

October 18-19, 2024

יז תשרי תשפ"ה

SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 16: Candle Lighting 6:04 PM

Day 1: Thursday, October 17

Shacharit 9:30 AM

Leviticus 22:26-23:44 - p 1126 Stone p 680 Hertz p 518 Etz Hayim p 723

Maftir - Numbers 29:12-16 - p 1152 Stone p 894 Hertz p 697 Etz Hayim p 934

Haftarah - Zechariah 14:1-21 p 1152 Stone p 1241 Hertz p 972 Etz Hayim p 1253

Candle Lighting After 7:02 PM

Day 2: Friday, October 18

Shacharit 9:30 AM

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Maftir - Numbers 29:12-16 - p 115 Stone p 894 Hertz p 697 Etz Hayim p 934

Haftarah - 1 Kings 8:2-21 - p 1154 Stone p 1242 Hertz p 977 Etz Hayim p 1257

Candle Lighting 6:01 PM

Shabbat, October 19

Shacharit 9:30 AM with reading of *Kohelet*

Parashat—Exodus 33:12-34:26 – siddur p 1134

Stone p 504 Hertz p 362 Etz Hayim p 538

Special Maftir -Numbers 29:26-31– siddur p 1157

Stone p 896 Hertz p 698 Etz Hayim p 935

Haftarah – Ezekiel 38:18-39:16 – siddur p 1158

Stone p 1243 Hertz p 979 Etz Hayim p 1260

Shabbat ends 7:00 PM

Join us for kiddush in the Sukkah following services on Thursday, Friday and **Shabbat**

TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION

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WEEKDAY AND SHABBAT SERVICES

Sunday - 8:30 AM

Tuesday - 6:20 PM

Thursday - 9:30 AM

Friday - 9:30 AM

Shabbat - 9:30 AM

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On This Week's Torah Portion - Sukkot

The Torah tells us to: "Live in succot for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in succot so that your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in succot when I brought them out of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" (Vayikra 23:42-43).

There are two opinions in the Mishnah. Rabbi Eliezer held that the succah represents the Clouds of Glory that surrounded the Israelites during the wilderness years, protecting them from heat during the day and the cold during the night, and bathing them with the radiance of the Divine Presence. Rabbi Akiva on the other hand said, "Succot mammash", meaning a succah is a succah, no more and no less: it is a hut, a booth, a temporary dwelling. It has no symbolism. It is what it is.

If we follow Rabbi Eliezer then it is obvious why we celebrate by making a succah. It is there to remind us of a miracle. All three pilgrimage festivals are about miracles. Pesach is about the miracle of the Exodus, Shavuot is about the miracle of the revelation at Mount Sinai, and Succot is about God's tender care of His people, during the journey across the desert. But according to Rabbi Akiva, a succah is merely a hut, so what was the miracle? There is nothing unusual about living in a hut if you are living a nomadic existence in the desert. Why should there be a festival dedicated to something ordinary, commonplace and non-miraculous?

Rashbam (Rashi's grandson) says the succah was there to remind the Israelites of their past so that at the very moment they were feeling the greatest satisfaction at living in Israel – at the time of the ingathering of the produce of the land – they should remember their lowly origins. They were once a group of refugees without a home, never knowing when they would have to move on. The festival of Succot, according to Rashbam, exists to remind us of our humble origins so that we never fall into the complacency of taking freedom, the land of Israel and the blessings it yields, for granted. However, there is another way of understanding Rabbi Akiva. The succah represents the courage the Israelites had to travel, to move, to leave security behind, and follow God's call, as did Avraham and Sarah at the dawn of our history. According to Rabbi Akiva the succah is the temporary home of a temporarily homeless people. It symbolised the courage of a bride willing to follow her husband on a risk-laden journey to a place she had never seen before – a love that showed itself in the fact that she was willing to live in a hut, trusting her husband's promise that one day they would have a permanent home.

What is truly remarkable is that Succot is called, by tradition, zeman simchateinu, "our time of joy." That, to me, is the wonder at the heart of the Jewish experience: that Jews throughout the ages were able to experience risk and uncertainty at every level of their existence and yet they were still able to rejoice. That is spiritual courage of a high order. Faith is not certainty; faith is the courage to live with uncertainty. Faith is the ability to rejoice in the midst of instability and change, travelling through the wilderness of time toward an unknown destination.

