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Yom Kippur Get Another Chance

Sukkot Tune Your Shake



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To enter any (and hopefully ALL) of the **Tishrei Online Challenges**, log onto:



Rules & Regulations: To enter the challenges, do as many Mitzvot as you can, then go online to complete the checklist and decide which competitions you'd like to enter. Entries are unlimited – do as many Mitzvot as you can to make the world a better place!

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Gaze your way to a brighter year with the Vega 600 Telescope!

Send us your **resolution for the Jewish New Year** and enter for your chance to win one of 3 telescopes.

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Celebrate the birthday of the world with a Titan Levitating Globe!

Upload a photo of yourself helping to **build or decorate your Sukkah** in your part of the world for your chance to win 1one of 3 globes.



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LIVE THE CHALLENGES!

Fill out the Tishrei Online Checklist for your chance to win a

Spartan Sports Air Hockey table!

or a Razor E300S Motorized Scooter!

WHEN YOU SEE THIS ICON

It means there are **TISHREI CHALLENGES** for you to do on that page! Do each challenge, then go online (after the Holiday) for your chance to WIN!

Rosh Hashana

- Light Candles
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- Do Tashlich

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- Repent • Give Charity
- Pray in a Synagogue
- Light Candles

Sukkot

- Light Candles
- Eat in a Sukkah
- Shake the Lulav & Etrog

Simchat Torah

- Light Candles
- Dance with the Torah



HEY KIDS!

Tishrei, the 1st month of the Jewish Year, is coming soon!

Tishrei is **jam-packed** with special days, each one full of fun Mitzvot lending their own special flavor to the month. First comes **Rosh Hashana**, then **Yom Kippur**, then **Sukkot**, and last but not least, the holiday of **Simchat Torah**, when we dance and rejoice with G-d and His Torah.

During the month of Tishrei, many of the customs we have are symbolic, - in fact, if you look at all the holidays this month, there are **SYMBOLS** everywhere! And if you read carefully through the rest of the pages here, you should be able to come up with at least two for each holiday!

Speaking of symbols... the Jewish star-sign of the month of Tishrei is a pair of **SCALES**. No, you don't have to get on them and tell us your weight... but G-d *is* reminding us that Tishrei is the month when all of our past actions weigh in for the final judgement - we hope a happy, sweet New Year! But being the most compassionate Judge in the world, G-d also packs hundreds of Mitzvot into the month so we have many opportunities to **TIP THE SCALES** in our favor, before He seals the deal! So, **BLAST OFF WITH TISHREI** and let the New Year begin with a bang! Do as many Mitzvot as you can! Fill in the Online Checklist, complete the Tishrei Challenges, and make your whole year full of Torah and good deeds!



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BLAST OFF NEW YEAR!

WITH
THE

Rosh Hashana

Get a Head Start!

10.. 9.. 8.. 7.. 6.. 5..
4.. 3.. 2.. 1.. 0..

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Are you ready to start the New Year with a BANG?

Rosh Hashana is the first day of the first month in the Jewish calendar. That's why it's called the "Head of the Year"!

And just like your head gives directions to the rest of your body, Rosh Hashana directs everything that will happen the rest of the year.

Now's the perfect time to sit down and think about what you can do to make this year even better than the last. Maybe it's to give more charity, go that extra mile for a friend, listen better to your parents, or do your homework on time. Whatever it is, doing those good deeds will help ensure that your New Year is the very best it can be!



DID YOU KNOW?

On Rosh Hashana it is customary to eat from a cooked **head of a fish or ram** during the Holiday meals, asking G-d to make sure that in the coming New Year we are always aHEAD of the game!



SHOFARIFFIC!

Rosh Hashana has another two names: **Yom HaDin**; the Day of Judgement and **Yom Teruah**; the Day of Blowing the Shofar.

The most important Mitzvah on Rosh Hashana is to listen to the Shofar being blown out loud. The Shofar is traditionally made from a ram's horn. It's like a bugle blast calling all soldiers to arms.

The Shofar tells us to take up arms against anything that doesn't let us fully live our lives as good, Jewish people. It tells us to be brave and not to give in to peer pressure – do what *you* know is the right thing to do!

It's also a wake-up call, reminding us that today is the day we're being judged for the previous year.

"Tooooo! Wake up!" the Shofar calls, "Today's the day you can be forgiven! Decide what you want to do to make your year is better than the last and tell G-d how you want to do it! **Tooooooooo!"**



100

We hear **100 blasts** from the Shofar on both days of Rosh Hashana! See if you can count them all this year!

