

Hallah

When fulfilling the *misvah* of hallah, it is an auspicious time to pray and ask Hashem for one's wishes.

For dough consisting of approximately 12 cups of flour (approximately **3.5 lbs.** of wheat flour), *hallah* is taken with a *Beracha*.

The amount of dough which must be separated for *Hallah* is even a small piece, irrespective of the size of the batch.

To separate *Hallah*, hold onto a piece of the dough (only partially separating it from the rest of the dough) and recite:

ברוך אתה ה', אלוקינו מלך העולם,

Baruch attah Adonai, Elohenu Melekh ha'olam

אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להפריש חלה תרומה.

Asher kidishanu bimitsvotav, vitsivanu lehafrish hallah terumah.

הרי זו חלה: Immediately remove the piece and declare:

The piece of dough should then be double wrapped in silver-foil and placed in the oven or in a fire to be burned.

After it is burned it may be discarded while fully wrapped.

When making cakes, muffins, or anything which is made from a **batter**, the *Hallah* is separated **after** they are baked. They should all be placed together on a tray or rack and a piece should be removed for *Hallah*. Many opinions say that a *Beracha* is not recited; rather only declare: הרי זו חלה.