



Shabbat Announcements

Sukkot-Shabbat Chol Hamoed

October 3, 2015 20 Tishrei, 5776

TORAH ARTSCROLL 504 HERTZ 362		Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Sukkot		
MAFTIR ARTSCROLL 896 HERTZ 698		<p>The festivals give rhythm and structure to the Jewish year. Examining them carefully, we see that Sukkot is unusual, unique. One detail which had a significant influence on Jewish liturgy appears later on in the book of Deuteronomy: "Be joyful at your Feast...For seven days celebrate the Feast to the Lord your G-d at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your G-d will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete." (Dt. 16:14-15) Speaking of the three pilgrimage festivals – Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot – Deuteronomy speaks of 'joy'. But it does not do so equally. In the context of Pesach, it makes no reference to joy; in that of Shavuot, it speaks of it once; in Sukkot, as we see from the above quotation, it speaks of it twice. Is this significant? If so, how? (It was this double reference that gave Sukkot its alternative</p>	<p>name in Jewish tradition: zeman simhatenu, 'the season of our joy'.)</p> <p>There is a second strange feature about Sukkot. Uniquely, Sukkot is associated with two mitzvot, not one. The first: Beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the Lord for seven days...On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and willows of the brook, and rejoice before the Lord your G-d for seven days. (Lev. 23: 39-40) This is a reference to the arba minim, the 'four kinds' – palm branch, citron, myrtle and willow leaves – taken and waved on Sukkot. The second command is quite different: Live in booths for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in booths, so your descendants will know that I made the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your G-d. (Lev. 23:42-43) This is the command to leave our house and live in the temporary dwelling that gives Sukkot its name: the festival of Tabernacles, booths, huts, an annual reminder of portable</p>	<p>homes in which the Israelites lived during their journey through the wilderness.</p> <p>No other festival has this dual symbolism. Not only are the 'four kinds' and the tabernacle different in character: they are even seemingly opposed to one another. The 'four kinds' and the rituals associated with them are about rain. They were, says Maimonides (Guide for the Perplexed, III:43), the most readily available products of the land of Israel, reminders of the fertility of the land. By contrast, the command to live for seven days in booths, with only leaves for a roof, presupposes the absence of rain. If it rains on Sukkot we are exempt from the command (for as long as the rain lasts, and providing it is sufficiently strong to spoil food on the table).</p> <p>The difference goes deeper. On the one hand, Sukkot is the most universalistic of all festivals. The prophet Zekhariah foresees the day when it will be celebrated by all humanity: The Lord will be king over the whole</p>
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Times				
Candle Lighting	6:18 pm			
Friday Mincha	6:20 pm			
Hashkama	8:00 am			
Youth Minyan	8:30 am			
Main	9:00 am			
Beit Midrash	9:15 am			
Gemara Shiur	5:15 pm			
Mincha	6:15 pm			
Shabbat ends	7:24 pm			
Sun. 10/4 - Tue. 10/6 Hoshana Rabbah - Simchat Torah See schedule on page 3				
Wed., Fri.	6:45/7:45 am			
Thursday	6:35/7:45 am			
Mincha	6:10 pm			
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei				
October 3	9:49/10:49 am			
October 10	9:52/10:49 am			
Next Shabbat Parshat Breishit				
Candle Lighting	6:06 pm	KIDDUSH ON THE 1ST DAY OF SUKKOT WAS SPONSORED BY DAVID & DIANE REIN IN LOVING MEMORY MEMORY OF DIANE'S MOTHER, HELENE M. FINK Z''L	BIMA FLOWERS ARE SPONSORED BY FARLA & WILLIAM FRUMKIN AND GAIL & JOE NOTOVITZ IN MEMORY OF THEIR MOTHER MIRIAM FRUMKIN Z''L	SEUDAH SHLISHIT IS SPONSORED BY ROBYN & STEVEN BLUMNER IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER HENRY BLUMNER Z''L AND BY ELLEN & MITCHELL SIEGEL IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER DAVID SIEGEL Z''L.
Mincha	6:10 pm			

earth. On that day the Lord will be one, and His name the only name...Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, they will have no rain. If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. (Zekhariah 14:9,16-17) The sages interpreted the fact that seventy bulls were sacrificed in the course of the festival (Numbers 29:12-34) to refer to the seventy nations (the traditional number of civilizations). Following the cues in Zekhariah, they said that 'On the festival [of Sukkot], the world is judged in the matter of rain' (Mishnah, Rosh Hashanah 1:2). Sukkot is about the universal need for rain.

