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Tuesday, October 10

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# The Reason the Torah tells us to sit in the Sukkah!

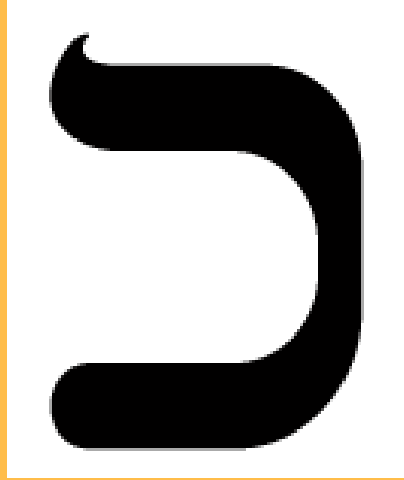


Vayikra 23, 43-44

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 the LORD your G-D.

בַּסֻּכּוֹת תֵּשְׁבוּ שִׁבְעַת יָמִים  
כָּל־הָאֶזְרָח בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל יֵשְׁבוּ  
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בְּהוֹצִיאִי אוֹתָם מֵאֶרֶץ  
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# THE "SUKKAH"

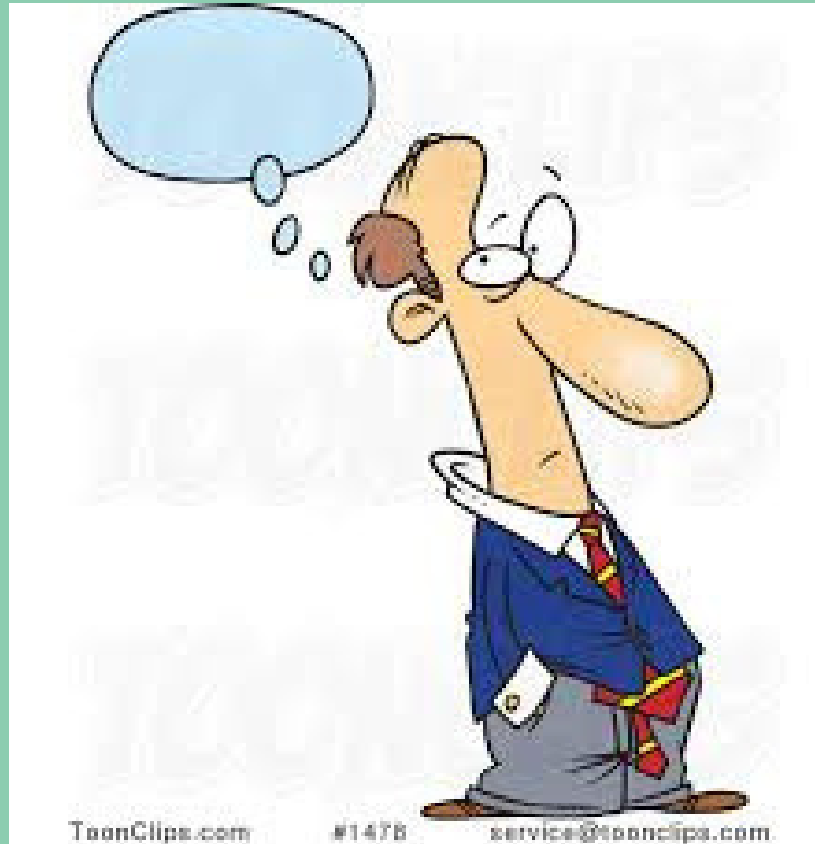


Selection from the Vilna Gaon: Parshat Emor  
They asked the Vilna Gaon, from where do the  
Rabbis know that a Sukkah of 2 proper  
walls and a 3rd of merely a טפח  
(handbreath) is permissible?

He answered that the shape of the 3 letters in the word  
סכה (Sukkah) hint to this.

The ideal way is to make it like a 'מ with 4 walls, but if one  
does not have enough materials, he can  
make it like a 'כ with 3 walls. If he doesn't  
even have enough for this, it's enough to  
make it the shape of 'ה, meaning 2 walls  
and the third a טפח (handbreath)

# What does the Sukkah symbolise?



We are commanded to dwell in a temporary hut outside of our warm, cozy homes, our warm, cozy internal comfort zones, and to be happy. Yes, we are commanded to be happy. How can that be? Actually, it's easy. We have just been forgiven by G-d after Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), and as Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach teaches, to be forgiven is very nice, but to be forgiven and then get a big hug lets us know that the forgiveness is deep and real. A Sukkah is that hug of forgiveness from G-d. A Sukkah is also a hug of reassurance. We are surrounded by a mitzvah that connects us with G-d, our past and our future. We know that Jews all over the world and throughout all of time have built Sukkahs to remind us that although much in life is temporary, G-d is always there. As we sit with family and friends in our Sukkahs, we can feel that G-d is telling us, "Don't be sad, I'm with you. Don't worry, I'm here and everything will be fine."

