

Could You Pass the Conversion Test - Section #1 - Weekday Living:

Section #1 - Weekday Living - Class #24 - Miscellaneous Laws of Blessings Part 3:

Visiting a Cemetery:

1. Upon seeing a Jewish cemetery or multiple Jewish graves together, recite the blessing "Asher Yatzar Et'chem Ba'din..." that is printed in the Siddur.
2. If the same cemetery was seen in the past 30 days, the blessing is not recited.
3. Even if you saw another cemetery recently, the blessing should be said – without God's name – if 30 days have passed since seeing these particular graves.
4. If you will be entering the cemetery, you should not recite the bracha until coming within four cubits (seven feet) of a grave.
5. The bracha is not recited during a funeral procession.
6. No bracha is recited upon seeing the Cave of the Patriarchs, Rachel's tomb, the tomb of Joseph, or the graves of anyone else who lived before the Torah was given.
7. One should conceal his Tzitzis when visiting graves.
8. Upon seeing a non-Jewish cemetery, one should recite the verse in Jeremiah 50:12: "The nations are a wilderness, a wasteland, a desert."

Visiting Synagogues:

1. Upon seeing a destroyed synagogue, you should recite "Baruch Dayan Ha'emes" (without the name of God).
2. Upon seeing a beautiful synagogue that was restored after being destroyed, recite the blessing Matziv G'vul Almana (without the name of God). For example, the Churva Synagogue in the old city of Jerusalem.

Saying 100 Blessings Every Day:

1. All men over Bar Mitzvah are obligated to make 100 blessings over the course of a 24 hour Halachik Day.
2. There is a debate amongst the Poskim if women are also obligated in this Mitzvah.

Weekdays:

EVENING:

- 4 Ma'ariv: blessings of Shema
- 19 Ma'ariv: Amidah
- 1 Hamapil (bedtime blessing)

MORNING:

- 2 Tefillin
- 1 Al Netilat Yadayim
- 2 Asher Yatzar/Elokai Neshama
- 2 Birkat HaTorah
- 1 Tzitzit/Tallit
- 15 Birchot HaShachar
- 2 Pesukei D'Zimrah
- 3 Shacharit: blessings of Shema
- 19 Shacharit: Amidah

AFTERNOON:

- 19 Mincha: Amidah

90 TOTAL *

* Exceptions: Sefardim count one less blessing for Tefillin. Women do not wear Tefillin and Tzitzit.

The following “non-obligatory” brachot help reach the goal of 100:

- brachot before food
- brachot after food
- Asher Yatzar after using the bathroom (aside from the one already counted in the morning)

SHABBOS:**EVENING:**

- 4 Ma'ariv: blessings of Shema
- 7 Ma'ariv: Amidah
- 2 Kiddush
- 2 Netilat Yadayim / Hamotzee
- 4 Birkat Hamazon
- 1 Hamapil

MORNING:

- 1 Al Netilat Yadayim
- 2 Asher Yatzar/Elokai Neshama
- 2 Birkat HaTorah
- 1 Tzitzit/Tallit
- 15 Birchot HaShachar
- 2 Pesukei D'Zimrah
- 3 Shacharit: blessings of Shema
- 7 Shacharit: Amidah
- 7 Mussaf: Amidah
- 1 Kiddush
- 2 Netilat Yadayim / Hamotzee
- 4 Birkat Hamazon

AFTERNOON:

- 7 Mincha: Amidah
- 2 Netilat Yadayim / Hamotzee
- 4 Birkat Hamazon

80 TOTAL

Besides the bracha of Asher Yatzar, there are two methods for reaching 100 brachot on Shabbat:

- During the Torah reading and Haftarah, listen carefully to every blessing, have intention to fulfill your obligation, and answer “amen.” This provides an additional 20 brachot. However, this method is not foolproof, since the one saying the brachot must also have in mind to be motzi the listeners.
- During the recitation of Ein Kelokeinu, intend that each of the phrases will count as a bracha. This provides an additional 21 brachot.

OTHER HOLIDAYS:

Other holidays essentially follow the pattern of Shabbat, with the following adjustments:

* Reductions to the count include:

- less obligatory meals than Shabbat
- less aliyot for the Torah reading than Shabbat

* Additions to the count include:

- the recitation of She'hecheyanu and Hallel (on most holidays) • brachot on special mitzvot (e.g. lulav, matzah, shofar, megillah)

* Optional brachot to increase the count include:

- Asher Yatzar (aside from the one already counted in the morning)
- other foods eaten as snacks
- the smelling of fragrant spices

YOM KIPPUR:

EVENING:

- 1 She'hecheyanu
- 4 Ma'ariv: blessings of Shema
- 7 Ma'ariv: Amidah
- 1 Hamapil

MORNING:

- 1 Al Netilat Yadayim
- 2 Asher Yatzar/Elokai Neshama
- 2 Birkat HaTorah
- 1 Tzitzit/Tallit
- 15 Birchot HaShachar
- 2 Pesukei D'Zimrah
- 3 Shacharit: blessings of Shema
- 7 Shacharit: Amidah
- 7 Mussaf: Amidah

AFTERNOON:

- 7 Minchah: Amidah
- 7 Neilah: Amidah

67 TOTAL

- It is essential to count an additional 29 brachot by hearing every blessing of the Torah reading and Haftarah, while intending to fulfill your obligation, and answering "amen."
- Additional brachot to complete the count are Asher Yatzar (aside from the one already counted in the morning), and the smelling of fragrant spices.
- If necessary, other praises in the Yom Kippur prayers can also be counted.