MOTZI/MATZA: BLESSINGS

Why Two Blessings over Matza

We say two blessings over the matza: ha'motzi lechem min ha'aretz and al achilat matza.

REASON The blessing on <u>motzi</u> is one of enjoyment (<u>nehenin</u>); the blessing on <u>matza</u> is a blessing on a commandment (<u>mitzva</u>).

How To Do Motzi and Matza

The <u>seder</u> leader says the blessing "<u>ha'motzi</u>" while holding the three (which are now 2 1/2) <u>shmura</u> matzas, drops the bottom one, and says the next blessing, <u>al achilat matza</u>. Everyone takes a small piece from the two top matzas and eats it, along with enough additional <u>shmura matza</u> to fulfill the minimum requirement.

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