

# Sukkot



- (1) חג הסופות - *Festival of Booths*
- (2) חג האסיף - *Festival of Gathering*
- (3) זמן שמחתנו - *Our Happy times*

# What is the Biblical Source?

”בַּסֻּכּוֹת תֵּשְׁבוּ שִׁבְעַת יָמִים כָּל־הָאֶזְרָח בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל יֵשְׁבוּ בַּסֻּכּוֹת  
לְמַעַן יֵדְעוּ דֹרֹתֵיכֶם כִּי בַּסֻּכּוֹת הוֹשַׁבְתִּי אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
בְּהוֹצִיאִי אוֹתָם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:”

"You shall live in Sukkot seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in Sukkots. In order that future generations will know that I made the Children of Israel reside in *Sukkot*, when I took them out the Land of Egypt, for I am Hashem your G-d."

(Leviticus 23.42-43)



# So what are *Sukkot* exactly?

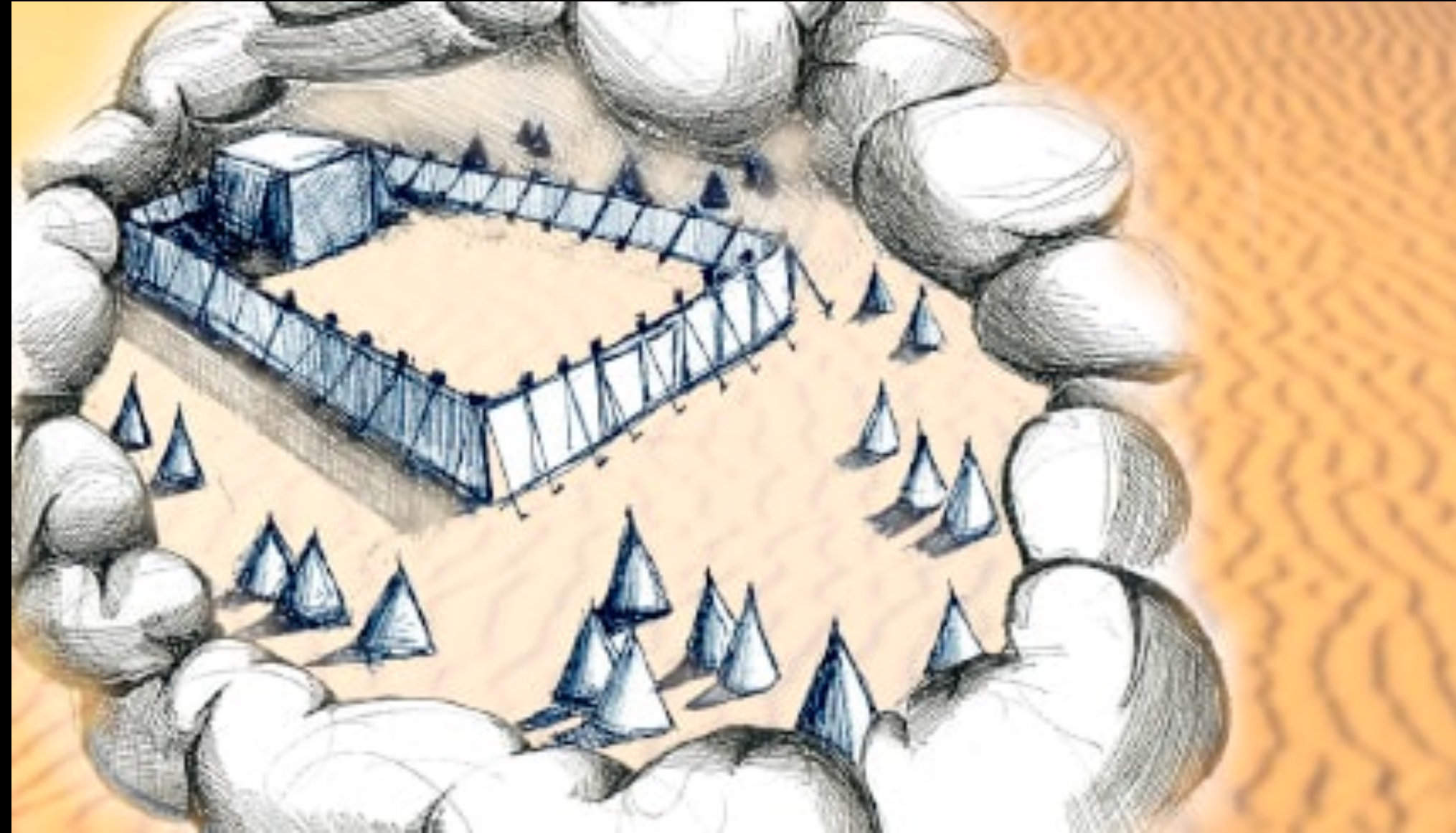
דְּתַנִּיא: "כִּי בַסִּכּוֹת הוֹשַׁבְתִּי אֶת-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל,"  
עֲנִי כְבוֹד הָיוּ דְבָרֵי רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר  
רַבִּי עֲקִיבָה אוֹמֵר סִכּוֹת מִמַּשׁ עָשׂוּ לָהֶם

...These were the **clouds of glory**, this is the statement of Rabbi Eliezer.  
Rabbi Akiva says: They built for themselves actual *Sukkot* [***actual booths***]  
(*Talmud Tractate Sukkah: 11b*)





# What were the Clouds of Glory?



How Should we feel when we go into the Sukkah?

# Sukkah Blessing

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לֵישֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה

*Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to dwell in the sukkah.*



# Sukkah Rules:



“Now that everyone’s in...how do we get the food?”



