

# MIDWAY JEWISH CENTER GUIDE TO

סוכות — SUKKOT  
שמיני עצרת — SHEMINI ATZERET  
שמחת תורה — SIMHAT TORAH  
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You shall rejoice in your festival, with your son and daughter,  
your male and female slave, the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless,  
and the widow in your communities.

(Deuteronomy 16:17)

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Children of the Abayudaya community in Eastern Uganda know how to rejoice “b’hagekha,” in your festival.

### THIS IS THE TIME FOR SIMHAH—HAPPINESS

Sukkot through Simhat Torah is ***zeman simhateinu***, the time of our happiness. In Judaism, there is holiness in happiness. It thus makes sense that a happy period follows the somber Yamim Nora’im. If Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur soberly remind us of our responsibility to the world, our communities and ourselves, with all the pressure that such responsibility entails, then Sukkot teaches us to lighten up. The power of God is in God’s graciousness, and God wants us to live fully and happily. That’s Judaism. Whatever the reason for anxiety, there are always greater reasons for joy.

There are two principal mitzvot on Sukkot. The first is found in Leviticus 23:42-3: “You shall live in booths seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in booths, in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

These humble huts or sukkot teach us something about human dignity. It isn’t a function of the clothes we wear or the houses we live in. It is not measured by the number of digits in our take-home pay. Human dignity is a question of our fidelity in marital relationships, honesty in business practices, generosity in human interrelationships, and curiosity in learning about the world around us. Those virtues require that we have faith in ourselves, our communities, and God. It takes a great deal of faith to live in a structure as temporary as a sukkah. And that’s what God wants us to remember: the important role of faith in our sophisticated lives.

The second mitzvah of Sukkot is found in Leviticus 23:40: “On the first day you shall take the product of *hadar* [that’s the etrog] trees, branches of palm [that’s the lulav] trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days.” By waving the lulav

and etrog in all four directions, up and down, we point to the inescapable presence of God. The faithful can never be alone; for them—and ultimately for us—God is always accessible.



All four species of the lulav & Etrog come from different parts of the Holy land. To hold the lulav and etrog in hand is to thus hold the whole of the land of Israel in hand. We do not look to anyone else to protect that which is precious to us. The fate of Eretz Yisrael, the Land of Israel, and Medinat Yisrael, the State of Israel, rests in our hands.

### **YOM TOV—WHAT IS IT?**

“Have a good day!” What expression could be more American than that! But “good day” is literally what Yom Tov means. Yom Tov technically refers to the three major festivals in our Tradition: Pesah, Shavu’ot, and Sukkot. “Yontif” (the Yiddish pronunciation) is interchangeable with Yom Tov, but we use the latter in accordance with the modern Hebrew pronunciation.

Yom Tov is joyous, yet serious business. It is serious because it is a day when no business is permitted. Like Shabbat, it is a day when we close our stores, refrain from writing, leave the laundry alone, and concentrate on being together with family, friends, and community.

With a weeklong festival like Sukkot, only the first two and last two days are regarded as Yom Tov. Everything in between is known as Hol Hamo’ed, which means “the intermediate days of the festival.” During Hol Hamo’ed, we are permitted to work, write, wash clothes, etc., but the flavor of Yom Tov prevails as we have a little wine with dinner, continue to take our meals in the sukkah, and wave the lulav and etrog with the appropriate blessings.

