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Brochos

On vegetables one must say the correct brocha. One may say *borei pri haadamah* on fruits, after the fact. *Shehakol* will work for all foods, save bread and wine. One can say, especially on foods changed through a process, *shebara hchafetz hazeh, mah naaeh hu ze –* "...that created this item and how pleasing it is." The exact wording of a brocha need not be followed if one blesses Hashem for this food. *Editor's note: the gist being the same is good enough.*

Brocha *Shehakol neekeh bidvaro* is for all foods not from the ground, or meat.

When there are many foods in front of one, then one can choose which to start with. However, he should start with the best food for that particular brocha. If they are in front of him, he starts with the seven species (wheat, barley, grape, fig, pomegranates, olive oil, and date honey), unless there is bread. Then he can commence with the bread. If a person intends to eat bread but starts with an appetizer, then he need not make an after-blessing prior to eating bread. If there was no such intention, then he makes the after-blessing and then proceeds to the bread. *Editor's note: This clarifies the custom by the Pesach Seder about only eating a karpas vegetable but less than an olive's volume. The point is not about the after-brocha. No after-brocha is necessary because one knows that matzoh will be eaten. The reason only a part of vegetable is eaten is more about creating the dichotomy of slavery (half a vegetable) with freedom (eating a dipped vegetable).*

In eating the seven species the order is those next to the world "Land" (wheat and olive oil) then the order is how they are stated in the pasuk. Thus, the order is: wheat, olive oil, barley, grape, fig, pomegranate, and date honey.

A brocho on wine discharges the need for any further drinking of wine during or after the meal. The same is true about any brocho on an appetizer. Bread discharges all other brochos obligations. This is so long as the respective after-blessing was not yet made. *Editor's note: after the meal means any foods eaten during the same sitting. If the meal ended and he moved, clearly new brochos will need to be made. In this case, too, he should have made his after-blessing before moving.*

If one eats a wheat appetizer, he must still make a brocha over bread eaten afterwards.

Brocha of *dayan haemes* is for ill-fated or bad circumstances.