

## 100 Blessings -- Created by the 1993 Confirmation Class

Diana Kalter's Introduction

First set of ten: Jenny Kozinn

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheynu melech ha'olam...

1. we thank You for bringing us back together with someone we haven't seen in a while.
2. for finding something we've been searching for.
3. for getting a job.
4. for our remembering a dream.
5. for the end of some dates.
6. for beginning of some dates.
7. for our earning a driver's license.
8. for enabling us to bear and raise children.
9. for helping us to gain the strength and courage to overcome a handicap.
10. And a blessing we hope to say someday: Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech ha'olam, we thank you for enabling human beings to discover a cure for AIDS.

Second set of ten: Evan Horowitz

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam...

11. I appreciate being the only boy in the class with all girls
12. we thank you for having a mall in Stamford
13. for the excellent sales at that mall
14. for over 275 episodes of Cheers
15. for giving human beings the wisdom to devise democracy and the patience to make it work
16. for having a voice
17. for vacation
18. for giving us a sample of Your love when we overcome the urge to hate
19. for public education
20. for bug spray

Third set of ten: Jami Turner

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam...

21. where would we be without the basic gift of common sense?
22. we see Your mercy in the eyes of the parent whose child no longer uses diapers
23. we see Your mercy in the development of new vaccines
24. we see Your love when we see good in a person
25. we see Your creative and nurturing power when we plant a flower and it grows
26. we are awed by the light and heat of the sun
27. we are awed by the color and beauty of seeing the sunset
28. we are amazed at the life giving power of the ocean

29. we ask that Your spirit of life continue to be seen on fragile Long Island Sound
30. I thank you for being able to return home to America after a trip to France.

Fourth set of Ten: Helena Silber

Baruch Ata Adonai Elohenu Melech Haolam,

31. we are grateful for that little bit of extra time to do the things we enjoy most
32. for air-conditioning
33. for the relief in the eyes of those who have just housebroken their dog
34. for the relief in the eyes of anyone on the last day of school
35. for the good fortune of finding a good song on the radio
36. for the lessons of life learned daily on soap operas
37. for the relief in the eyes of a parent when the last child goes to college
38. for the smile on the face of a parent when the last college tuition bill is paid
39. we thank you in advance for that day when there are no murders on the news
40. for a school vacation with five consecutive days of no rain

Fifth set of blessings: Michelle Pasettiner

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam...

41. We thank you for the intuition to pick those numbers that will enable us to win the lottery
42. for the dexterity and luck to catch a special moment on film
43. for holding those moments that can't be caught on film in our memories
44. for the Olympic spirit
45. for that great feeling of waking up in the morning and going to a job you like
46. for getting mail
47. for a day with no junk mail
48. in this day and age, someone should write a blessing to be said by the parents when their child marries a Jew
49. for learning how to swim
50. for coming home safely from any trip to New York

Sixth set of blessings: Aline Drucker

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam...

50. we are eternally grateful that You saw fit to invent the save key in our computers
51. for that moment of release and lightness we experience when hearing a very funny joke

52. for hearing that joke in a room full of people, when it sounds like everyone is together, laughing the same laugh at the same time
53. for good, lasting friendships
54. we see your compassion in the faces of doctors searching for a cure for cancer.
55. for providing a gas station just up ahead as the needle hovers close to empty
56. for that same feeling of relief when opening up the trunk and seeing the spare tire, fully inflated
57. for that fresh feeling of having showered and dressed for the first time in days after getting over an illness
58. for shoe laces that don't untie
59. even better yet, for velcro
60. a warm fire on a cold winter day

Seventh set of blessings: Aimee Camner

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Haolam...

61. we thank you for the chance to relieve ourselves after a long car ride
62. we appreciate your gift of life when we save someone's life, by giving blood, by giving food, by giving love
63. we thank you for the good fortune of knowing the right answer when the teacher calls on us
64. for a good pen -- they're so hard to find
65. for the ability to get over someone you like
66. we recall that You are slow to anger and are thankful when we are able to soothe the anger of another
67. for finding our way home
68. for learning how to use chopsticks
69. for the opening of a Kosher Chinese restaurant
70. for departing on a trip to Israel

Eighth set of blessings: Jami Shapiro

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam...

71. who has created Rabbis
72. we thank You for our own personal accomplishments
73. for the excitement that fills the first day of camp
74. recalling that our people went for so long without a home, we pray for a world with no homeless people
75. recalling that the highest level of tzedakkah is to help someone provide for him or herself, we hope for lower unemployment
76. we see the beauty of nature, which lasts only for a moment, when seeing a butterfly
77. we thank You for Confirmation class
78. for women being allowed to read from the Torah in the Conservative movement
79. for the ability to forgive
80. for the ability to remember

Ninth set of blessings: Diana Kalter

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam...

81. since You are G-d of all people, we search for a universal language
82. we thank You for wishing wells
83. we see how bright we too can shine when we see bright stars in the heavens
84. we thank you for the gift of fairytales, allowing our imaginations to expand
85. we thank you for the inspiration allowing for advances in science
86. for plausible excuses
87. for laughter
88. for being able to feel
89. for being able to feel good about oneself
90. for being able to help others to feel good about themselves

Tenth set of blessings: All

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam  
We thank You most of all for:

91. (Evan) Time
92. (Jami T.) Love
93. (Michelle) Nature
94. (Jami S.) Family
95. (Aline) Freedom
96. (Helena) The bounty provided us
97. (Aimee) Being a Jew
98. (Diana) The State of Israel
99. (Jenny) Our bodies
100. **(all)** we thank You for being alive ---- Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam, Shehechianu, V'kiyemanu, V'higiyanu laz'man hazeh ----- **AMEN**

Then read the selection from the prayerbook p.541, bottom, (attached)