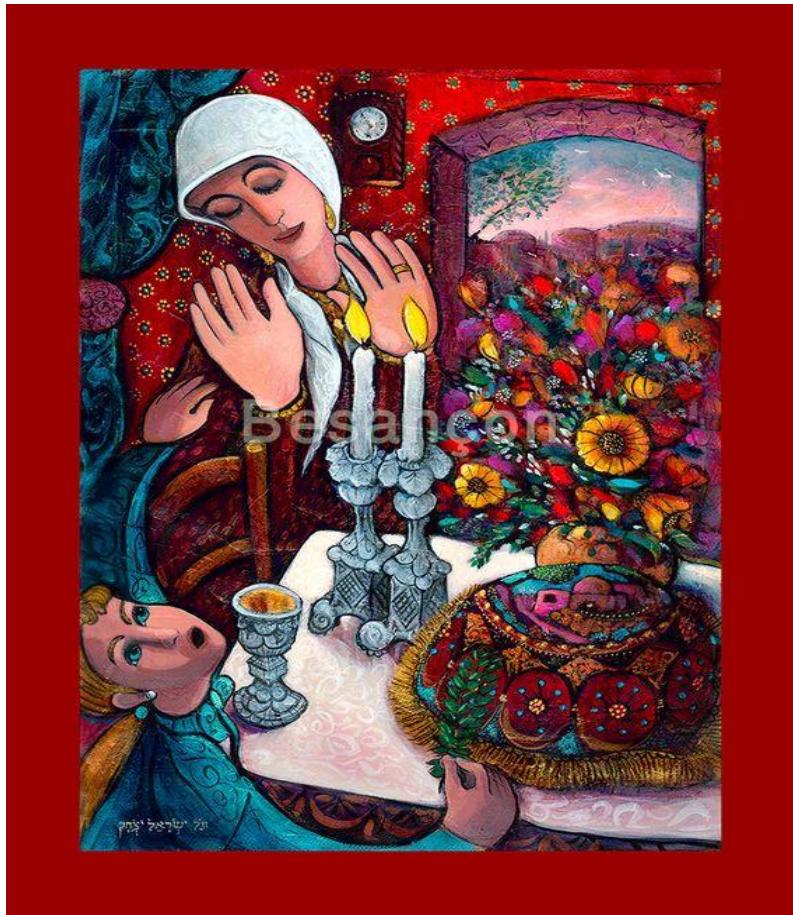
Yom Tov is part of our identity as Jews and part of the way we relate to God. Here are a few pointers on how to incorporate the Yom Tov spirit into your home.

1. Cover your Yom Tov table with a white tablecloth.

2. Resolve to come to synagogue for a few of the evening and/or morning services.
3. Invite guests to your home or sukkah for Yom Tov.
4. Focus your conversations on positive, uplifting subjects.
5. Try to do as little work in and around the house as possible. Don't fix cabinets or wash floors, rake the leaves, or do laundry, etc. Rather, take walks, talk to friends, start a good book or the Tanakh (that's the Bible) for a bit of inspiration.
6. Finally, (and this is ambitious)—plan on taking off from work or school during Yom Tov, if not both days, at least the first days. Yom Tov is a vacation!

### CANDLE LIGHTING FOR YOM TOV

As with all the major Jewish holidays, we welcome in Yom Tov, both the first and second night, with candle lighting. We put a few coins in the tzedakah box before candle lighting on the first night. Candle lighting for the first night takes place 18 minutes before sunset. Candle lighting for the second night takes place 42 minutes after sunset. We light at least two candles (of the Shabbat variety) though some families light a candle for each member of the family.



The candles are first lit. As if welcoming a long-awaited guest, make a circular motion with both hands, three times, just around the candles, and let your hands settle over your eyes, blocking the fire from your sight. A personal meditation, recited quietly or before the family, is certainly appropriate at this time. Then, recite the blessings. The dates and times for the blessings are as follows:

<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BLESSINGS</u>
Sunday, 13	5:59 PM	1, 2
Monday, 14*	6:56 PM	1, 2

<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BLESSINGS</u>
Sunday, 20	5:48 PM	1, 2
Monday, 21*	6:46 PM	1, 2

- \* The flame used to light candles on the second night must be obtained from an existing fire, like a pilot light or a candle lit before Yom Tov. This is because on Yom Tov, we may transfer fire, but we may neither create it nor extinguish it.

BLESSING # 1

**ברוך אתה ייִהוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וצונו להדליק נר של יום טוב.**

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha'olam,  
asher kidishanu bemitzvotav, vitzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, who rules the universe,  
who makes us holy through mitzvot  
and has commanded us to bring light to this good day.

BLESSING # 2

**ברוך אתה ייִהוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שהחיינו וקייִמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעֲנוּ לַזְמָן הַזֶּה.**

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha'olam,  
shehehyanu, vekiyimanu, vehig'i'anu, lazeman hazeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, who rules the universe, who has given us life, and given us sustenance, and has brought us to this special time.

BLESSING # 3

**ברוך אתה ייִהוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וצונו להדליק נר של שבת ושל יום טוב.**

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha'olam,  
asher kidishanu bemitzvotav, vitzivanu lehadlik ner  
shel Shabbat vishel Yom Tov.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, who rules the universe,  
who makes us holy through mitzvot  
and has commanded us to bring light to this Shabbat and to this good day.



If you can't get to a sukkah over Sukkot, you might be able to convince one of these guys to bring the sukkah to you!

## The Annual Open Sukkah At the Ranks

**Monday, October. 14, 2-5 PM**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

WHERE TO GO? The Ranks: 315 South Oyster Bay Road—Syosset, NY

WHAT TO WEAR? Come as You Are.

