



WELCOMING FALL:
Sukkot
HOLIDAY
FESTIVAL

BEGINS
SUNDOWN
Wednesday
10.16.24

15th of Tishrei

ENDS
SUNDOWN
Wednesday
10.23.24

21st of Tishrei

What it IS... We celebrate by *sharing our joy and life* in general over the fall *harvest*.
A 7-day festival of joyous celebration commemorating the *harvest* and the *temporary shelters* used by Israelites while wandering through the desert.

What to SAY... *Chag Sameach!*
HAPPY HOLIDAY!

What to EAT & WHERE
Traditionally, all meals are eaten in a temporary structure called the *sukkah*. Typical menus include *fresh fruits and vegetables*.

Where to GO... You can find a sukkah in *backyards*, on *decks* and outside synagogues.
Bring your own food & eat in the Plaza J Courtyard Sukkah *at the JCC!*
Build your own sukkah in *your yard* or on *your deck*.
The *blessing* before eating: *Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu leishev b'sukkah.*

What to DO... Build a *sukkah* – eat, sleep, and invite friends.
Sukkah kits are available online.

THE SUKKAH STRUCTURE:

- Must be at least 27x27 square inches.
- Must have three walls.
- The roofing must be of detached vegetation and stars should be visible at night.
- We decorate the Sukkah's interior with fruits & flowers.

Shake the *lulav* and *etrog*!

Bringing the Four Species (shown below) together represents the need to unite our feelings, actions, speech and outlook.

- HADAS** – Myrtle Branch (eye shaped leaves) represents our outlook, inedible but smells good.
- LULAV** – Palm Branch (spine-like) signifies our actions, edible but no scent.
- ETROG** – Citron (heart shaped) stands for our feelings, great taste and fragrance.
- ARAVA** – Willow Branch (leaves like lips) expresses our speech, neither edible nor fragrant.

MORE HOLIDAYS!

Hoshana Rabba

BEGINS SUNDOWN Tuesday October 22

ENDS SUNDOWN Wednesday October 23

This day marks the end of *Sukkot* and is associated with a ceremony where we pray for rain.

Shmini Atzeret

BEGINS SUNDOWN Wednesday October 23

ENDS SUNDOWN Thursday October 24

This holiday immediately follows the end of *Sukkot* and is a time to celebrate and incorporate joy of all the previous holidays.

Simchat Torah

BEGINS SUNDOWN Thursday October 24

ENDS SUNDOWN Friday October 25

This holiday marks the completion and beginning again of the Torah reading cycle. It is common to see people dancing in the street in circles or *hakafof* with the Torah.