We say a **special greeting**

when we see people on Rosh Hashana: "May you be inscribed for a Good Year!"

LIVE THE ROSH HASHANA CHALLENGE!

• Hear the Shofar

Full Name: **Chana**

Born: 1060 BCE (2700 years from creation)

Hometown: Ramaataim-Tzofim

Husband: Elkanah Son: Samuel



Not actual photo

Chana is most well known for being the mother of Samuel the Prophet. But she was also a Prophetess in her own right; one of seven women to whom G-d gave the power of prophecy. Chana is also famed for giving the world the concept of silent, personal prayer.

Chana

AND THE
POWER
OF PRAYER

Imagine living in a world where just by uttering a few words, you can change your destiny...

Sounds too good to be true? Well, do we have a spell of good news for you! It's called: P-R-A-Y-E-R!

That's right, you heard me: Prayer! And what better time to do it than in the month of Tishrei, when we go to the synagogue on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and ask G-d for whatever we need.

Where did this concept come from you ask? From one very special woman: Chana. Chana the Prophetess!

For years, Chana wanted desperately to have children. She would see her friends and relatives give birth one after another, watch their children grow up into fine, young adults... and yet, after nineteen years of marriage, she still did not have a child.

One year, on the annual trip to the holy Sanctuary in Shiloh, Chana decided enough was enough! She walked right inside the Sanctuary and poured out her heart. She prayed that G-d would bless her with a son and vowed that she would bring him up totally dedicated to G-d. She prayed silently, her lips moving without sound, swaying backwards and forwards, completely absorbed in her connection with G-d.

Chana's words came from the very depths of her soul, and she had faith in G-d that He would fulfill her request.

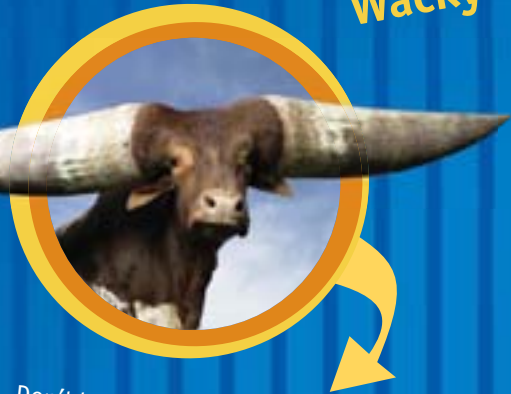
On that very day, G-d answered Chana's prayers and it was decreed in Heaven that she would indeed have a child. Later that same year, Chana finally gave birth to a beautiful baby boy!

This boy grew up to be none other than the famous prophet, Samuel – who advised King Saul in his battles, and anointed David as the great King of Israel!

From Chana we learn the Power of Prayer. We all have the power to change our destiny and move worlds – just by uttering a few words. If our prayers come straight from the heart, even if they are silent they will be heard Above.

Out of this World!

Check out these
Wacky Tishrei Facts!



Don't try using these for a Shofar!
Lurch, an African Watusi steer owned by Janice Wolf of Arkansas, USA holds the record for the **world's largest horns!** Over **7 feet 6 inches** from tip to tip! That's 5 inches TALLER than Shaquille O'Neal!



Although an **Etrog** looks just like your average, 10 cents a piece lemon you can pick up in your local fruit store, around Sukkot time Etrog prices can reach over **1,000 dollars!** You can buy 5 iPods for that kind of money!



Bamboo makes a perfect Schach covering for your Sukkah! But you better get them fast before they're all eaten up! A **Giant Panda** eats approximately **20 to 30 pounds of bamboo shoots a day!** Compare that with your doctor's orders of 2 pounds of veggies a day... you've got nothing to complain about!

Bamboo grows about **3 feet per day!** You can almost watch it grow...

Can it **BEE** any more bzzzarre?!

The Honey Bee is an **Official State Insect** in over 13 states, including New Jersey and Utah. Sweet!

On average, a honey bee produces **half a teaspoon of honey** throughout its lifetime. That means you'd need **48 bees** working their entire lives, to produce enough honey for just one honey cake!

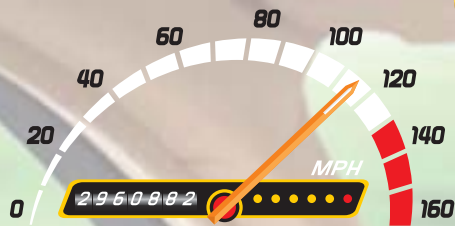
Two's company, five's a crowd – of eyes that is! Honey bees have **5 eyes!** How would that work with glasses?