At the same time, however, it is the most particular of festivals. When we sit in the Sukkah we recall Jewish history – not just the forty years of wandering in the wilderness, but also the entire experience of exile. The Sukkah is defined as a 'temporary dwelling' (dirat arai). It is the most powerful symbol of Jewish history. No other nation could see its home not as a castle, a fortress or a triumphal arch, but as a fragile tabernacle. No other nation was born, not in its land, but in the desert. Far from being universalist, Sukkot is intensely particularistic, the festival of a people like no other, whose only protection was its faith in the sheltering wings of the Divine presence. It is almost as if Sukkot were two festivals, not one. It is. Although all the festivals are listed together, they in fact represent two quite different cycles. The first is the cycle of Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot. These tell the unique story of Jewish identity and history: the exodus (Pesach),

the revelation at Mount Sinai (Shavuot), and the journey through the wilderness (Sukkot). Celebrating them, we re-enact the key moments of Jewish memory. We celebrate what it is to be a Jew.

There is, however, a second cycle – the festivals of the seventh month: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are not only about Jews and Judaism. They are about G-d and humanity as a whole. The language of the prayers is different. We say: 'Instill your awe upon all Your works, and fear of You on all that You have created.' The entire liturgy is strikingly universalist. The 'Days of Awe' are about the sovereignty of G-d over all humankind. On them, we reflect on the human, not just the Jewish, condition. The two cycles reflect the dual aspect of G-d: as creator, and as redeemer. As creator, G-d is universal. We are all in G-d's image, formed in His likeness. We share a covenant of human solidarity (the Noahide covenant). We are fellow citizens of the world G-d made and entrusted to our care. As redeemer, however, G-d is particular. Whatever His relationship to other nations (and He has a relationship with other nations: so Amos and Isaiah insist), Jews know Him through His saving acts in Israel's history: exodus, revelation and the journey to so Amos and Isaiah insist), Jews know Him through His saving acts in Israel's history: exodus, revelation and the journey to the Promised Land.

No sooner have we identified the two cycles than we see what makes Sukkot unique. It is the only festival belonging to both. It is part of the cycle of Jewish history (Pesach-Shavuot-Sukkot), and part of the sequence of the seventh month (Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur-Sukkot). Hence the double joy. The 'four kinds' represent the universality of the festival. They symbolize nature, rain, the cycle of the seasons – things common to all humanity. The Sukkah/ tabernacle represents the singular character of Jewish history, the experience of exile and homecoming, the long journey across the wilderness of time.

In a way not shared by any other festival, Sukkot celebrates the dual nature of Jewish faith: the universality of G-d and the particularity of Jewish existence. We all need rain; we are all part of nature; we are all dependent on the complex ecology of the created world. Hence the 'four kinds'. But each nation, civilization, religion is different. As Jews we are heirs to a history unlike that of any other people: small, vulnerable, suffering exile after exile, yet surviving. Hence the Sukkah. Humanity is formed out of our commonalities and differences. As I once put it: If we were completely different, we could not communicate. If we were all the same, we would have nothing to say. Sukkot brings both together: our uniqueness as a people, and our participation in the universal fate of mankind.



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SUKKOT SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 4, Hoshana Rabbah

1st Minyan (Beit Midrash)	7:00 am
2nd Minyan (Main Sanctuary)	8:00 am
Candle lighting	6:14 pm
Mincha	6:15 pm

Monday, October 5, Shmini Atzeret

Shacharit	8:00/9:00/9:15 am
Yizkor	approx. 10:45 am
Mincha	6:20 pm
Maariv & Hakafot	7:15 pm
Candle lighting after	7:20 pm

Tuesday, October 6, Simchat Torah

Shacharit	8:00/9:00 am
Women's Tefila in Beit Midrash	8:45 am
Mincha	6:15 pm
Yom Tov Ends	7:19 pm

GNS YOUTH SUKKOT EVENTS

2nd Days of Sukkot

Saturday Night October 3

Sukkah Sleepover
Join us for Food, Friends, and Fun!!
Breakfast & Dinnering
Grades 5 & Up
9:30am-5:00pm



Sunday October 4

Trip to Fun Fusion-New Rec City
Arcades, Bowling, Video Games
Grades 1-4
10:00-1:30
\$40 per child
Includes Pizza & transportation



Sunday Night October 4

Shmini Atzeret High School Org
Please join us at the Sukkah of our
Rabbi and Ellen Polakoff!!
8:45 pm
21 Wesley Lane
Walking groups available.

Monday afternoon October 5

****NEW PROGRAM****
Preschool Hakafot Program
Celebrate with your little ones!
With Morah Zehava 5:00-5:45pm
Braun Youth Center



Monday evening October 5

Simchat Torah
ANNUAL YOUTH SIMCHAT TORAH!!
Dancing, Flips, Cards, Friends
SEPER FOR EACH YOUTH MEMBER!!
6:30pm- 8:00pm



Tuesday morning

****NEW PROGRAM****
Simchat Torah Day Groups!!!!
9:00-10:00 Preschools
10:00-11:00 Preschool-4th grade
ALL YOUTH MEMBER AND GUESTS WELCOME AND WANTED!!



