

הַלְכָה of the Week

~ בְּרָכוֹת Recited When One Sees
a Tree in Bloom (Blossoming) ~

One who sees fruit trees blossoming during the month of נִיסָן recites the בְּרָכָה,

שְׁלֹא חָסַר בְּעוֹלָמוֹ כְּלוּם, וּבָרָא בּוֹ בְּרִיּוֹת טוֹבוֹת
וְאֵילָנוֹת טוֹבִים לְהִנּוֹת בְּהֵם בְּנֵי אָדָם

“Who ensured that nothing is lacking in His world,
and Who created in the world beautiful creations
and beautiful trees so as to delight man.”

Sephardi Jews say various תְּפִילוֹת when they recite this בְּרָכָה.

This בְּרָכָה should only be said once a year, during the month of נִיסָן.

פְּרָקֵי אָבוֹת of the Week

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כ"ה אֱלִישָׁע בֶּן אֲבוּיָה אֹמֵר, תְּלוּמַד יֶלֶד לָמָּה הוּא דוֹמָה, לְדִין כְּתוּבָה עַל
נֵיר חֲדָשׁ. וְתְלוּמַד זָקֵן לָמָּה הוּא דוֹמָה, לְדִין כְּתוּבָה עַל נֵיר מְחֻיָּק.

Elisha Ben Avuyah said:

If someone studies Torah as a child, what is his learning like?
It is like ink written on new paper.

If someone studies Torah in old age, what is his learning like?
It is like ink written on smudged paper.
