CLUE 1:

On Sukkot, we collect the “arba minim” -
A number of plants connected to a theme.
There’s lulav, etrog, myrtle and willow
Shake them all before your head hits the pillow.

How many Sukkot species are there?
Cross that number off each time it appears on your puzzle board.

CLUE 2:

In the 1920s, alcohol wasn’t allowed.
But on Pesach, perhaps, they could sneak it, heads bowed.
Prohibition Jews might have had four full cups
(Or at least, we imagine, most of the grown-ups!).
Their seder wine came from a particular year -
The famed “5660 vintage,” which was known to bring cheer.

If Pesach 2021 will be in the Hebrew 5781, what year was this
special wine bottle (with “5660” written on the label) from? Cross
that year off from your puzzle board.

CLUE 3:

Yes, Hillel and Shammai had conflicts galore -
When to bless, what to eat, and oh so many more.
With Hanukkah lighting, a fight became famed:
In what order should how many candles be inflamed?
Hillel said that we start with just one
And work our way up, night by night, till we’re done.
But Shammai believed that night one should have eight
And then each night a candle’s reduced, light abates.

Light the number of candles that appear on Hillel and Shammai’s
menorahs for each of their first three nights (shamash excluded). Cross
off three numbers, in a row, for each of them on your puzzle board.
CLUE 4:

To end Rosh Hashanah tefillot in the morn,
There’s a reminder of when it was the world was born.
We imagine not yesterday, nor in any tomorrow,
But instead “hayom” is the date that we follow.

There is a DATE that corresponds to the DAY mentioned in the clue. Cross the numbers of that date (MM/DD/YYYY) off on your puzzle board. Note: this puzzle was written for Thursday night, erev Purim.

CRACKING THE MAGIC SPELL:

The megillah reading must continue,
But who knows what verse is arising within you?
We remind one another that as it is said,
Purim is when everything gets flipped *upside down,* on its head.

The magic spell to bring the building back to the proper time must be a verse from the megillah! In the “upside down” spirit of the day, flip your puzzle board upside down. You should see a chapter and verse number (written in the traditional X:Y format, where X is the chapter and Y is the verse). This chapter and verse correspond to a line from the megillah. Try reading that verse out loud (English is ok!), then clicking on the closing video to see if it worked to reverse the spell.