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MOTZAI SHABBAT, OCT. 3, 2015**

9:00 PM

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GNS YOUTH SUKKOT EVENTS

1st Days of Sukkot

Sunday September 27

Trip to Bounce Trampoline Sports
Grades 1 & up
10:00-1:30
\$45 per child
Includes Pizza & transportation



Sunday September 27

Preschool Arts & Crafts
with Morah Zehava
10:00-11:30
Make Sukkah decorations & prepare
with friends for the Holiday!!



Sukkot 1st Days

I scream-you scream- we all scream
for ICE Cream!
11:15- Teen ice cream sundae Kiddush in
Sukkah
11:45- Youth Ice Cream Kiddush in Sukkah

Tuesday September 29

(Rain date Shabbat October 3)
Pre-school- High School
Annual Sukkah Hop!!!
Meet at GNS 4:30 PM
Pickup 6:00 Rabbi Jensen (7 Brook Lane)



Thursday October 1 High School Mystery Bus Ride

Sign up- email Dr. Mike mjetlas1@yahoo.com
Rabbi Jensen, Dr. Mike & Morah Zehava on the ride.

Meet @ GNS 6:00pm-????
\$25 includes bus, activity, and dinner!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

RABBI POLAKOFF'S SHABBOS DRASHA THROUGH 5776, IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF PINCHAS BEN YOSEPH FOR OTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT HOWARD WOLF [212-686-9800](tel:212-686-9800)

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS MOVING INTO THE GREAT NECK AREA PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by **Marilyn & Jeff Freedman** in memory of his father **George Freedman,z"l**.

MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

Health Series: **Sunday, Oct. 11th:** 10:00 am
Dr. Issac Sachmechi on Diabetes

Book Club Discussion: **Sunday, Oct. 25th:** 10:00 am
Tommy Furst discusses his new book, Torah Mysteries Illuminated

CHANUKAH SCOPE MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Please submit all SCOPE magazine articles, recipes, photos, ads, sponsorships and any other material by October 19th to Diane Rein at drein@verizon.net. Thank you!

GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE SUKKAH

Please note that the Great Neck Synagogue Sukkah is open for anyone who is in need. There are tables and chairs with the lights on over Sukkot for anyone to eat their meals there.

MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY

If you like to bake, please VOLUNTEER to bake pies for Thanksgiving for us to sell to raise money for sharsheret, an organization to help young Jewish women facing ovarian and breast cancer. Contact MARLA at marla.lemonik@gmail.com It's a new year.....do a mitzvah....

CLASSES

Rabbi Polakoff's and Rabbi Lichter's classes will begin the week of October 12th. Please find the list of classes offered this year featured in the Great Neck Synagogue brochure.

MAGAZINES

The GNS office is resuming the collection of magazines to be donated to hospitals. Please make sure that the magazines are not more than 3 months old, and that the address labels have been removed.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

October 3: Rabbi Peysach Krohn (Hoshana Rabbah)
October 11: Dr. Sachmechi: Men's Club (Diabetes)
October 24: Shabbat Scholar: Rabbanit Henkin
November 7: Men's Club & Sisterhood Dinner and Live Concert

MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to Sharon Goldwyn and David Birnbaum on the birth of a grandson, born to their children **Rafaella & Isaac Keschner** and big sister **Lily**.

Mazal Tov to Lisa & Ivan Kaufman on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children **Lauren & Michael Nygaard**.

Mazal Tov to Lili & Robert Sedaghatpour on the birth of a son.

Mazal Tov to Rose & Peter Weiss on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children **Evelyn & Michael Weiss**.

Mazal Tov to Judith & Martin Edelstein on the birth of a grandson born to their children **Jaelyn & Jonathan Edelstein**.

Y A H R Z E I T

Saturday, 20 Tishrei

Jeffrey Freedman for George Freedman
Gladys Moslin for Morris Kimmel
Mitchell Siegel for David Siegel

Sunday, 21 Tishrei

Jack Lipsky for Bill Lipsky
Elaine Schneider for Otto Mayer
Michael Stern for Lillian Stern

Monday, 22 Tishrei

Henry Katz for Maurice Fischer
Henry Katz for Rebecca Fischer
Ari Herman for Helen Herman Rapp
Paul Brody for Nathan Weiner

Tuesday, 23 Tishrei

Sharon Goldwyn for Morris Goldwyn
Florence Spira for Sydney Samson
Robin Bours for Bernard Siegel
Jerry Siegelman for Morris Siegelman
Robert Sperber for Abraham Sperber
Dora Brody for Nissim Yaffet

Wednesday, 24 Tishrei

Howard Lorber for Benjamin Lorber
Michael Maller for Rose Maller
Ivor Schneider for Joseph Schneider
Dora Brody for Zecharia Yaffet

Thursday, 25 Tishrei

Barbara Shaw for Hyman Schwartz

Friday, 26 Tishrei

Karen Ben-Sorek for Clarisse Perez bat Aharon