanded us concerning the washing of hands.

For bread

ּבָרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמְּוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֵץ.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth.

For other baked goods

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִינֵי מְזוֹנוֹת.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You create many kinds of food.

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Traveler's Prayer תָּפָלַת הַדֶּרֶך

יְתִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶידְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, שֶׁתּוֹלִיכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְתַצְעִידֵנוּ Talmud, אַרֹהַינוּ הָינוּ בוֹתַינוּ, שֶׁתּוֹלִיכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְתַצְעִידֵנוּ Talmud, אַרֹהַינוּ הָאוֹלִיבֵנוּ לְשָׁלוּם וְתַּדְרִיכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוּם. וְתַגִּיעֵנוּ לִמְחוֹז חֶפְצֵנוּ לְחַיִּים וּלְשִׁמְחָה וּלְשָׁלוֹם, וְתַצִּילֵנִוּ מִכַּף כָּל אוֹיֵב וְאוֹרֵב בַּדֶּרֶדְ, וּמִכָּל מִינֵי פְּּרָעוֹת הַמִּתְרַגְּשׁוֹת לָבוֹא לָעוֹלָם, וְתִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׁה יָדֵינוּ, וְתִּהְנֵנוּ לְחֵן וּלְחֶסֶד וּלְרַחֲמִים בְּצִינֶיךְ וּבְצִינֵי כָל רוֹאֵינוּ, וְתִשְׁמֵע קוֹל תַּחֲנוּנֵינוּ, כִּי אֵל שומע הפלה ותחנון אתה ברוד אַתַּה יָיַ, שוֹמֵעַ תִּפִלָּה.

May it be Your will, Adonai my God and God of my ancestors, to lead me, to direct my steps, and to support me along the way that I may be guided on the paths of well-being. Lead me throughout my life, tranquil and serene, until I reach my destination. Deliver me from every enemy, conflict and hurt that I might encounter along the way and from all painful afflictions that trouble the world. Bless all that I do and grant me mercy, loving kindness, and compassion in Your eyes and in the eyes of all who see me. Hear my prayer, for You are a God that listens to prayers.

Blessed are You, Adonai, who listens to prayer.

ַנִּיקַץ יַעֲקֹב מִשְּׁנָתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אָכֵן יֵשׁ יהוה בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וְאֵנֹכִי לֹא יָדֶץְתְּנִי. Genesis 28:16-17 וַיִּירָא וַיֹּאמַר מַה־נּוֹרָא הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה אֵין זֶה כִּי אִם־בֵּית אֱלֹהִים וְזֶה שַׁעַר השמים.

Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Eternal is present in this place, and I did not know it!" Shaken, he said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and that is the gateway to heaven."

וְיַצֵקֹב הָלַדְ לְדַרְכּוֹ וַיִּפְגְּעוּ־בוֹ מַלְאָכֵי אֱלֹהִים. וַיֹּאמֶר יַצֵקֹב כַּאֲשֶׁר רָאָם מַחַנֵּה אֱלֹהִים זֵה וַיִּקְרָא שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא מַחַנֵים.

Jacob went on his way and angels of God encountered him. Jacob said when he saw them, "This is a Godly camp." So he named the place Machanayim.