# Why in the Fall?

ואע"פ שיצאנו ממצרים בחדש ניסן לא צונו לעשות סוכה באותו הזמן לפי שהוא ימות הקיץ ודרך כל אדם לעשות סוכה לצל ולא היתה ניכרת עשייתנו בהם שהם במצות הבורא יתברך ולכן צוה אותנו שנעשה בחדש השביעי שהוא זמן הגשמים ודרך כל אדם לצאת מסוכתו ולישב בביתו ואנחנו יוצאין מן הבית לישב בסוכה בזה יראה לכל שמצות המלך היא עלינו לעשותה

## **Tur (Siman 625)**

**Even though we left Egypt in the month of Nissan, G-D did not command us to make sukkahs in the month of Nissan because that is the normal time for people to go outside to sit in huts for shade. Since it would not be recognizable that we were sitting in Sukkahs for a mitzvah, G-D commanded us to sit in the sukkah in Tishrei which is the beginning of the rainy season and it is normal for people to leave their huts and go back into their houses. So, we go from our houses to our Sukkahs to show that we are sitting in Sukkahs because G-D told us to do so.**

# Time to take stock



We are so busy. We run from one thing to the next feeling like we could be accomplishing so much more. Happiness is not just dependent on growth. Equally important is making the conscious choice to value that growth and focus on the progress made. We have a hard time living in the present moment. So often we focus on what we are not doing or what we could be doing instead, negating that which we are doing. We rob ourselves of the happiness right before us in that present moment. A startling saying comes to mind, "First I was dying to finish high school and start college. And then I was dying to finish college and start working.

And then I was dying for my children to grow old enough for school, so I could return to work. And then I was dying to retire. And now I am dying...and suddenly I realize I forgot to live."

Don't let your goals, dreams and ambitions crush the beauty and relevance of the lives you are living now. On Sukkot, we stop and reflect on the growth of the past year and the exciting opportunities for the New Year. We have been blessed with so much, we have grown so much, and we need to make time to stop and appreciate that.

***Sukkot is that time.***

# Sukkahs or Clouds?



כי בסוכות הושבתי את בני  
ישראל ענני כבוד היו דברי  
ר' אליעזר ר"ע אומר סוכות  
ממש עשו להם הניחא  
לר"א אלא לר"ע מאי איכא  
למימר

## Talmud Sukkah 11b

The Torah had said-  
“Because Bnei Yisrael  
dwelled in Sukkahs.” Rabbi  
Eliezer says that  
means they dwelled in the  
clouds of glory.  
Rabbi Akiva says that  
means they dwelled in  
actual Sukkahs.



Why don't we know which one  
it is?

**What's wrong with just sitting in a hut?**

# What you need to know!

The Torah says you should dwell in a Sukkah for 7 days. It cannot mean sit there for 7 days straight, rather the Torah means live in your Sukkah for these 7 days as you live in your house during the rest of the year. Your main dwelling should be in the Sukkah: you bring your nice dishes into the Sukkah, your bed and you eat, drink, sleep, and learn in the Sukkah. and hang out in the Sukkah. The point is your Sukkah should be considered your home.

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בסוכות תשבו שבעת ימים  
ואי,  
אפשר לומר ישיבה ממש  
אלא קבלו חז"ל תדורו,  
בסוכות, אמרה תורה  
שידור בסוכה כמו שדר  
בביתו  
בכל שנה, שתהיה עיקר  
דירתו בסוכה שיכניס בה  
כליו הנאים ומצעות נאות  
ואוכל ושותה וישן בסוכה,  
ומטייל בה ולומד בה  
וכשמספר עם חבירו, הכל.  
יהיה בסוכה. כללו של דבר  
שהסוכה תהיה נחשבת,



# Living it up in the Sukkah!



**DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING FOR NO MORE THAN THREE MINUTES.**

If you ever went to camp and were getting settled into your room, what is the first thing you did to make it feel like “home”? If you were making a Sukkah, would you do that same thing first or something else?

Hey Rabbi! What's the deal with the funky lemon and giant asparagus?



**Discuss as a group why you think we take the 4 species and can you name them all?**

# Can you match the following?

Our Sages teach us that the 4 Species represent the different types of Jews in the world, think you can match the type with their counterpart?

**Hadassim**

***Mitzvot, no good deeds***

**Etrog**

***good deeds, no Mitzvot***

**Aravot**

***No good deeds, no Mitzvot***

**Lulav**

***Mitzvot and good deeds***

# Tying it all together!

Jewish unity is one of the central themes of Sukkot.

The four species you are holding symbolize four types of Jews with differing levels of Torah knowledge and observance. Bringing them together represents our unity as a nation despite our external differences. So in this spirit of unity, be sure to share your four species (arba minim) with your Jewish friends and neighbours!



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*wishes you*

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