



Berachot Megillat Ester

Traditional Blessings Recited for Purim

Purim is considered a minor holiday on the Jewish religious calendar, which means that it is not attended with some of the same halakhic restrictions observed on other holidays. The primary commandment of Purim is to recite three blessings before hearing the scroll of **Esther** (*Megillat Ester*) recited:



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל מִקְרָא מְגִלָּה. [אָמֵן]

Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, Master of the universe, who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us regarding the reading of the Megillah. Amen.

*Barukh attah Adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher
kideshanu be-mitzvotav, vetzivanu 'al mikra megillah.*



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה
נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם, בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה. [אָמֵן]

*Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, Master of the universe, who performed miracles
for our fathers in those days at this time. Amen.*

*Barukh attah Adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she-'asah
nissim la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-hem, bazeman ha-zeh.*



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה. [אָמֵן]

*Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, Master of the universe,
who has kept us alive and has sustained us, and brought us to this season. Amen.*

*Barukh attah Adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
shehecheyanu vekiyemanu vehigi'anu lazeman ha-zeh.*

After these blessings are recited, the scroll of Esther (*Megillat Ester*) is read. At the end of the reading, an additional blessing regarding God's vengeance is often recited - and then the oneg begins!





Transliterated Blessings:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר

a-sher ha-'o-lam me-lekh e-lo-**hey**nu Adonai at-tah ba-ruk
who the universe king (of) our God Lord are you Blessed

קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל מִקְרָא מְגִלָּה. [אָמֵן]

a-mein megillah mikra 'al vetsi-va-nu be-mits-vo-tav kid-de-**sha**nu
Amen the Megillah the and commanded us with his sanctified us
reading of about commandments

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁעָשָׂה

she'a-sah ha-'o-lam me-lekh e-lo-**hei**nu Adonai at-tah ba-ruk
Who performed King of the universe our God LORD You Blessed

נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם, בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה. [אָמֵן]

a-mein haz-zeh ba-ze-man ha-hem ba-yamim la'a-vo-tei-nu nis-sim
Amen at this time in those days for our fathers miracles

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

ha-'o-lam me-lekh e-lo-**hei**nu Adonai at-tah ba-ruk
King of the universe our God LORD You Blessed

שֶׁחַיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה. [אָמֵן]

a-mein haz-zeh laz-ze-man ve-hi-gi-'a-nu ve-ki-ye-ma-nu she-he-che-ya-nu
Amen to this season and has and has who has kept
brought us sustained us us alive