***Shabbat shalom v' chag sameach,
Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l***

Sukkot Ponderings from Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt”l

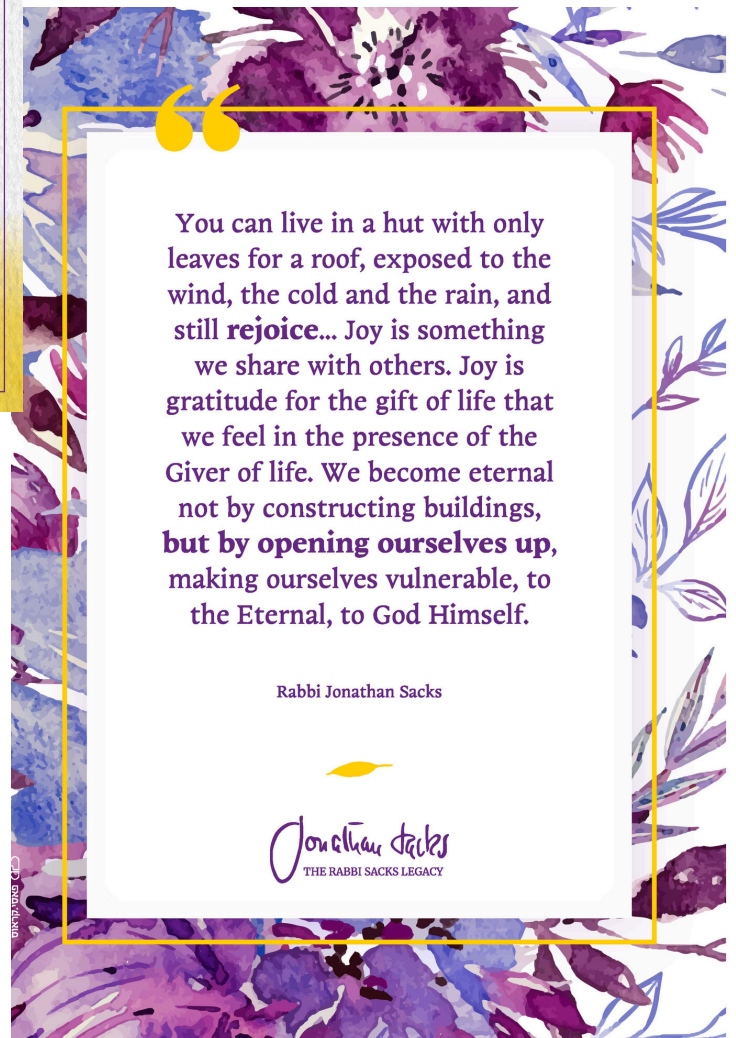


The universe is the space
God makes for us.
The sukkah, with its incomplete
roof and its door open to strangers,
is *the space* we make
for God.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks




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*You can live in a hut with only
leaves for a roof, exposed to the
wind, the cold and the rain, and
still **rejoice**... Joy is something
we share with others. Joy is
gratitude for the gift of life that
we feel in the presence of the
Giver of life. We become eternal
not by constructing buildings,
but by opening ourselves up,
making ourselves vulnerable, to
the Eternal, to God Himself.*

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TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION

SUKKOT/SIMCHAT TORAH SCHEDULE 2024/5785



First Days

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with reading of Kohelet

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Closing Days

Wednesday, October 23 - Hoshanah Rabbah

Shacharit 8:30 AM

Candle Lighting 5:54 PM

Thursday, October 24 - Shemini Atzeret

Shacharit 9:30 AM

YIZKOR

Minchah 5:50 PM

Arvit/Hakafot 6:20 PM

Candle Lighting After 6:53 PM

Friday, October 25 - Simchat Torah

Shacharit 9:30 AM

Candle Lighting 5:52 PM

Shabbat, October 26 - Parashat Bereshit

Shacharit 9:30 AM

Shabbat ends 6:50 PM



PIZZA & MUSIC IN THE SUKKAH



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
12:00 NOON

In the sukkah on the plaza at
Traditional Congregation

Pizza, salad, garlic bread - even dessert pizza!

Plus musical entertainment! \$10 pp

Bring your friends, bring the grands!

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PRAYER

We thank you for this place in which we dwell.

For the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day.

For the hope with which we expect the morrow;
For the health, the work, the food and the
Bright skies that make our lives delightful.

*For our friends in all parts of the earth,
And for our friendly helpers in this foreign isle.*

Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind.

Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies.

Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors.

If it may not, give us the strength to encounter that
Which is to come, that we be brave in peril, constant in
Tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune,
And down to the gates of death, loyal and loving to one another.

***Robert Louis Stevenson
(adapted)***

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't said.

Peter Drucker