

# Blessings for the Eclipse of the Sun

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**Kavannah/Intention:** To celebrate the rhythm of light and dark in the natural world and its spiritual significance in our own lives.

## 1) As the eclipse begins say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu melek ha-olam

You abound in blessings, YHVH, SOURCE of all creation,

יוֹצֵר אוֹר וּבוֹרֵא חֹשֶׁךְ

yotzayr ohr oo-voray cho-shekh

Former of light, Creator of darkness.

## 2) Toward the end of the eclipse say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha-olam...

Blessed are You, YHVH, our GOD, RULER of the universe

עֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית

Oseh ma-ah-she v'ray-sheet

Who makes the workings of creation

## 3) Immediately after the eclipse say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

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שֶׁהֵחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְן הַזֶּה

She-heh-heyanu v'ki-y'manu v'higee-anu lazman ha-zeh.

Who has kept us in life, sustained us and permitted us to reach this season.