

I. AL HAMICHYA

AL HAMICHYA: TYPE AND VOLUME OF FOODS

Al HaMichya: Eating Enough

Say al ha'michya after eating at least 1.3 fl. oz. (39 ml, or 1/6 cup) of non-bread foods baked from the Five Grains (wheat, rye, oats, barley, or spelt) within four minutes.

Al HaMichya: Eating Enough Pie To Say

Say al ha'michya if you ate a total volume of crust + filling of at least 1.3 fl. oz. (39 ml, or 1/6 cup) or more within four minutes--even if the total mezonot-based crust you eat is less than 1.3 fl. oz. (39 ml, or 1/6 cup).

Al HaMichya: Or Birkat HaMazon

Say birkat ha'mazon instead of al ha'michya if you ate enough bread-like foods (mezonot) or bread-like food combinations (such as crackers with tuna salad) to be the volume of your normal biggest meal of the day.

This is true even if:

- You had not planned to have a meal (for example, you planned to eat only one slice of pizza but then ate two more), and
- Did not wash your hands before the meal.

AL HAMICHYA: DOUBT

Al HaMichya: Doubt If You Said

Don't say al ha'michya after eating mezonot if you are not certain whether you said it or not.

Al HaMichya: Doubt If 72 Minutes Have Passed

SITUATION You ate some mezonot. It might be more than 72 minutes since you finished eating but you are not certain.

WHAT TO DO Doubt about a blessing (safek bracha) does not get a blessing.

NOTE You may not eat one of the Five Special Fruits in order to say the after-blessing of al ha'eitz and include al ha'michya. You could eat fruit and say the al ha'eitz blessing, but you may not include mezonot food in the blessing by adding al ha'michya.

AL HAMICHYA: FORGETTING V'ZACHREINU L'TOVA

Al HaMichya: Forgetting To Add V'Zachreinu L'Tova

Don't repeat al ha'michya on Rosh Chodesh if you forget to add v'zachreinu l'tova....