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Kitzur Hilchos Yerushalmi – Halacha derived from Gemara Yerushalmi

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Tefilla

Every kohen should *duchan* (raise his hands in blessing) when it is the proper time. If there are only kohanim they still *duchan*. One must stand in front of the Kohanim, even if separated by a wall, in order to be included in the blessings. Young kohen children need not *duchan*. *Editor's note: only when they get to the age of being able to say the blessings. If they can just answer "Amen" they join the audience.*

The Chazzan on days of *duchenin* should be a Yisroel. He calls out "kohanim" even if only one kohen is present, because it is a call to the tribe at large.

Blessings

On fruits one says, "*borei pre haeitz.*" Except on wine, one says, "*broei pri hagofen.*" On vegetables one says, "*borei pri haadama.*" Except on bread, one says, "*hamoitzi lechem min Haaretz.*" All items made from those foods have the same brocha as the food. E.g., fruit juice would be *borei pri haeitz*, as would olive oil.

For cooked vegetables: if they are in their original state (whole or cut in pieces but recognizable) it is *broei pri haadama*. If they are ground, mashed, or otherwise transformed, and if mixed among other ingredients, the brocha is *shehakol nihyeh bidvaro*.

Seeds and grains chewed are a brocha *borei minei zieoinen*. Baked or cooked grains that combine, even if not milled into bread, are *hamotzi lechem min haaretz* and he recites birchas hamazon after. Rice is *borei minei mizonos*.

Beer and beverages – whiskey, gin, tequila, vodka, borscht – made from wheat or other ingredients, but not from the juice, the brocha is *shehakol*. *Editors note: Brandy, cognac, and sherry would all be borei pri hagafen, because they are essentially distilled wine. Tomato soup and vegetable soup broth would be shehakol.*

One who derives from nature without blessing Hashem is like taking without paying.

If a person makes a brocha but then lost the food, he says *Baruch shem kevod malchuso l'olam vaed*. This is done every time to assure a blessing is not in vain. If he finds the food, then he must make a second brocha.

When dining together, the one making the brocha over bread must eat first.

If one put food in his mouth, he can shift it to one side and make the brocha. If it is liquid, he spits it out and then makes the brocha. *Editor's note, in polite company, to save himself from embarrassment, he can swallow, make a brocha, and have another sip.*

Kiddush

If one is yoitze (heard) kiddush from another, he may drink even before the baal kiddush partakes from the wine.

General practice

One may wash his or her hands with wine and it is not considered wasting food.

Civil Law

A person's messenger is like himself. He acts on behalf of the sender.