WHAT TO BRING? Your kids. Grandkids. The dog. Granddogs. The neighbors. The neighbors' dogs, stray cats, etc.

WHAT WE'LL DO? Nosh, Shmooze, Laugh, Enjoy! That's what we do on Sukkot!

## EVERY JEWISH FAMILY NEEDS A LULAV & ETROG



For only \$45.00, this mitzvah can be yours each day of Sukkot.

*Sets will be available the first day of the holiday,  
Monday, October 14, 9:00 AM.*

At that time, Rabbi Rank will demonstrate how to shake the lulav and etrog.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**

[Order on-line here...](#)

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS ORDER FORM TO:

Midway Jewish Center, 330 South Oyster Bay Road, Syosset, NY 11791

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### THE LULAV & ETROG ORDER FORM

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check for \_\_\_\_\_ lulav and etrog set/s at \$45.00/set.*

*See you at Sukkot services to make the lulav shake!*

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD  
Rabbi Perry Raphael Rank

At some point during the week of Sukkot, perhaps at a time when you are rushing to the office, disembarking from the subway, or walking to a business lunch, there is a chance you will pass a Hasid positioned next to a portable sukkah who will ask if you are Jewish. Once you give him the response he expects, he will hand you a lulav and etrog and ask you to bensch, that is, to recite the blessing over lulav and etrog. The Lubavitchers clearly view lulav & etrog as a major mitzvah, which is why a special effort is made over the holiday to get as many Jews as possible to recite the blessing. Should you interrupt your journey for a few minutes and recite the blessing?

Now and then people tell me of these encounters, some amused while others others dismayed over the zeal of the Hasidim in pushing this mitzvah. I don't always agree with the Hasidim and their tactics, but I do agree with them on this point—lulav & etrog are important and when we have the opportunity to say the blessing, we ought to grab it.

The lulav & etrog mitzvah is a hand tradition. We have any number of rituals that involve hands, a reminder that what is important in life is the ma'aseh, the deed, and what better symbol of the deed than the hand. And so we wash our hands before breaking bread to remind us that our bread must be earned ethically, that is with clean hands. We wrap tefillin around our arm and hand to remind us that everything we do during the course of the day must accord with the highest standards of morality and sensitivity. We sometimes wear a pendant in the shape of a hand (i.e., a hamsa) to ward off the evil that confronts us each day, an evil that scatters in the face of this cosmic hand. And over Sukkot, we pick up a lulav & etrog in order to literally grasp, to hold that which is dear to us, in our hands.

While reciting the blessing, if the lulav & etrog will bend and rattle in all four directions, upwards and downwards, all the while firmly secure in our hands. To hold something is to have something. Thomas Jefferson understood that well when he wrote in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness..." These are the values that all Americans share, that we hold firmly in our grip. So, too, lulav & etrog is an expression of that which Jews hold dear. What does it represent?

Lulav and etrog have been variously explained as emblematic of the Jewish people or the land of Israel, both great interpretations. But there is another way of looking at the mitzvah. We have just finished the High Holidays. Our sages assured us that we are to walk away from the Days of Awe secure in the faith that God will provide us with a good year, whatever that means. But as most may attest, every year lived is one filled with chance experiences, some pleasant and others not so much. Our lives bend in many directions and what we see or endure may indeed rattle us to the very core. A person in distress might very well say metaphorically—I'm falling apart—because that's the feeling that life sometimes thrusts upon us. And so too this lulav & etrog, bending this way and that, up and down, quivering at one point and undisturbed on another, might almost appear to bust apart. Nonetheless, the four species of lulav & etrog remain together, intact, and firmly in our grip. "It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves," so the words of William Shakespeare. And with all apologies to greatest of the English bards, I might add God has something to do with our destiny as well. This is the essence of the holiday. Whether we are dealing with shaky makeshift booths, trembling palm branches, or the fluctuations of

life, we remain intact and together because we hold in our hand the truth that our hands are an extension of God's and we have the power to withstand the challenges we must face.

So if the Hasid approaches you with an opportunity to say this special Sukkot blessing, grab that opportunity and the lulav& etrog. But if you prefer not to have your midday journeys interrupted, you can purchase your own lulav & etrog. To have it is to hold it. And to hold it is to hold onto a profound truth of what it means to live with courage, faith, and an allegiance to godliness.



And I have noted this further futility under the Sun: the case of the man who is alone, with no companion, who has neither son nor brother; yet he amassed his wealth without limit, and his eye is never sated with riches. For whom, now, is he amassing it while denying himself enjoyment? That too is a futility and an unhappy business.