Here's a funny place for locks and tresses... **Honey Bees have hairy eyes!**

YOM KIPPUR

GET ANOTHER CHANCE!

THE GAME



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Rearview Mirror

Check your rearview mirror and **reflect** on the past year. What obstacles did you pass, what choices did you make? Realize and regret that you may have done something that wasn't ideal. Then look to the road ahead and accelerate to a brighter future!

Horn

Toooooooo! Look out! We're headed towards the 'Sweet New Year' exit, & the days of Moshiach!

The single, final Shofar blast at the end of Yom Kippur (Tekiah Gedolah) signifies the closing of the Heavenly Gates. It also reminds us of the day when the **Great Shofar** will sound and all of the Jews in exile will be taken to the Land of Israel, together with Moshiach!

Leather Seats

Check out these slick leather seats!... Wait, did you say leather? On Yom Kippur we make sure to wear **non-leather shoes!** That's because we are trying to focus on the soul instead of the body, and leather shoes symbolize luxury. We also have a custom to wear white clothing – just like angels.

LIVE THE YOM KIPPUR CHALLENGE!

• Repent • Pray • Give Charity

**Ever in a car game and ran out of lives?
Imagine what it's like to get another chance...**

Your brother borrowed your iPod and dropped it in the pool? **"Sorry!"** Your friend copied your schoolwork – and you got the blame? **"Sorry!"**

Does "sorry" really mean anything?

Is it really that easy to forgive?

Yom Kippur: The day of forgiveness. A day we can say sorry for anything we've done wrong – and G-d forgives us with a full heart. No grudges, no strikes – just a clean slate and a fresh start.

A day where we'll never run out of lives, where our power bar is always full, and we have a chance to get back on track. And if that's not enough, G-d also gives us the formula for success: **Repentance, Prayer and Charity.**

So fasten your seatbelt and use these controls to stay in the game and power your way into the New Year!

GPS

No matter how far we stray or how often we go off course, there is always someone who can help us get back on track. G-d gives us clear instructions on how to **return back to our route** and stay on the proper path by learning Torah and doing good deeds!

Charity Box*

What better way to start the New Year on a fresh foot, than by helping out people in need! Tzedakah – **Charity**, is a sure-fire way to boost your year. After all, G-d loves nothing more than when we help out our fellow man! We also try and make sure to ask forgiveness from anyone we may have hurt during the year. Make sure to give charity before Yom Kippur begins (and afterwards too!) because we don't deal with money on Shabbat or Holidays.

