

Hayom Yom: 7 Sivan, The 2nd day of Shavuos

נְשִׂאוֹת כְּפִים: כְּשֹׁמְרִים תִּבֶּת יְבָרְכֶךָ – הַמְתַּבָּרֵךְ רֵאשׁוּ בְּאֲמִצָּע. ה' – מִסֵּב רֵאשׁוּ לִימִינוּ, שֶׁהִיא שְׂמֵאל הַמְּבָרֵךְ. וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ – בְּאֲמִצָּע. יָאֵר – לְשִׂמְאֵלוֹ שֶׁהִיא יְמִין הַמְּבָרֵךְ וְכו'. שְׁלוֹם – רֵאשׁוּ בְּאֲמִצָּע. אֲמִירַת רְבוֹנוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם – בְּשַׁעַה שֶׁהַכֹּהֲנִים מְנַגְּנִים דּוֹקָא, אֲבָל כְּשֹׁמְרִים הַתְּבוֹת צְרִיךְ לְשִׁמוּעַ. כְּשִׁמְנִגְנִים ל"וּשְׁמ" אֹמְרִים רְבוֹנוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם... הַצְּדִיק. כְּשִׁמְנִגְנִים לְתִבֶּת "לָךְ" – וְאִם... אֵלִישָׁע. ל"שְׁלוֹם" – וְכֶשֶׁם... לְטוֹבָה. כְּשֹׁמְרִים "שְׁלוֹם" – אֹמְרִים "וְתִשְׁמְרֵנִי וְתַחַנְנֵנִי וְתַרְצֵנִי". אֲדִיר בְּמָרוֹם אֹמְרִים אַחַר עֲנִית אָמֵן כְּשֶׁעֲדִין הַטְּלִית עַל פְּנָיו.

[Whenever] the Priestly Blessing [is given,² the procedure to be followed by each congregant is as follows]: When the kohanim say the word yevarechecha, the recipient of the blessing faces forward; when they say A-donai, he turns his head to the right, which is to the left of [the kohanim] who recite the blessing; at veyishmerecha he faces forward; at ya'er he faces left; and so on, [word by word – center, right, center, left, etc.,] until when they say shalom, he faces forward.

The prayer beginning Ribono shel olam is said only while the kohanim sing; when they recite the words of the blessing, one should listen. When they sing the melody that introduces the third to last word, veyasem, the congregation recites the words from Ribono shel olam until hatzaddik; while they sing the melody for lecha, the congregation recites the words from ve'im to Elisha; while they sing the melody for shalom, the congregation recites the words from u'keshem to letovah; and while they say shalom, the congregation recites the words vesishmereini, u'sechaneini, vesirtzeini.

Each congregant recites the passage beginning Adir BaMarom after having responded Amen [to the last word of the Priestly Blessing], while his tallis is still covering his face.³