(Ecclesiastes, 4:9-10, also known as Kohelet, traditionally read over Sukkot)

### WHAT ARE THE PROPER GREETINGS ON SUKKOT?

**Hag Same'ah**—Happy Holiday! This is a very useful greeting to know since it works on all three pilgrimage festivals.

And if you really want to impress friends and family alike, you can say—

**Mo'adim Lesimhah**—The Holidays are for Joy, with the proper response to this being, **Hagim Uzmanim lesason**—The festivals and special occasions are for joy!



Though exiled and displaced, [the Jewish people] are brilliant as the sun,  
and sturdy as a wall...

(From the Hoshanot prayers, recited on each day of Sukkot)

## SUKKOT—IT'S THE ULTIMATE STAY-CATION Now's your chance to WIN your very own sukkah!!!! And Go Camping in Your Backyard

Just Enter the MJC ANNUAL  
SUKKAH RAFFLE

You must have a child in our Pre-School, Religious School, Or Schechter of Long Island, in order to qualify for the raffle

Here's What You Get—

10' x 10' sukkah; sits 8 people or more

This traditional Sukkah is pre-fabricated for quick assembly and is pre-packaged in a box for easy shipping and storage. The aluminum frame is sturdy and lightweight, ensuring that it will not rust or corrode. Your hand and one 2x4 for the roof are the only tools necessary for assembly. Sukkah walls are made of white tarp interconnecting panels.

You will build your Easy Compact Sukkah in as little as 30-45 minutes. The sukkah comes with

reusable sekhakh matting

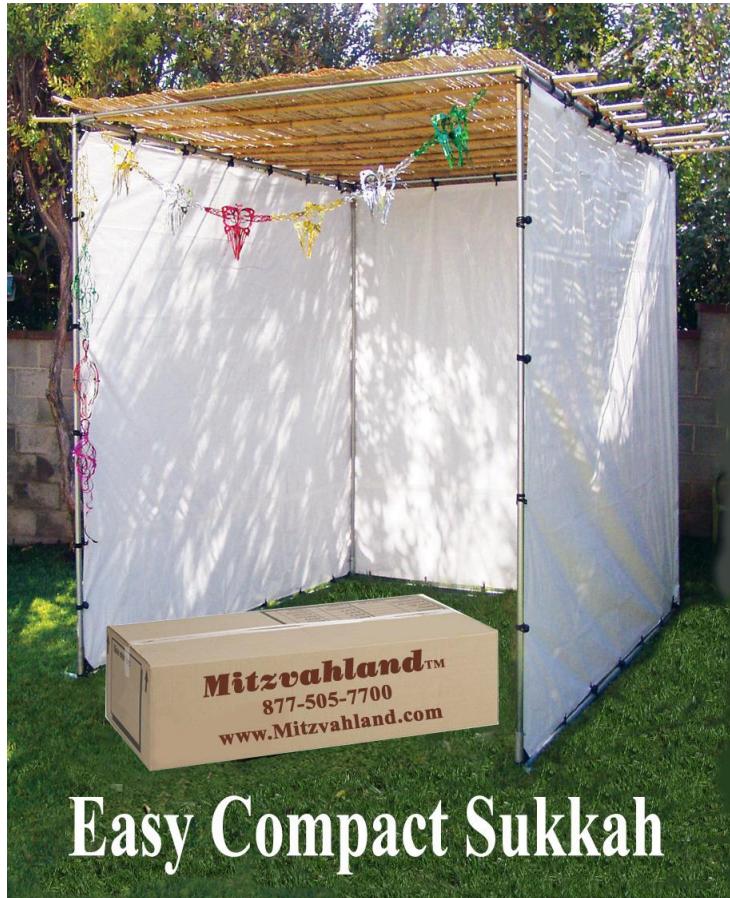
Deadline for raffles: Thursday, September 26, 2019

The sukkah may be picked up at mjc prior to sukkot

[Enter on line here](#) to win your very own sukkah or fill out this form and return it to the office. The raffle will be drawn at Tashlikh, Monday, September 30.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



### Easy Compact Sukkah

## KIDS LOVE WAVING LULAV & ETROG



This is an easy mitzvah that creates lasting memories!

Now your child can win a set. If you have a child in our Religious School or Day School, she or he is eligible to win. We will raffle off five sets at Tashlikh.

[Enter on-line here](#) or just fill out the form below and return to the office.