2 ½ walls



3 walls



4 walls

**Dimensions:** Height - Taller than 10 *Tefachim* [~32inches], but shorter than 20 *Amot* [~30 feet]  
Minimum width/length of 7 *Tefachim* [20 inches]

**Placement:** Must be directly beneath the stars. No Tree/Roof above

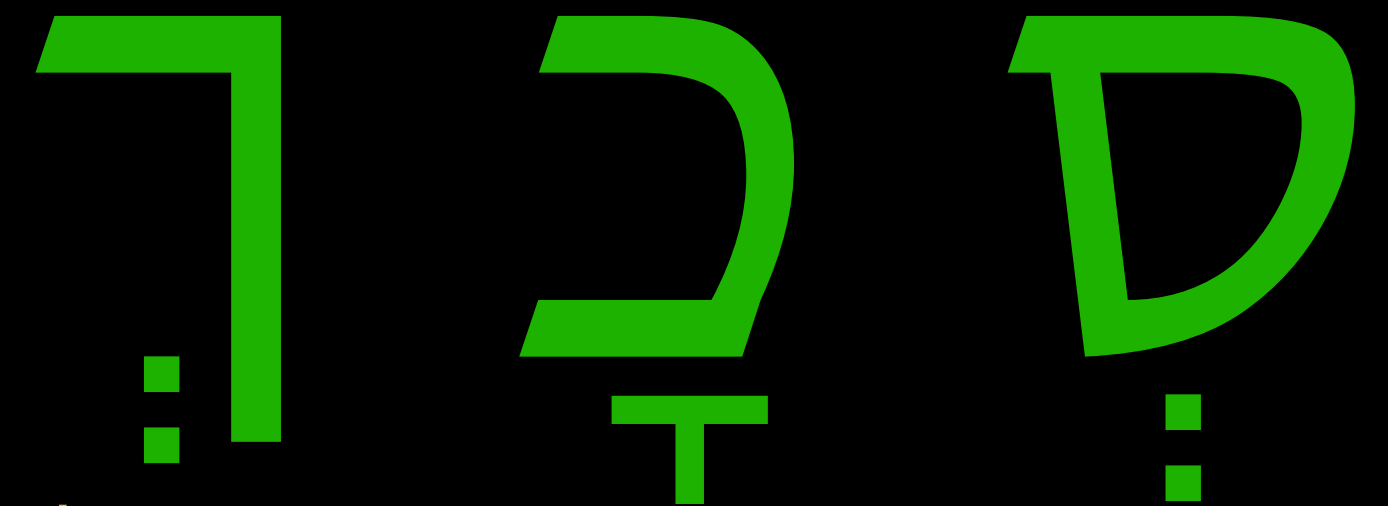
## *S'chach* Rules

Must provide more shade than sunlight.

Must be able to see the stars through it.

Must be made from natural materials that grow from the ground, but have already been detached and cannot become *Tamei* (impure) like metals

(i.e twigs, bamboo, leaves, etc)



# Lulav & Etrog

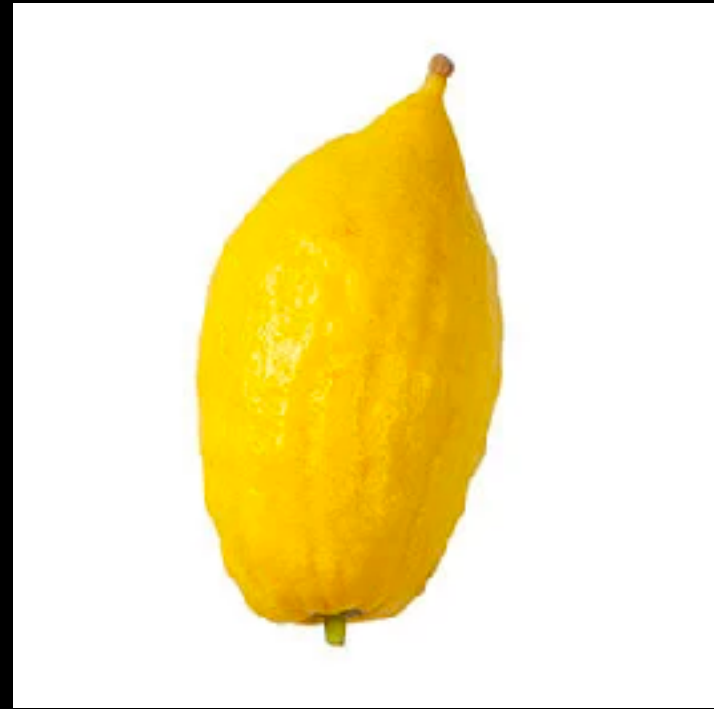
”וּלְקַחְתֶּם לָכֶם בַּיּוֹם הָרִאשׁוֹן פְּרֵי עֵץ הָדָר כַּפֹּת תְּמָרִים וְעֵנָף  
עֵץ-עַבְת וְעַרְבֵי-נַחַל וּשְׂמַחְתֶּם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם שִׁבְעַת יָמִים“

On the first day you shall take the product of  
hadar trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of  
leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall  
rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.  
(Leviticus 23.40)





# The 4 Species



*Etrog*



*Aravot*



*Hadasim*



*Lulav*

**When bound together, the 4 species which represent all the different parts of our bodies and souls, as well as every type of Jew - they become inseparable.**

**When gathered as one, we can truly rejoice before Hashem.**



# Lulav & Etrog Blessing

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אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
עַל נְטִילַת לוּלָב

*Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has  
sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to take  
up the Lulav [4 species]*