

LULAV





I'm the Lulav. I am a branch of a date palm tree that hasn't spread out yet. Dates have a pleasant taste, but no smell. I am compared to the people who learn Torah but don't do a lot of Mitzvot.

I represent the spine in the body.



ETROG

I'm the etrog. I have a pleasant taste and smell. I am compared to those who learn a lot of Torah and do a lot of Mitzvot. I represent the heart in the body.









Hadassim

I have a pleasant smell, but no taste. I am compared to the people who do a lot of Mitzvot but don't learn a lot of Torah. I represent the eyes in the body.







ARAVOT

I have no smell and no taste. My tree typically grows by the side of a river. I am compared to the people who don't learn a lot of Torah nor do a lot of Mitzvot.

I represent the mouth in the body.



ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Gather together the Lulav, 2 Aravot and at least 3 Hadassim. Connect them with branches from a Lulav. Keep the Etrog safe and protected in a padded box.

SUKKOT UNITES ALL JEWS TOGETHER!



Every day of the holiday, besides for Shabbat, it's a Mitzvah to make a bracha before shaking the Lulav and Etrog!

Hold the Lulav in your left hand and the Etrog in your right hand, and make the following blessing:

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al n'tilat Lulav

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with commandments and has commanded us concerning the waving of the lulav.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הַעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצִנֵּוּ עַל נְמִילַת לוּלָב.

SAY ON THE FIRST DAY

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam Shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu lizman

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has granted us life, sustenance, and permitted us to reach this season. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הַעוֹלֶם שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִנִּיעַנוּ לִוָּמֵן הַנָּה.

NOW. SHAKE IN ALL DIRECTIONS AND THINK ABOUT HOW ALL JEWISH PEOPLE ARE UNITED!



SUKKAH BUILDING INSTRUCTIONS

SUKKAH

A Sukkah needs to have at least two and half walls in order to be kosher.

The Sukkah also needs to be

directly under the sky in order to be kosher.

Each wall must have a minimum length of

28 inches (7 tefachim x 7 tefachim).

The walls of the Sukkah must be at least 40 inches high, and the walls may not more than 9 inches above the ground



S'CHACH

It needs to have grown from the ground.

It needs to be detached from the ground.

It needs to ensure that there is more shade than sun in the Sukkah.

BLESSING IN THE SUKKAH

It is a mitzvah to eat in a Sukkah, during the seven days of Sukkot. When eating a piece of bread, or cake, recite the following blessing:

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Kideshanu Bemitzvotav Vetzivanu Leshev Basukkah.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to sit in the Sukkah.

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְיָ אֶ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶּךְ הַעוֹלָם אֲשֶר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצִוָּנוּ לֵישֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה.