

# KJ HAPPENINGS

## Thoughts for Succoth

From Rav Kook

The Talmud in *Sukkah* 27b makes a remarkable claim regarding the holiday of Succoth:

*For seven days ... all who belong to the people of Israel will live in sukkot [thatched huts] (Lev. 23:42). This teaches that it is fitting for all of Israel to sit in one sukkah*

Obviously, no *sukkah* is large enough to hold the entire Jewish people. What is the meaning of this utopian vision — all of Israel sitting together in a single *sukkah*?

### The Unity of Succoth

As long as we are plagued by pettiness and other character flaws, we cannot attain true collective unity. But after experiencing the unique holiness of Yom Kippur, this unfortunate state is repaired. After our lives have been illuminated by the light of teshuvah and the entire Jewish nation has been purified from the negative influences of sin and moral weakness, the soul's inner purity becomes our predominant quality. With this regained integrity, we merit an ever-increasing harmony among the diverse sectors of the nation.

During the holiday of Succoth we absorb the light of Torah and a love for truth. Conflicting views become integrated and unified. Through the spiritual ascent of the Days of Awe, we attain a comprehensive unity, a unity that extends its holy light over all parts of the Jewish people. During this special time, it is as if the entire nation is sitting together, sharing the holy experience of the same *sukkah*.

According to the Hasidic master Rabbi Nathan (1780-1844, chief disciple of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov), this sense of unity is the very essence of the mitzvah of *sukkah*. He wrote in *Likutei Halachot* that one should fulfill the mitzvah of *sukkah* with the following *kavanah*: "One should concentrate on being part of the entire people of Israel, with intense love and peace, until it may be considered as if all of Israel dwells together in one *sukkah*."

The Sabbath evening prayers use a peculiar metaphor for peace: "May You spread over us a *sukkah* of Your peace."

Why pray for a *sukkah*, a makeshift booth, of peace? Would it not be better to have a "fortress of peace" — strong, secure, and lasting?

### Even Imperfect Peace

Jewish law validates a *sukkah* even when it has gaping holes, when it is built from little more than two walls, or has large spaces between the walls and the roof. Even such a fragile structure still qualifies as a kosher *sukkah*. The same is true regarding peace. Peace is so precious, so vital, that even if we are unable to attain complete peace, we should still pursue a partial measure of peace. Even an imperfect peace between neighbors, or between an individual and the community, is worthwhile.

"How great is peace!" proclaimed the Sages (*VaYikra Rabbah* 9:9). The value of peace is so great that we pray for it even if it will be like a *sukkah* — flimsy and temporary, rendered fit only by special laws.

*Silver from the Land of Israel.*  
adapted from *Mo'adei HaRe'iyah*, pp. 96-97

### Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Torah: Ex. 33:12–34:26; Num. 29:26–31

Orot Seph. Sukkot 731–734 (7 aliyot)

Haftara: Ezek. 38:18–39:16

Orot Seph. Sukkot 735–736

Tefillot: Ps. 42–43 omitted; Shabbat amida with Morid Hatal and Ya'ale Veyavo; Full Hallel without Netilat Lulav; Hoshanot without circuits around a Torah scroll; Musaf of Sukkot

### Shemini Atseret / Simhat Torah

Torah SA: Deut. 15:19–16:17; Num. 29:35–30:1

Orot Seph. Sukkot 363–365 (5 aliyot)

Haftara SA: I Kings 8:54–66

Orot Seph. Sukkot 365–366

Torah ST: Deut. 33:1–34:12; Gen. 1:1–2:3; M

Orot Seph. Sukkot 366–71 (5 olim, 3 hatanim)

Haftara ST: Josh. 1:1–9

Orot Seph. Sukkot 372

Tefillot: Ps. 12, Full Hallel, Tikkun Hageshem (Shemini Atseret only; Mashiv Haruah begins at Musaf that day)

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

Friday, October 18th

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Candle lighting .....          | 5:57 pm |
| Happy Minyan .....             | 5:15 pm |
| Minha .....                    | 5:45 pm |
| Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit ..... | 6:30 pm |

