

Birchas Hachama 5769

Blessing of the Sun-2009

What is it?

It's a special prayer that is recited once every twenty-eight years. The Sun returns to its original position that it occupied at the time of creation.

How often can you perform this mitzvah?

Once every 28 years.

When was the last time it was recited?

1981.

When is the next time?

The morning of Erev Pesach, 5769 - Wednesday April 8, 2009, Ideally, Birchas Hachama should be recited following davening as close to sunrise as possible.

Where should I say it?

Outside

Should I say this while standing?

Yes

Should I try to say this with a minyan?

Yes

Should women and children say the brocha?

Yes

Do you say if it's cloudy?

If you can see the lines of the sun behind the clouds, you can say the brocha. If it is so cloudy and you can't see the sun at all you cannot say the Brocha with the name of Hashem. You can wait a bit and if it's still cloudy say it without Hashem's name.

What do you say?

One goes outside and looks at the sun and says...

"Baruch Atah Hashem Elokainu Melech Haolam Oseh Maaseh Braishis"

You should not make any assumptions as to the accuracy of these halachas. As always, please consult your local Rav.

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