

BAR MITZVA PRAYER

The blessing for a talit

*Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech haolam
asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu
leitateif betzitzit*

The blessing for teffilin of the hand

*Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech haolam
asher
kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu leaniach
tefillin*

The blessing for teffilin of the head

*Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech haolam
asher kideshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu al
mitzvat tefillin*

shma Israel

shma Israel adoni eloheinu adonai echad

baruch shem kvod malchuto leolam vaed

*veahavta et adoni elohecha bechol levavcha
uvchol nafshecha uvchol meodecha.veayu
hadvarim haele asher anochi metzavcha hayom
al levavecha.veshinantam levanecha vedibarta
bam beshivtecha bevetecha uvlechtecha
vaderech uvshochbecha uvkumecha.ukshartam
lehot al yadecha veayu letotafot ben
enecha.uchtavtam al mezuzot betecha
.uvisharecha*

The blessings for getting an Aliyah

Blessing before the reading of the torah

Barechu et adonay hamevorach

Baruch adonay hamevorach leolam vaed

*Baruch ata adonay elohenu melech haolam
asher bachar banu mikol haamim venatan lanu
et torato baruch ata adonay noten hatora*

Blessing after the reading of the torah

*Baruch ata adonay elohenu melech haolam
asher natan lanu torat emet vechayay olam
nata betochenu baruch ata adonay noten
hatorah*

The blessing of the father

Baruch sheptarani meonsho shel ze

Blessing of the mother the

!My dear Bar Mitzvah

This day, when you are putting on Tefillin for the first time, is not just another birthday. On this day of your Bar Mitzvah, as a young man and a person responsible for his actions, you are joining the Jewish Nation. On this day, you are joining the long and glorious chain of the generations of the Jewish People. The Tefillin which you put on are the same Tefillin which our ancestors put on in the Sinai Desert. These are the same Tefillin put on by the Great Sages of the Mishnah and Talmud, here in Yerushalayim 2000 years ago. These are the same Tefillin hidden by the Jews during the period of Inquisition. These are the same Tefillin which accompany the soldiers of Tzahal throughout all of Israel's wars. On this day, the day of your Bar Mitzvah, you are transformed into part of the glorious history of our Nation, the Nation of Israel. From this day forward,

***every one of your actions will influence and help form the fate of all of us. From generation to generation, the torch of our tradition and faith has been placed from father to son, and today the torch has been passed to you. Here, at the Western Wall, you have chosen to put on Tefillin for the first time in your life. Here, at the spot where Jews around the world face when Davening and look towards, you have connected to your Nation and to yourself. Here, at the Western Wall, the remnant of the Holy Temple, we give you our blessing, a blessing which has been given throughout the generations: "May Hashem bless you from Zion and may you see the goodness of Jerusalem all the days of your life, and may you see the children of your children, peace on ."*Israel**