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## Sukkot Schedule 5780

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### **Shabbat Hol Ha'Moed Sukkot** **Saturday, October 19**

Shaharit 8:30 AM  
Keriat HaTorah 10:15 AM  
Minha 5:15 PM  
Seuda Shelisheet 6:00 PM  
Arvit 6:45 PM  
Havdala 6:59 PM

### **Hoshana Rabba**

#### **Sunday, October 20**

Shaharit with Hakafoth 7:00 am

### **Erev Shemini Atseret**

#### **Sunday, October 20**

Candle Lighting 5:55 PM  
Minha 5:55 PM  
Arvit 6:20 PM

### **Yom Shemini Atseret**

#### **Monday, October 21**

Shaharit 8:30 AM  
Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 AM  
Musaf 11:45 AM  
Minha 5:55 PM  
Candle Lighting 6:57 PM

### **Erev Simhat Torah**

#### **Monday, October 21**

Minha 5:55 PM  
Arvit 6:25 PM

### **Hakafoth, Celebration & Dinner to follow**

Candle Lighting 6:57 PM

### **Yom Simhat Torah**

#### **Tuesday, October 22**

Shaharit 8:30 AM  
Keri'at HaTorah 10:30 AM  
Minha 5:55 PM  
Havdala 6:56 PM

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We remember these yearzeit anniversaries from  
October 19 to 26, 2019. We light memorial candles,  
donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to  
honor the memory of our loved ones.

### **21 Tishre / Sunday, October 20th**

Mary Mussry *Miriam bat Toba*  
Menashe Ezra *Menashe ben Ezra*  
Menashe Ezrapour  
Allon Iny

Menashi Jacob *Yaacov ben Menashi Yaacov*

### **22 Tishre / Monday, October 21st**

Ezra Hayim Ezra *Ezra Hayim ben Norman*  
Joyce Jacob *Ester bat Sarah*  
Solomon Moses *Salman ben Haskel*

### **23 Tishre / Tuesday, October 22nd**

Naima Somekh *Naima bat Lulu*

### **24 Tishre / Wednesday, October 23rd**

Flora Cohen *Farha bat Salha*  
Rahamim Salehani *Rahamim ben Salman Saleh*  
Miriam Solomon *Miriam bat Rachel*

### **25 Tishre / Thursday, October 24th**

Farha Ezrapour *Farha bat Rachel*

### **26 Tishre / Friday, October 25th**

Moshe Duewk *Moshe ben Aharon Duewk HaCohen*  
Irving Saber *Yitzhak ben Aharon*

### **27 Tishre / Shabbat, October 26th**

Abraham Kattan *Abraham ben Eliyahu Kattan*

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#### **Kahal Joseph Congregation**

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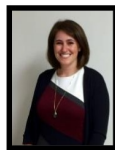
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**Celebrate Shabbat with your kids!**  
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**Upstairs Synagogue with Rabbi Halevy**  
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## At a Glance . . .

### Events at Kahal Joseph

- ♦ **Simhat Torah Celebration**, Monday, October 21st@6:30 pm
- ♦ **Pink Challah Bake**, Thursday, November 7th@7:00 pm
- ♦ **Family Shabbat**, Saturday, November 9th@10:45 am
- ♦ **Family Shabbat**, Saturday, December 7th@10:45 am
- ♦ **Children's Hannukah Party**, Sunday, December 22nd
- ♦ **Family Shabbat**, Saturday, January 11th@10:45 am
- ♦ **Tu Bishvat Community Hike**, Sunday, February 9th
- ♦ **Purim Baking for Community Baskets**, Sunday, February 23rd
- ♦ **Purim Megillah**, Monday & Tuesday, March 9th & 10th

# Celebrate Simhat Torah!

Monday, October 21, 2019

Minha 5:55 pm ■ Arvit 6:25 pm

*Hakafot & Celebration to follow*

Friendship ♦ Family



Dancing ♦ Singing