

Rachtzah

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RACH'TZAH: WASHING HANDS BEFORE EATING MATZAH

Traditionally water is poured twice or three times over the entire surfaces, front and back, of first the right and then the left hand. We then recite the hand-washing blessing before drying them.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדַיִם.

TOGETHER:

*Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam asher
kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al netilat yadayim.*

Blessed is our God, determiner of the universe,
who has sanctified us with commandments, and
commanded us to wash hands.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדַיִם.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melekh ha'olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al n'tilat yadayim.

Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the Universe Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning washing of hands.