



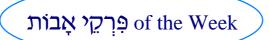
of the Week הַלְכָה

בְּרוּךָ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֶנְנוּ וְהַגְּיעֲנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֶּה. "Blessed are you, Hashem, our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and looked after us and enabled us to reach this time."

This בְּרָכָה is recited when one eats a seasonal fruit from the new crop for the first time. שֶׁהֶחֲיָנוּ is recited in addition to the regular בְּרָכָה for the fruit (which would be בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָעֵץ).

It is preferable (more correct) to recite שֶׁהֶחֲיָנוּ before the regular בְּרָכָה, but if שֶׁהֶחֲיָנוּ is recited after the regular בְּרָכָה it is not considered an interruption (between saying "הָעֵץ" and eating the fruit).

אָהָחֲתָנוּ is also recited for foods requiring "בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָאֲדָמָה" such as melon, watermelon and strawberries, since these foods are only available during the new season. One does not recite שֶׁהֶחֲיָנוּ for fruits that are available throughout the year, because it is not obvious when their season begins.



פֶּרֶק ד

כּ"א רַבִּי יַעַקב אוֹמֵר, הָעוֹלָם הַזֶּה דּוֹמֶה לַפְּרוֹזְדוֹר בִּפְגֵי הָעוֹלָם הַבָּא. הַתְמֵן עַצְמָדְ בַפְרוֹזְדוֹר, כְּדֵי שֶׁתִּבָּגֵם לַמְרַקְלִיז:

Rabbi Yaakov says:

This world is like a lobby before the World to Come. You must prepare yourself in the lobby so that you will be able to enter the banquet hall.