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ren's Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## SHEMINI ATZERET

Shemini Atzeret occurs on the eighth day following Sukkot. The rabbis regard it as a holiday in its own right, separate and apart from Sukkot. The lulav and etrog are not used nor is there any requirement "to dwell" in the sukkah, though kiddush is generally recited in the sukkah.

The Torah offers little commentary about Shemini Atzeret. The Torah's silence unleashed the rabbis' creativity in interpretation. Some said the holiday served to emphasize the special bond between Israel and God. Others saw it as a way to retain (*"atzeret"* means stop or pause) the sanctity derived from the first seven days of Sukkot and spread it throughout our lives. Whatever the reason, it seems appropriate to conclude Sukkot in some formal, ceremonial manner.

There are two observances connected with Shemini Atzeret. The first is the enactment of Yizkor, a memorial service for all our departed. The second is the recitation of **Geshem** or the prayer for rain. By reciting the **Geshem** prayer on Shemini Atzeret we synchronize our thoughts with **Eretz Yisra'el**—the land of Israel—which begins its rainy season at this time. One could conceivably recite the prayer on the first day of Sukkot, but no one really wants it to rain while taking up residence in the sukkah!

The cantor wears white, as on Yom Kippur, while chanting **Geshem**. Some see in this the idea that Shemini Atzeret is the conclusion of the entire Yamim Nora'im period. Others note that the abundance or lack of rain is evidence of divine judgment, and awareness of this is underscored by wearing the color motif of the Judgment Day. We recite the **Geshem** prayer for the benefit of our brothers and sisters who work Israel's holy ground and pray that the water of their life be only a blessing—another good reason to observe Shemini Atzeret.

## WHO RECITES YIZKOR?

Anyone who observes the Yahrzeit of a loved one recites Yizkor. Whether people are at work or at home, they find the time to stop whatever they are doing and make it to the synagogue for the Yizkor prayers. At the conclusion of Yom Tov (or before it begins), it is customary to give tzedakah in memory of our loved ones.

## WHEN BUSINESS AND YIZKOR CONFLICT

Business almost always conflicts with the recitation of Yizkor. But conflict should never keep us from doing what is right or good or holy. In the case of Yizkor, our Tradition has a powerful lesson to teach. Death cannot break the bonds of love. Even following death, we lay aside whatever project has its grip on us to attend the synagogue's Yizkor service. The hardest part of observing Yizkor is beginning. But those who have started have continued and have found their co-workers and their boss respecting them even more. To let your company know that the love of family is the most important part of your life is a great message and it will only make that company happier to have you on the team.

### SIMHAT TORAH

Simhat Torah means the “Joy of Torah” and it is a day of great celebration. There are two critical tasks to be completed on this day. The first is to read the last section of the Torah and thus bring the full reading of The Torah to a close. The second is to begin reading the first sentences of the Torah and thus initiate our study of Torah for the upcoming year. The lesson: there is no end to our study of Torah. Once we finish the scroll, we begin reading it anew.

Why all this fuss over the Torah? The Torah is, first of all, the word of God. The Torah is the constitution of the Jewish people. Together with our love for God and our people, the Torah has kept us united however dispersed we have been throughout the world. With the rebirth of the State of Israel, Torah has become even more important. Along with political and military power comes great responsibility. The only time power is abused is when one has it to abuse. We have more power now than ever before in our history. We must look to the Torah and ultimately to God in order to wield this power with the highest of ethical and moral standards.

From a purely technical point of view, Simhat Torah is Yom Tov Sheini, the second day of Yom Tov or Shemini Atzeret. Unlike most second days of Yom Tov, this one has a character separate and apart from its predecessor. On Shemini Atzeret we pray for rain and on Simhat Torah we hope to dance in the streets. On Shemini Atzeret we remember our departed and on Simhat Torah we fill the synagogue with life. On Shemini Atzeret we read Yom Tov portions of the Torah but on Simhat Torah, we focus on that end of the Torah and its beginning.

The person honored with the last aliyah to the Torah should be a very special person. So, too, the person honored with the first aliyah to the Torah should be a very special person. They are referred to with special names:

The Last Aliyah to the Torah	Hatan or Kallat Torah, meaning— The Groom or Bride of the Torah
The First Aliyah to the Torah	Hatan or Kallat Bereishit, meaning— The Groom or Bride of the Beginning

There is a custom to call everyone to the Torah on Simhat Torah, even the children. The children stand beneath a large tallit and receive a blessing from the rabbi and the cantor.

