

Halachos of Daily Living

These are some *brachos* which fall in the middle between these two categories mentioned last week- that is - they aren't clearly obligatory or not obligatory, and it is questionable if they are part of the 100 *brachos* or not:

Amen in response to the blessing on an Aliya to the Torah, or on the brachos of the haftorah: On the one hand, the listener is not personally obligated to recite these *brachos*, since he is not performing the mitzvah. On the other hand, the Torah reading and *Haftorah* are communal obligations. Some *Rishonim* count these *brachos*, and Mishna Berura (46:14) rules that if one has no other choice, these may be included in the one hundred *brachos*.

Amen in response to Chazaras Hashatz (the Chazan's repetition of Shemonah Esrei): There are two ways to view these *brachos*; the listener has already recited *Shemonah Esrei* on his own, but nonetheless, *Chazaras Hashatz* is a communal obligation. For these reasons, the status is uncertain and the Mishna Berura 46:14 writes that it is questionable if answering *amen* to *Chazaras Hashatz* counts towards the one hundred *brachos* obligation.