

Halachos of Daily Living  
Laws related to Berachos

**What *bracha* should  
one recite on dried cranberries?**

Most dried

cranberries are sugar infused. This means the cranberries are soaked in sugar

water and then dried to look like raisins. Rav Belsky, *zt"l* ruled that the *bracha* on

dried cranberries is *Ha'odama*. Although the cranberry plant survives from year to year, and in fact can live for over a hundred years, since the berries grow on or near the ground, the *bracha* is *Ha'odama*. The Mishnah Berurah (203:3) writes that

there is a dispute as to which *bracha* to recite on berries that grow on low bushes that are within three *tefachim* (9 to 12 inches) of the ground, and the *minhag*

*ha'olam* (the accepted practice) is to recite *Ha'odama*.

Individuals who grow their own cranberry bushes may have cranberries that grow

higher than 3 *tefachim*.

On berries that grow on those bushes, one should recite *Ha'eitz*. However, commercially grown cranberries are grown in bogs, on or near the ground, so

their *bracha* is *Ha'odama*.

**Does the**

**obligation to recite one hundred *brachos* apply even on Shabbos?**

Yes. Although on Shabbos the *tefillos* contain fewer *brachos*, one must still fill the quota of 100 *brachos*. On Friday night, one recites 11 *brachos* during Maariv, and an additional 47 *brachos* are recited

during *Shacharis*, *Musaf* and *Mincha*. One must eat three meals on Shabbos which adds another 18 *brachos*, and there are a few

additional *brachos* recited for Kiddush, *HaMapil* and after using the

restroom. Still, on an average Shabbos, one will find themselves about

18 *brachos* short. Therefore, Shulchan Aruch (OC 290:1) writes that one

should eat sweet fruit and smell various fragrant spices to accumulate

extra *brachos* throughout the day. *Bedieved* one can rely on

answering *Amen* to the *brachos* of *Krias Hatorah* and *Haftara* (an additional

27 *brachos*). There is also an opinion that reciting the prayer "*Ein*

*Kelokainu*", which has in it all the components of a *bracha*, is equivalent to having recited 12, and some say 20, *brachos*.