Whenever we receive an aliyah or honor to the Torah, it is a blessing. Make sure to attend Simhat Torah services and bring your family. This is one holiday when there is no mistaking it—it's great fun to be a Jew.



A person should be willing to give up all his tomorrows for one today,  
so that he doesn't give up all his todays for one tomorrow.  
Yosef Yozel Horwitz (1847–1919) aka The Alter of Novardik,

#### A BRIEF GLOSSARY

**HAG SAME'AH**—Happy Holiday! This is a very useful greeting to know since it works on all three pilgrimage festivals.

**HOL HAMO'ED**—the intermediate days of a festival.

**SUKKAH (plural: SUKKOT)**—A booth or temporary structure built generally in a family's backyard and covered with leafy branches and stalks such that the sunlight penetrates the roof during the day and the stars can be visible through it at night. The sukkah remains up for the duration of the festival of Sukkot.

**SUKKOT**—This is either the plural of sukkah or the name of the festival which follows Yom Kippur and commemorates the building of temporary booths by the children of Israel during their 40 year trek in the desert.

**YOM TOV**—This term technically refers to the three major festivals in our Tradition: Pesah, Shavu'ot, and Sukkot. These festivals are not quite as sacred as Shabbat, but they are days when we refrain from work, attend synagogue, and enjoy festive meals in the company of family and friends.

**ZEMAN SIMHATEINU**—Sukkot through Simhat Torah is referred to as *zeman simhateinu*, the time of our happiness.

We've completed reading Torah from A-Z  
(read: B'reishit through Devarim)  
So now it's time to celebrate

**AND START ALL OVER AGAIN**



## **Simhat Torah—Monday, October 21**

6:00 PM Pre-School Simhat Torah in the OSR

6:00 PM K-3 Religious School Learning about Simhat Torah in the Sanctuary

6:45 PM Ma'ariv, the Evening Service

7:00 PM Hakafot / Dancing with the Torah

EGG CREAMS TO DRINK, KNISHES TO KNOSH,  
SONGS TO SING, HORAS TO HIP HOP TO...

**WOW—SEE YOU THERE!!**

ANNOUNCING THE HONOREES FOR THE LAST AND  
FIRST ALIYAH OF THE YEAR  
**Come dance with Our Stars...**



**HATAN & KALLAT TORAH (last aliyah):  
PHILIP & SHELLIE DICKSTEIN**

**HATAN B'REISHIT (first aliyah):  
JONATHAN BRODY**

SIMHAT TORAH DAY: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9:00 AM

Come celebrate, dance, sing,  
and don't forget that special kiddush to follow services...

## סוכות, שמיני עצרת, שמחת תורה, תש"פ

SUKKOT, SHEMINI ATZERET, SIMHAT TORAH —

AN MJC SCHEDULE, 2019 / 5780

ALL CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES RECORDED FOLLOW THE TRADITION OF LIGHTING CANDLES 18 (WHICH IN HEBREW IS HAI, A WORD WHICH ALSO MEANS "LIFE") MINUTES PRIOR TO SUNSET. THIS IS THE LATEST TIME CANDLES MAY BE LIT. CANDLES MAY ALWAYS BE LIT EARLIER. WHEN GOING TO SERVICES, LIGHT CANDLES FIRST, THEN COME TO THE SYNAGOGUE.

SEPTEMBER  
Monday, 23

TIME

EVENT  
REMEMBER DAY

**Remember** to register for the Annual Sukkah Raffle and win your very own sukkah or fill out the form in the back of this booklet and return it to the office. This 10' x 10' sukkah seats 8-10 people, consists of light-weight, durable aluminum poles, over which tarp is fitted. The sukkah comes with skhakh and is easy to assemble, dismantle, and store. It is ordered through Mitzvahland ([www.mitzvahland.com](http://www.mitzvahland.com)). The raffle will be drawn at our Tashlikh service. Deadline to get in your raffle: Thursday, September 26. 5780 may be your lucky year! [Register for the sukkah raffle here.](#)

**Remember** to enter the raffle to win a lulav & etrog set at our Tashlikh drawing. We will raffle off five sets! Deadline: Thursday, September 26. Enter on-line or through the office at (516) 938-8390. [Enter the lulav & etrog raffle here.](#)

**Remember** to order a lulav and etrog set for Sukkot on-line or through the office at (516) 938-8390. Deadline: Thursday, October 10. [Order your lulav & etrog set here.](#)

**Remember** to RSVP for at least one meal in the sukkah, or as many as you like. RSVP on-line or through the office at (516) 938-8390. Deadline: Thursday, October 10. [RSVP for a sukkah meal here.](#)

