

SHIRA CLUB

SUCCOT
DAY 1

ISSUE NO. 35

THE FOUR SPECIES: LULAV, ETROG,
ARAVAH AND HADASSIM



NOW THE EASY PART!

BACK TO THE HERZL CLUB

AFTER THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF ROSH HASHANAH AND THEN THE FASTING OF YOM KIPPUR IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO RELAX AND HAVE FUN.

SUCCOT IS THIS TIME. THE ONLY OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE ARE TO SIT, EAT AND BUILD THE SUKKAH. OTHER THAN THAT WE ARE FREE TO EAT YUMMY FOOD AND RELAX.

DURING SUCCOT WE DO HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO BENCH THE LULAV AND ETROG EVERY DAY. IT IS SAID THAT THE FOUR SPECIES ARE ACTUALLY DIFFERENT TYPES OF JEWISH PEOPLE. THE LULAV SYMBOLIZES THOSE WHO KEEP MITZVOT BUT NOT THE TORAH. THE

ETROG THOSE WHO KEEP TORAH BUT NOT MITZVOT. THE HADDASIM REPRESENT THOSE WHO KEEP BOTH THE TOAH AND THE MITZVOT AND THE ARAVAOT ARE THOSE WHO KEEP NOTHING.

DURING THE TIME OF THE BEIT HAMIKDASH AND EVEN IN THE DESERT THIS TIME WAS FILLED WITH SO MUCH EXCITEMENT AND CELEBRATION. THIS IS ONE OF THE THREE ' LEGS ' WHERE THE JEIWS PEOPLE FLOCKED TO JERUSALEM WITH THEIR FINEST FRUITS AND ANIMAL. THERE WOULD BE BIG PARTIES AND EVEN BIGGER BANQUETS. THIS WAS ONE IF NOT THE HAPPIEST DAY IN THE JEWISH CALENDAR.

THIS WEEK THERE HAVE BEEN BIG ADVANCES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO GET GILAAD SHALIT BACK HOME TO ISRAEL. DURING THE CHAG OUR HOPES AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY. WE PRAY THAT HE WILL RETURN SAFELY BACK TO HIS FAMILY AND ISRAEL.

CHAG SAMEACH FROM YARDS AND BENJI

THE FOUR DIFFERENT TYPES OF JEWS

LULAV	KEEPS MITZVOT
ETROG	KEEP TORAH
HADDASIM	- KEEPS TORAH AND MITVOT
ARAVOT	-DOESN'T KEEP ANYTHING

JEWISH DAYS IN THE
YEAR WITH 15



15

THROUGHOUT THE JEWISH CALENDAR WE FIND THAT MANY CHAGIM AND SAD OCCASIONS OCCUR OF THE 15TH DAY OF THE MONTH. WE HAVE SUCCOT, TU B'SHVAT, PESACH AND TU B'AV (THE EQUIVALENT TO VALENTINES DAY)

THE CHAGIM

PESACH

15TH NISAN

THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST OCCASIONS IN JEWISH HISTORY WITH THE EXODUS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE FROM SLAVERY

8

DAYS OF PESACH OUTSIDE ISRAEL

50

MIRACLES WERE PERFORMED ON PESACH

SHAVUOT

6TH SIVAN

THE END OF THE OMER ENDS WITH SHAVUOT. THE OMER IS 49 DAYS (7 WEEKS).

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DAYS OF SHAVUOT

2

TABLETS WERE BROUGHT DOWN BY MOSES

SUKKOT

15TH TISHREI

WE 'CAMP' IN TENTS, JUST LIKE THE JEWS IN THE DESERT

9

DAYS OF SUKKOT OUTSIDE ISRAEL

14

RABBI ELIEZER SAYS THE MINIMUM MEALS TO BE EATEN IN THE USKKAH IS 14



THE KOTEL IS PACKED FOR HAKAFOT DURING SUCCOT!!