# קהל זכרון נתן צבי ZICHRON NOSSON TZVI

ע"ש הרה"ג רבי נתן צבי פינקל זצוק

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## סוכות תשפ״ב

### **THE JOY OF SUKKOT**

The awe and introspective contemplation of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur induce a state of spiritual awakening that allows one to truly enjoy and be happy on Sukkot, the festival called "zman simcha'sainu - the time of our joy." There is a great lesson in this progression of holidays which is applicable to every facet of our lives. We are accustomed to think that joy is a spontaneous emotion, requiring no previous training, planning, or accomplishment. The holiday of Sukkot - the time of joy - instructs us otherwise. For without Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, there would not be Sukkot. Without serious preparation, sacrifices of time and wealth and effort (even deprivation and fasting), "joy" in Jewish terms is not lasting and ultimately not even meaningful.

[Without this preparation], joy becomes "a good time," "a night out," something which temporarily gives us distraction, but - like drinking seawater - never really satisfies us. So we must condition ourselves to the necessity of preparation and training if we want the experience of joy to influence us in an authentic way.

A second lesson of Sukkot is that joy is not a singular, unique emotion that is achieved in a vacuum. The holiday of Sukkot has many mitzvahs connected to it. There is the commandment regarding the sukkah (the booth constructed by Jews to eat and sleep in during the week of the holiday) itself, and there are the commandments that relate to the esrog, lulav, hadasim, and aravos (citron, palm branch, myrtle and willow which are used as part of the Sukkot ritual in the synagogue and home) - the four species of plants that are symbolic of G-d's bounty and blessing on this harvest festival. The synagogue service includes hakafos and hoshanos - the processions around the synagogue and the special poems composed for recitation during those processions.

The mitzvahs of Sukkot may be defined as joy-enhancers. They gladden and enlighten us, they make the holiday meaningful to our younger generation in a fashion that no other means of communication can approach. They provide the spiritual connection that allows our joy to be internalized and memorable, forever subject to recall and self-study.

Jewish tradition knows no other form of commemorating meaningful joy except for the connection of such potentially joyful times to Torah and the G-d of Israel. Sukkot and its wealth of mitzvahs make this point tellingly clear to us.

One of my lifetime dreams has been to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot in Jerusalem within the confines of my own sukkah. This Sukkot, my dream has been realized. On my beautiful balcony there stands a wonderful sukkah made of wood and canvas. And my sukkah is wonderfully furnished with a comfortable cot to sleep on, a spacious table for our family and guests, even a conversation nook to seat our drop-in guests and friends. But the finest accessory to my sukkah is Jerusalem itself. I have found that the realization of many of my dreams is somehow disappointing, because reality hardly ever lives up to fantasy.

But not so when the dream is of a sukkah in Jerusalem. When a human dream is tied to a spiritual cause, to Jerusalem, to Sukkot, its actual realization never disappoints. For the mitzvah always transcends human definitions and expectations. To do a holy act, a godly deed, automatically uplifts and ennobles the one who performs. In so doing, the person is saved from the disappointment which almost always accompanies purely physical accomplishments. This is also part of the message of Sukkot and helps us understand even more clearly the joy Reprinted from torah.org" Reprinted from Torah.org

סוכות – יום א' 6:03pm הדלקת נרות 6:28pm מנחה 7:13pm מעריב 8:30am שחרית 9:00am הקל 9:27am סוף זמן ק״ש גר״א 6:20pm מנחה 7:11pm מעריב (לבני א״י ולבני חו״ל)

סוכות – יום ב׳ (לבני חו״ל)		
8:30am	שחרית	
9:00am	הקל	
9:27am	סוף זמן ק"ש גר"א	
6:20pm	מנחה	
7:10pm	מעריב	

	חול המועד	
8:00am		שחרית

	שבת חול המועד		
5:57pm	הדלקת נרות		
6:22pm	מנחה		
7:07pm	מעריב		
8:30am	שחרית		
9:00am	הקל		
9:27am	סוף זמן ק"ש גר"א		
5:40pm	מנחה		
7:11pm	מעריב		
בוושונע בבע			

	הושענא רבא	
7:30am		שחרית
6:18pm		מנחה

#### שיעורים

The Rav שליט"א will be speaking first night of yom tov. Rav Shmuel Baron will be speaking second night for Bnei chul.

by Rabbi Berel Wein

הלכות סוכה מאת הרב שליט"א

Upon entering the sukkah, one should have in mind that they are fulfilling a mitzvah – the mitzvah of remembering how Hashem took us out of Mitzrayim and protected us with the ענני הכבוד (shechinah).

One who is careful to eat and drink only in the sukkah is considered משובח – praiseworthy.

	In the sukkah	Bracha – לישב בסוכה
Bread	More than a כביצה (2.03 ounces = 2 small matchboxes)	Bracha
Mezonos Cakes, cookies, pretzels, crackers, etc.	More than a כביצה (2.03 ounces = 2 small matchboxes)	לישב before mezonos (Better to stay in sukkah afterwards unless with 3 or more people)
<b>Mezonos</b> Pasta, cooked cereals, farfel, kuskus, kneidlach	More than a כביצה (2.03 ounces = 2 small matchboxes)	More than a כביצה with a group of people or if making a meal out of it
Meat, chicken, cheese, eggs, beer	Not obligated to eat in sukkah	No bracha
Juice, soda, rice, fruits, veg.	Not obligated to eat in sukkah	No bracha
Wine	A - revi'is (2.9 fluid ounces) or more. B- with 3 or more people	No bracha
Wine by Kiddush on Shabbos & yom tov	In the sukkah	bracha
Drinking all drinks during a bread meal	In the sukkah	
Learning	Yes, unless one can concentrate better out of sukkah	No bracha
Sleeping	In the sukkah	No bracha
Havdalah	In the sukkah	Best to eat mezonos and say bracha, but without eating mezonos within an half hour of Havdalah no bracha

For those who keep two days, by Kiddush the first night, say שהחיינו before שהחיינו and the second night say מלישב after שהחיינו Some have the htob אהחיינו nights to say it before שהחיינו.