<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday, 13		<b>EREV SUKKOT</b>
	5:59 PM	Candle Lighting
	6:10 PM	Min <sup>h</sup> ah/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening Services)
	6:30 PM	USY Dinner in the Sukkah
		<b>SUKKOT DAY, FIRST DAY</b>
Monday, 14	9:00 AM	Shaharit/Musaf (Morning/Additional Services) Lulav & Etrog sets are available this morning.
	2-5:00 PM	Open Sukkah at Ellen and Rabbi Rafi Rank's Home Bring the kids and get ready to schmooze and nosh... 315 South Oyster Bay Road, Syosset
	6:10 PM	Min <sup>h</sup> ah/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening Services)
	6:56 PM	Candle Lighting—beginning the second day of YOM TOV
Tuesday, 15		<b>SUKKOT DAY TWO</b>
	9:00 AM	Shaharit/Musaf (Morning/Additional Services)
	6:10 PM	Min <sup>h</sup> ah/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening Services) & Havdalah
Wed.—Sun., 16-20		<b>HOL HAMO'ED</b> (pronounced: HOL ha-mo-AYD and means “the intermediate days of the festival”)
		<b>A WORD ON HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT</b> <u>Hol</u> Hamo'ed constitutes the intermediate days of a festival. This period of the festival already began with the conclusion of the second day of Yom Tov, Friday evening. On these days, the festival spirit remains, though many Yom Tov restrictions are lifted. These are days of SHAKE & TAKE—we “shake” the lulav & etrog in the morning and “take” our meals in the sukkah.
Wed.-Fri, 16-18	6:15 AM	Shaharit/Musaf (Morning/Additional Services)
Wednesday, 16	6:30 PM	Barbecue in the Sukkah—RSVP on-line or through the office at (516) 938-8390.
Thursday, 17	6:30 PM	Chinese in the Sukkah—RSVP on-line or through the office at (516) 938-8390.
Friday, 18		<b>SHABBAT HOL HAMO'ED BEGINS</b>
	5:51 PM	Candle Lighting
	6:00 PM	Min <sup>h</sup> ah/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening Services) & Kabbalat Shabbat

<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Friday, 18	6:00 PM	Religious School Core Dinner in the Sukkah—RSVP on-line or through the office at (516) 938-8390.
Shabbat, 19	9:00 AM	Shaharit/Musaf (Morning/Additional Services) Lulav & Etrog not used on Shabbat Bat Mitzvah of Ava Moskowitz, daughter of Myles and Laurie
	6:00 PM	Minhah/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening Services) & Havdalah
Sunday, 20		<b>HOSHANA RABBAH</b> —This last day of <u>Hol Hamo'ed</u> requires a more elaborate use of the Lulav & Etrog during the Shaharit Service, as well as special prayers. Today is Smash-Those-Hoshanot Day. Very cathartic!
	9:00 AM	Shaharit/Musaf (Morning/Additional Services) Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Lugassy, son of Guy & Lisa
	9:00 AM	Sukkot Havayyah—A Sukkot Happening for our Religious School Please consult the Religious School calendar for details.
		<b>EREV SHEMINI ATZERET</b>
	5:48 PM	Candle Lighting
	6:00 PM	Minhah/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening Services)
		<b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b>
Monday, 21	9:00 AM	Shaharit/Musaf (Morning/Additional Service)
	11:30 AM	<b>Yizkor</b> —Memorial Service
	12:15 PM	Minhah (Afternoon Service)
		<b>EREV SIMHAT TORAH</b>
	6:00 PM	Pre-School Simhat Torah in the OSR
	6:00 PM	K-3 Religious School Learning About Simhat Torah in the Sanctuary
	6:46 PM	Candle Lighting
	6:45 PM	Ma'ariv
	7:00 PM	<b>THE GREAT SIMHAT TORAH CELEBRATION</b> Put on your dancing shoes on! This is the 4-7 Graders, Post-BM and the Whole Community Simhat Torah Celebration. Come celebrate the completion of the reading of the Torah!
Tuesday, 22		<b>SIMHAT TORAH</b>
	9:00 AM	Shaharit/Musaf (Morning/Additional Service)
	10:00 AM	More Simhat Torah Celebration Let's dance, dance, dance and sing, sing, sing!
	6:00 PM	Minhah/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening Services) & Havdalah

