

Order of The Service for Tu Bishvat (Frutikas)

Some have the custom of reciting the 15 לְמַעְלוֹת / שִׁיר הַלְמַעְלוֹת psalms of Ascents, psalms 120 thru 134, which can be found starting at the top of page 301 through the bottom of page 303.

Following are blessings and some verses from שִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים (Song of Songs) sung on Tu Bishvat at the celebration of 'Frutikas'. We use the seven items for which Israel is noted and referred to in the book of Deuteronomy (8:8): אֶרֶץ חִטָּה וְשֵׁעֶרָה וְגִפְנָן וּתְאֵנָה וְרִמּוֹן אֶרֶץ-זֵית שֶׁמֶן וְדָבָשׁ: 'A land of wheat, barley, grape, fig and pomegranate; a land of oil-olives and date-honey'. We also include two or three others which are referred to in the Song of Songs.

Note that if there is one individual leading the service, he should not repeat the blessing of בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ'. The leader may either say the blessing the first time and have in mind to be absolved from repeating it for the additional 'tree' fruits, or, five different individuals may be asked to say the blessing. However, if those individuals have been asked to say the blessing later, they should refrain from eating the particular item/items prior to saying the blessing for that item.

1. Wine

Verse (c2,v5)

סְמִכּוֹנִי בְּאִשִּׁישׁוֹת רַפְדּוֹנִי בְּתַפּוּחִים כִּי-חֹלֶת אֶהְבֶּה אָנֹכִי:

Ladino: Azufreme kon las redomas de vino, afloshame kon las mansanas, ke doloryoza de amor yo.

English: Sustain me with bottles of wine, comfort me with apples, for I am sick with love.

Blessing: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגִּפְנָן:

2. Panzicos or Biscochos

Verse None

Blessing: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיְנֵי מְזוֹנוֹת: