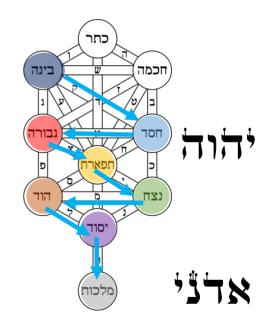
סכות

The Secrets of Sukkot

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Leviticus 23:34 דבר אלבני ישראל לאמר <mark>בחמשה עשר יום ל</mark>חדש השביעי הזה חג הסכות שבעת ימים ליהוה

Say to the Israelite people: On the fifteenth day of this seventh month there shall be the Feast of Booths to YHVH, [to last] seven days.

בּיום הראשון מקראקדש כלמלאכת עבדה לא תעשו

The first day shall be a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations;

שבעת ימים תקריבו אשה ליהוה ביום השמיני מקראקדש יהיה לכם והקרבתם אשה ליהוה עצרת הוא כלמלאכת עבדה לא תעשו

seven days you shall bring offerings by fire to YHVH. On the eighth day you shall observe a sacred occasion and bring an offering by fire to YHVH; it is a solemn gathering: you shall not work at your occupations.

Deuteronomy 16:13

הג הסכת <mark>תעשה לך שבעת ימים </mark>באספך מגרגך ומיקבך

You shall hold the Feast of Booths for seven days, after the ingathering from your threshing floor and your vat,

*We build a Sukah

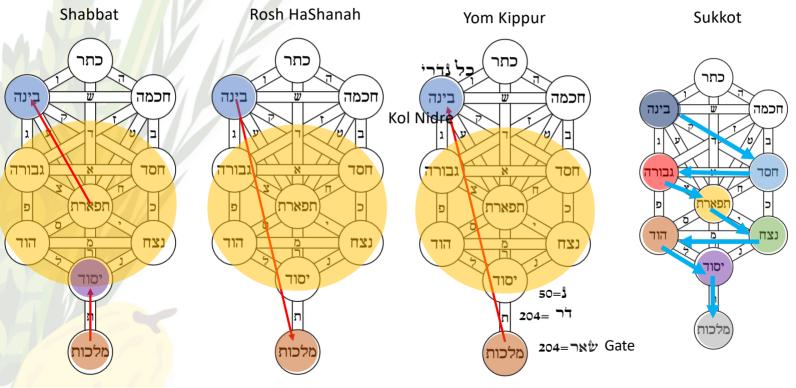
*Each day we invite the Patraiarchs, Abraham, Yitzach, Yakob, Mosheh, Aharon, Yosef and David to come and enter the Sukah.

*We eat, drink, sleep, study and pray in the Sukah.

*We shake the four spices in four directions plus up and down.

שכות= Sukkot

What is happening during these days?



Instead, *Lishma* is an illumination that comes from Above, and only one who tastes it can know and understand. It is written about that, "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Thus, we must understand why should one seek advice and counsel on how to achieve *Lishma*. After all, no counsel will help him, and if God does not give him the other nature, called "the Will to Bestow," no labor will help one to attain the matter of *Lishma*.

The answer is, as our sages said (Avot, 2:21), "It is not for you to complete the work, and you are not free to idle away from it." This means that one must give the awakening from below, since this is discerned as a prayer.

A prayer is considered a deficiency, and without a deficiency there is no fulfillment. Hence, when one has a need for *Lishma*, the fulfillment comes from Above, and the answer to the prayer comes from Above, meaning one receives fulfillment for one's need. It follows that one's work is needed to receive the *Lishma* from the Creator only in the form of a deficiency and a *Kli* (Vessel). Yet, one can never attain the fulfillment alone; it is rather a gift from the Creator.

Yehuda Leib HaLevi Ashlag (Baal HaSulam) Lishma Is an Awakening from Above



We ascend in Yom Kippur and descend in Sukkot through the secret of the names YHVH and Adonai

אדבי + יהוה 26 + 65 = 91

91 = סוכה = Sukah

In Sukkot we ascend through study $91 + 91 = 182 = Yakob = -\frac{1}{2}$ to get the Blessing and pray to descend and bring the Blessing down to our vessel.

The Sukah

שכך Schach – Roof Covering must be made so that the stars can be seen through it.

100 = סכך

Kelim or Vessels = כלים=100

10 X 10 = 100 = A Complete Tree of Life

Ideally made of Palm Tree Leaves - קס



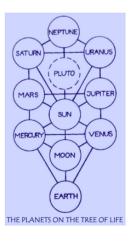
שכך Schach – Roof Covering must be made so that the stars can be seen through it. Why????

Symbolically the Light of the Moon (Yesod) which reflects the Light from the Sun (Z'A) passes through the schach and reach us (Malchut).

This is why we need to make sure we are inside in the 15th of Tishrei, which is full Moon.

The Sukah

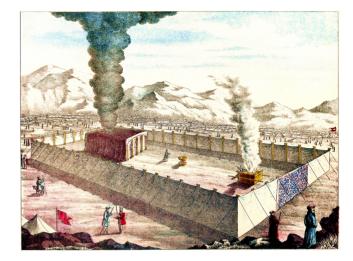




"I made the children of Israel to reside in *sukkot*"; these booths were clouds of glory, this is the statement of Rabbi Eliezer. Rabbi Akiva says: They established for themselves actual *sukkot. - Talmud, Sukah* 11b

Pesach

Energy given but can't be kept, thus the count of the Omer.



Sukkot

Energy given stays because we work before receiving it.

אמי = Sukah = Amen = אמי

פותה את ידך ומשביע לכלהי רצון



Abundance

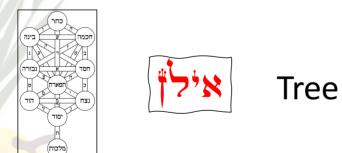
The Sukah

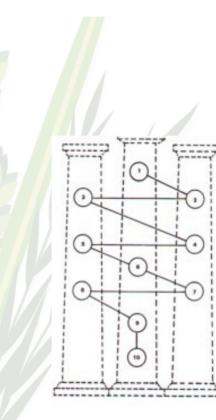
You open Your Hand and all desire is fulfilled. (Psalm 145:16)

From the 72 names of G'd, #45

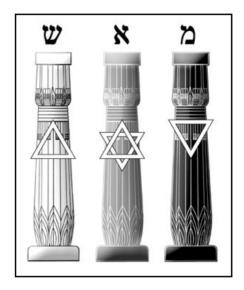


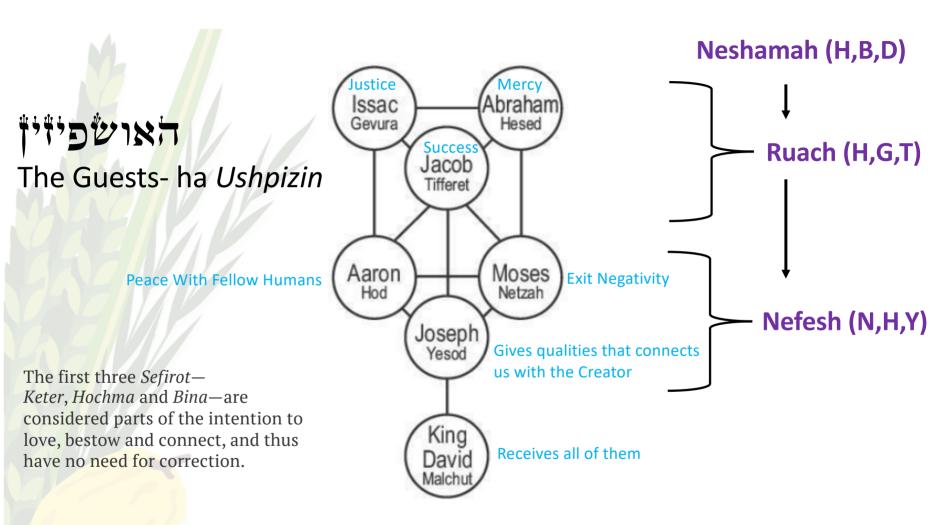
Prosperity





3 walls





The 4 Spices

Hadass (הרלס) – tasteless (i.e. emotionless) with odor (i.e. intellect). One understands but doesn't feel the importance in spirituality.

Aravah (עָרבּה) – tasteless (i.e. emotionless) and odorless (i.e. thoughtless). One neither understands nor feels any importance in spirituality.

Lulav (לולב) – taste (i.e. emotion) with no odor (i.e. thoughtless). One feels the importance in spirituality, but doesn't understand what one needs to do.

Etrog (אתרוב) – taste (i.e. emotion) with odor (i.e. intellect). One both understands and feels the importance in spirituality (i.e. the importance in positive connection with others and nature).

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3 Leaves (H,G,T) Eyes

2 Leaves (N,H) Lips

1 Leaf (Y) Spinal Column

1Fruit (M) Heart

Unite LIGHT with the VESSEL

Shaking of the Lulav

Direction	Sefirah	Body's Direction	YHV Permutation Meditation
South	Hesed	Right	YHV
North	Geburah	Left	HVY
East	Tifaret	Front	VYH
Up	Netzach	Up	YVH
Down	Hod	Down	HYV
West	Yesod	Back	VHY

להו (s)

יהי

היר

Ohr Makif – Surrounding Light The Sukkah and the Aravim help us receive the Orh Makif as Ohr Pnimi (Internal Light) but with the aspect of Mercy (Hesed) (Ohr Hassidim).

We bless the Nations

Holiday	Cows	
Rosh Chodesh	2	
Festival of Matzot (Passover)	2	
Shavuot	2	V
Rosh Hashanah	1	V
Yom Kippur	1	
Sukkot 1	13	
Sukkot 2	12	
Sukkot 3	11	
Sukkot 4	10	⊨ ≻ = 70
Sukkot 5	9	
Sukkot 6	8	
Sukkot 7	7	
Shemini Atzeret	1	

We expand the Light to all the World.

Hoshanah Rabbah - הושענא רבא Great Supplication

*We make seven circuits around the Bimah

"It was customary to make one procession around the altar on each day of Sukkot, and seven on the seventh day" (Talmud, Sukkah 4:5)

Simchat Torah שמחת תורה

Dance around in a circle with the Torah scrolls.

In the <u>Talmud</u> (<u>Meg</u>illah. **31**b) it is called Shemini Atzeret (eighth day of assembly). from *atzar* (על צור) = "to hold back" or "keep in"

We finish drawing down the energy of Binah (Sefirah #8 from down up). We finish working with the energy from above and start working the energy from below.

What's Next?

We celebrate non- Torah prescribed holidays:

Hannukah

Tu B'Shevat

Purim