**OUR 6:30 PM SUKKAH DINNERS ARE BACK  
CHINESE CUISINE, BBQ, & SHABBAT...**



**Wednesday,  
October 16  
BBQ**

**Thursday,  
October 17  
CHINESE**

**Friday,  
October 18  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DINNER**

**Adults \$15.00**

**Pre- Bar/Bat Mitzvah\* \$10.00**

**\* (under 3 & you're free!)**

**RSVP online here or...**

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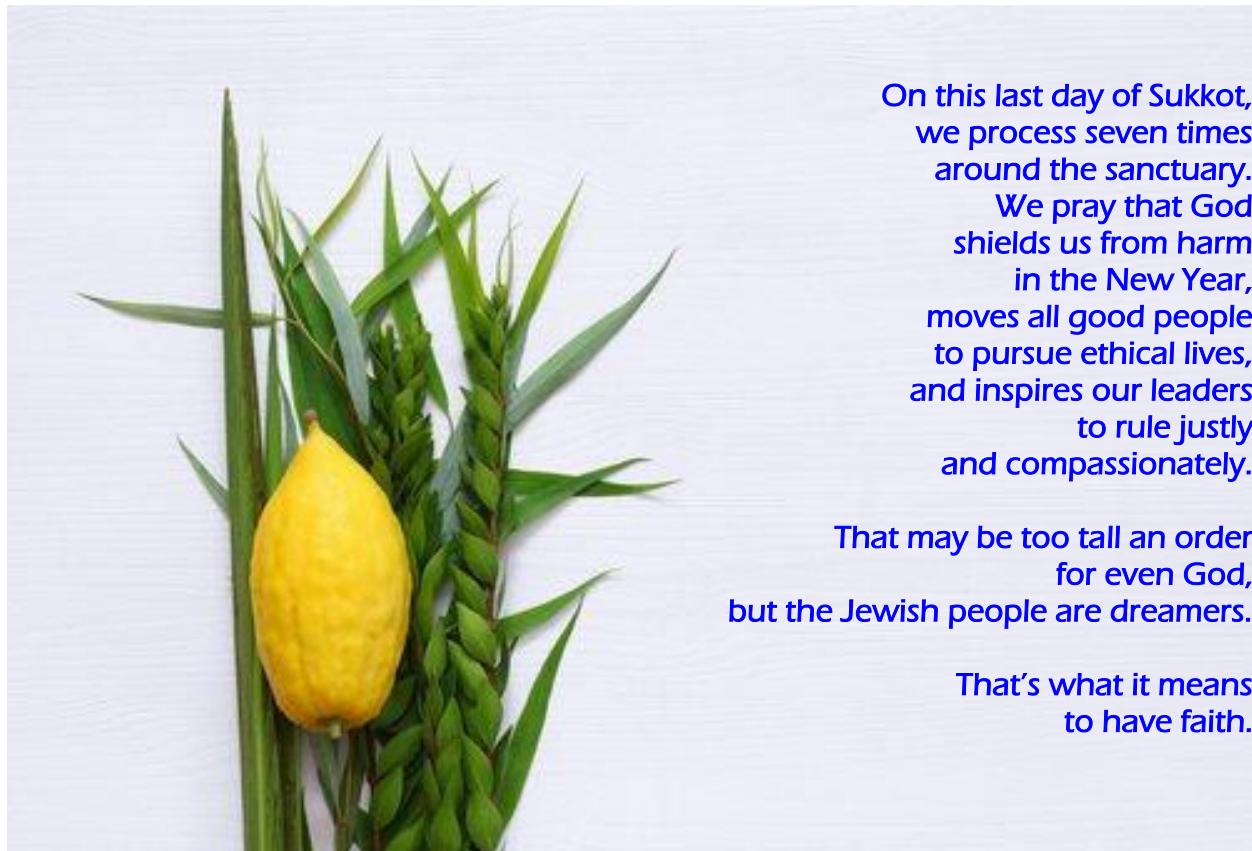
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Deadline: Thursday, October 10*

הוֹשָׁנוֹת רַבָּה—**HOSHANA RABBAH**  
the last day of sukkot

**Join the Beat... The Hoshanot Beat**



On this last day of Sukkot,  
we process seven times  
around the sanctuary.  
We pray that God  
shields us from harm  
in the New Year,  
moves all good people  
to pursue ethical lives,  
and inspires our leaders  
to rule justly  
and compassionately.

That may be too tall an order  
for even God,  
but the Jewish people are dreamers.

That's what it means  
to have faith.

Sunday, October 20, 9:00 AM

A Happy and Blessed New Year to All