

Halachos of Daily Living

Laws related to Berachos

In a recent Halacha Yomis you mentioned that according to many opinions the *bracha* on cloves is *borei minei b'samim*. Can you please explain why? On which

other spices does one recite *borei minei b'samim*?

The *bracha* "*borei minei b'samim*" is

recited on spices that don't fit into any of the other categories. On aromatic fruit, we say the blessing "*Hanosain raiyach tov b'peiros*" (who placed aroma in fruit). On aromatic tree branches, we say the blessing "*borei atzei b'samim*" (who created aromatic trees). On aromatic plants and herbs, we say the blessing "*borei isvei b'samim*" (who created aromatic grasses).

The *bracha* on musk (which comes from an animal) is "*borei minei b'samim*". This is

because it does not fit into any of the other categories (Shulchan Aruch OC 216:2).