

Blessing of the Tallit

In the Torah, we are commanded to “wrap ourselves in the fringes.” The tallit (prayer shawl) is the garment with these fringes. These fringes with the special knots at the four corners serve as a reminder to follow the 613 commandments of the Torah through the performance of Tikkun Olam (Repair of the World) and to accept responsibility for moral and ethical behavior. This service marks the moment of transition when a young person accepts these responsibilities and receives his tallit.

Baruch atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu l'hitateif batzitzit.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהִתְעַיֵּף בְּצִיצִית.

BLESSED ARE YOU, Adonai our God
Sovereign of the universe,
who hallows us with mitzvot,
commanding us to wrap ourselves in the fringes.