

Halachos of Daily Living

Are women obligated to recite one hundred *brachos* daily?

Many *poskim* write

that women are exempt from this mitzvah. As evidence, the Shevet HaLevi (5:23)

points out that the *Rishonim* who

list the hundred *brachos* recited

each day include the *brachos* that are

recited on *Tallis* and *Tefillin*. Since women do not recite these *brachos*, this would indicate that these *Rishonim* did not consider this obligation to apply to

women. Teshuvos V'Hanhagos (2:129) adds that since the one

hundred *brachos* must be recited each day, according to

some opinions this qualifies the mitzvah as a time-bound obligation, which women are not required.

Is there a *bracha* that should be recited on a hurricane?

Yes. Shulchan Aruch (OC 227:1) writes one may recite either *Oseh Maasay*

Bereishis or *Shekocho Ugvuroso Molay Olom* for thunder, lightning or

“great winds

that blow with rage”. Common practice is to recite *Oseh Maasay*

Bereishis for lightning (this *bracha* speaks of the wonders of

creation), and *Shekocho*

Ugvuroso Molay Olom for thunder (this *bracha* refers to the awesome power

of *Hashem*) [Mishna Berura 227:5]. The Mishna Berura

also writes that the blessing of *Shekocho Ugvuroso Molay Olom* - “That His power and strength fills the world” is only said on a wind that howls with such

intensity that it can be heard across the world (until the horizon) similar to

thunder. Since we are not proficient in delineating what exactly is a “wind

that blows with rage”, we do not recite this blessing. Instead, we recite the

blessing of *Oseh Maasay Bereishis*. Although a

hurricane would seemingly qualify as “a wind that blows with rage” the

custom

is to avoid the issue by always reciting *Oseh Maasay Bereishis* which can be

recited on any dangerous

gust of wind.