

# FORE-BLESSINGS (BRACHA RISHONA): PRIORITIES

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You must say the blessing which was designed to be said on each type of food. *B'diavad*, a lower level blessing will still cover the food.

From lowest to highest level, here are the food fore-blessings:

- She'hakol,
- Borei pri ha'adama,
- Borei pri ha'eitz (on common fruits),
- Borei pri ha'eitz (on the Five Special Fruits)

**NOTE** You will only say borei pri ha'eitz ONCE to include both common fruits and also special fruits that you will eat at one sitting,

- Borei minei mezonot,
- Borei pri ha'gafen, and
- Ha'motzi lechem min ha'aretz.

## Fore-Blessings (Bracha Rishona): Which Level To Say

In general, say the highest-level fore-blessing (bracha rishona) on a food.

**NOTE** As some foods get processed by cooking or by other means, they qualify for a higher-level blessing.

### EXAMPLES

- Raw, rolled oats only merit the fore-blessing of she'hakol. But once the oats are cooked, the blessing of borei minei mezonot applies.  
**NOTE** Raw oats could get the fore-blessing borei pri ha'adama, since they grow directly in the earth. But because oats are not normally considered edible when raw, they get demoted to she'hakol.
- A raw grape or raisin gets the blessing of borei pri ha'eitz. But once made into wine or grape juice, it merits borei pri ha'gafen.