BLESSINGS: DOUBT (SAFEK) WHETHER YOU SAID

If Doubt Whether You Said a Blessing (except for Birkat HaMazon)

If you are not sure if you said ANY blessing in ANY category, don't repeat it.

EXCEPTIONS

- Birkat ha'mazon.
- You may also include the first blessing over reading the <u>Torah</u> (<u>Asher bachar banu</u> mi'kol ha'amim.)

Even the blessing for *mezonot* is not an exception.

REASON

The only blessing commanded in the *Torah* is *birkat ha'mazon* (some say also the blessings on the *Torah*); all others are from *Chazal*.

If Doubt Whether You Said Birkat HaMazon

Say birkat ha'mazon if:

- You are not certain that you said birkat ha'mazon, and
- You were satiated from your meal.

NOTE You are considered to be "satiated" after eating food if you no longer have an appetite.

If Doubt Whether You Said Blessings on Torah Study

If you are not certain that you have said any of the morning blessings on studying <u>Torah</u> (from <u>la'asok</u> <u>b'divrei Torah</u> to <u>notein haTorah</u>), you should not say them later. But when you say "<u>ahava raba</u>" before the morning <u>shema</u>, you may intend it to cover such blessings; then after the <u>amida</u>, you should say some <u>Torah</u> verses (<u>psukim</u>).

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