

SUCCOS 5782

Tuesday, September 21st - Wednesday, September 29th

Erev Succos

Monday, September 20th – 14th of Tishrei

We make our necessary preparations in honor of *Yom Tov*. Candles are lit in the *Succah*, the *brachos Lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov* and *Shehecheyanu* are said.

First Day

Monday night, Sep 20th – 15th Tishrei

We make kiddush in the *Succah* after nightfall. Kiddush begins with *Hagafen* and is followed by the *brachos* of *leishev baSuccah* and *Shehecheyanu*.

On the first two nights, one is obligated to eat in the *Succah*. Even if it is difficult, or if it rains, one should eat at least an olive's size (*kazayis*) of bread in the *Succah* (note: one should not make the *bracha leishev baSuccah* if it is raining). On the other nights, and during the days, anyone who suffers distress from rain or from any physical condition is exempt from staying in the *Succah*.

The entire seven days of *Succos*, one should eat, drink, and spend one's free time in the *Succah*. Grain based foods up to the size of an egg, or fruit of any quantity, need not be eaten in the *Succah*.

When one does not make *kiddush*, one should make the *bracha* of *leishev baSuccah* after *hamotzi*, and he should intend that this *bracha* apply to all of his activities in the *Succah* until the next meal.

Tuesday, September 21st – 15th Tishrei

In the morning, we can make the *bracha* over the *Lulav* and *Esrog* (four species) anytime after sunrise. The *bracha* over the four species is: "*vetzivonu al netilas lulav*," and on the first day only, *shehecheyanu*.

To perform the *mitzvah*:

- *Brachos* are made with the *esrog* held upside down (the *pitum* facing down) and then turned right side up (*pitum* up).
- one holds the *esrog* in the left hand, and the *lulav*, with the other species, in the right hand.
- When the four species are held together properly, they are (according to *Nusach Ashkenaz*) shaken three times back and forth in front of the person (while facing East), three times to his right, three times behind him, three times to his left, three times above, and three times downward.

Second Day

Tuesday night, Sep 21st – 16th of Tishrei

We delay lighting candles and doing any preparations for the second day of *Yom Tov* until 43 minutes after sunset. Candles are lit, and kiddush is made in the *succah* with the

same *brachos* as the first night.

Second Day

Wednesday, Sep 22nd – 16th of Tishrei

In the morning, we can make the *bracha* over the *Lulav* and *Esrog* (four species) anytime after sunrise, see above.

Havdalah is recited in the *succah*, only the *bracha* of *Hagafen* and *Havdala* are recited. If one plans to eat or stay in the *succah* afterwards, the *bracha* of *leishev baSuccah* is recited.

Chol HaMoed

Thursday, Sep 23rd – 17th of Tishrei through Sunday, Sep 26th – 20st of Tishrei

If *Yaale V'Yavoh* is forgotten during davening, one should consult the *machzor* as it may be inserted later, or *Shemoneh Esrei* should be repeated, depending on the place at which he remembered during the davening. On Chol Hamoed, *Birkas HaMazon* is not repeated if *Yaale V'Yavoh* is forgotten.

Shabbos Chol Hamoed

Friday, September 24th – 18th of Tishrei

We make all preparations for *Shabbos* before candle lighting. We light candles at the proper time, 18 minutes before sunset. The *bracha* is "*Lehadlik ner shel Shabbos*".

Regular *Shabbos Kiddush* is said in the *Succah*; at the end of *Kiddush* the *bracha* *Leishev baSuccah* is made.

Shabbos, September 25th – 19th of Tishrei

The *Lulav* is not taken on *Shabbos*. *Tefillos* of *Shabbos* are said with the addition of *Yaale V'yavo*, *Hallel*, and *Yom Tov Mussaf*

We read *Sefer Koheles* (Ecclesiastes) before Torah reading.

On *Motzei Shabbos*, we make the regular *Havdalah* for the departure of *Shabbos* in the *Succah*.

Hoshana Rabbah

Monday, Sep 27th – 21st of Tishrei

From the perspective of its status as a *Yom Tov*, *Hoshana Rabba* is the same as any other of the Intermediate Days. However, many extra prayers are added to the service on *Hoshana Rabba*. The reason for this is that throughout the *Yom Tov* of *Succos* we are judged concerning the fate of our water supply. On *Hoshana Rabba*, the judgement is finalized. The conclusion of any period of judgement is our last chance to influence the Divine Judgement and, therefore, it is of great importance to us. The *Chazzan* wears a

Kittel. We conduct ourselves as with every *Erev Yom Tov*: we bathe, and we make our necessary preparations in honor of the *Yom Tov*.

Shemini Atzeres

Monday Night, Sep 27th – 22nd of Tishrei

Candles are lit in the *Succah* at the proper time, 18 minutes before sunset, with the *brachos Lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov* and *Shehecheyanu*. We make the *Yom Tov Kiddush*, with *Shehecheyanu*, in the *Succah*; however, we do not make the *bracha leishev baSuccah* anymore. We eat in the *Succah* both the night and day of *Shemini Atzeres*, again, without making the *bracha leishev baSuccah*.

Shemini Atzeres

Tuesday, Sep 28th – 22nd of Tishrei

Yizkor is recited during *Shacharis*.

Simchas Torah

Tuesday Night and Wednesday, September 28th - 29th – 23rd of Tishrei

We wait 43 minutes after sunset before lighting candles or making any preparations for the second day of *Yom Tov*.

One should be careful on *Simchas Torah* to refrain from any wild behavior. One should behave in a joyous, but proper, fashion that reflects reverence and love for Hashem and His Torah.

The *Maariv* service is followed by *Hakafos* and dancing.