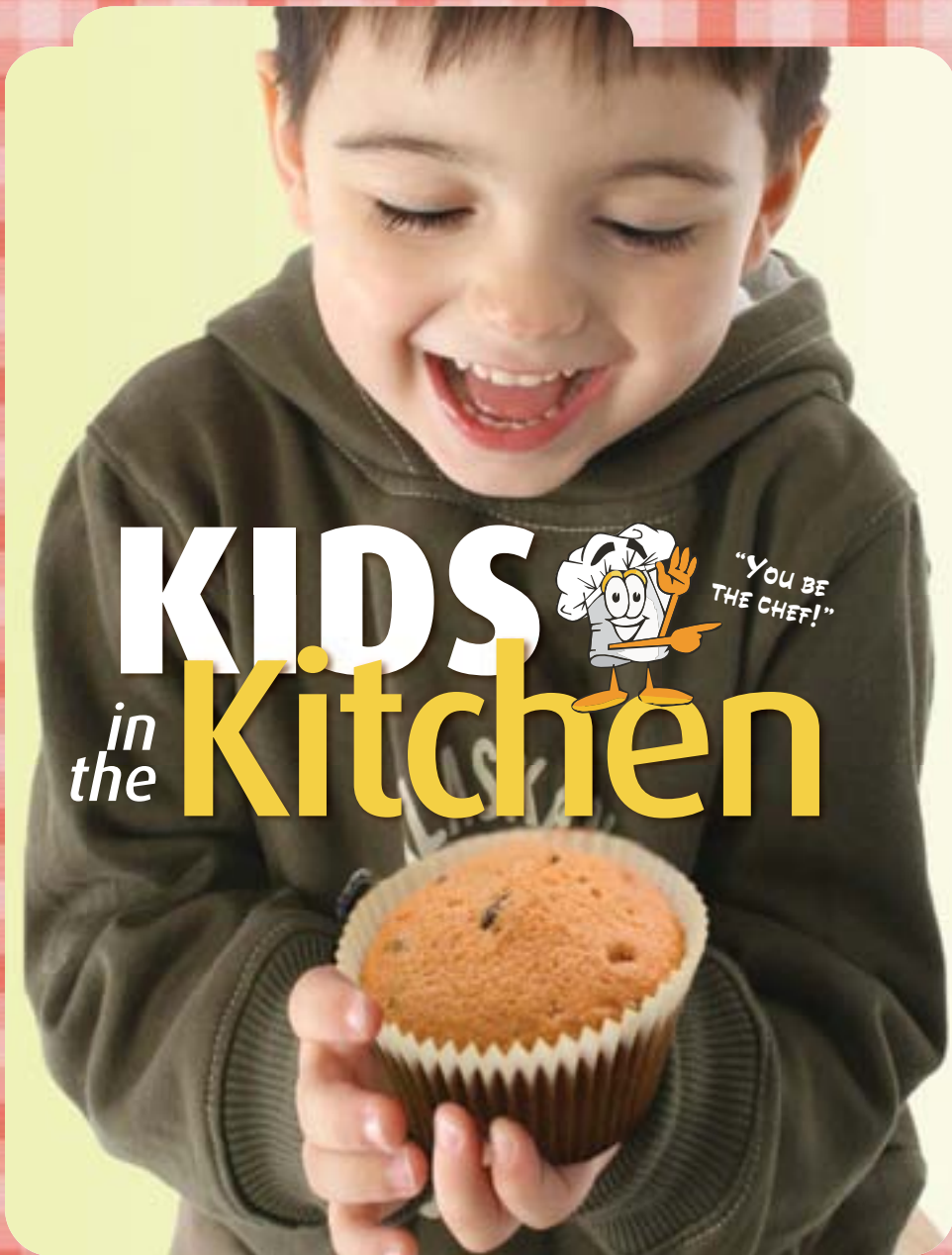
Owners Manual*

It's all about Prayer! When you're unsure of how to deal with or fix certain things, the best thing to do is to refer to the Owner's Manual (aka: prayer-book). After-all, that's what it's there for! All you need to do is open it up and talk to G-d; tell Him your problems and He will help you solve them. And don't worry, G-d understands all languages – as long as they come straight from the heart!

Cup Holder

Hold the drink! Yom Kippur is called "The Shabbat of Shabbats," and just like there are certain things we don't do on Shabbat – like drive a car or watch TV, we don't do these things on Yom Kippur either. But whereas it's a Mitzvah to eat on Shabbat, on Yom Kippur, all males over 13 and females over 12 **don't eat or drink** a thing! We fast on Yom Kippur as part of our atonement for the year that passed.

* IT IS A GOOD OMEN TO ALWAYS HAVE A PRAYER BOOK AND CHARITY BOX IN THE CAR. THIS HELPS ENSURE THAT WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU'LL HAVE A SAFE TRIP AND EASY DRIVE!



KIDS in the Kitchen

LET'S GET COOKIN'!

- 1 Have your **adult assistant** preheat your oven to 350 degrees.
- 2 Prepare your muffin pan and paper muffin cups.
- 3 Have your **adult assistant** crack the eggs and check for blood spots. Then pour them into the mixer.
- 4 Add honey and beat.
- 5 Add sugar and continue beating.
- 6 In a separate bowl mix coffee and baking powder.
- 7 Add it to the mixture in the mixer.
- 8 Add margarine, baking soda, flour and cinnamon and mix well.
- 9 Pour batter into paper muffin cups (2/3 full) and place in muffin pans.
- 10 Bake for 20-25 minutes (or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean).

Honey, it's Tishrei!

Tishrei is the time to ask for a Sweet New Year, and that's why we're just mad about honey! Apples in honey, Challah in honey, honey cake...

Here is a unique recipe for Honey Cupcakes!

It's customary to ask someone for a piece of Lekach (honey cake) before Yom Kippur. As you accept the piece of cake (or cupcake!), ask G-d that this should be the last thing you ever have to really ask for!

INGREDIENTS



3 Eggs



1 1/3 cups
Honey



1 1/2 cups
Sugar



1 cup Black
Coffee



3 tblsps
Margarine



1 tspn
Baking Soda



4 cups Sifted
Flour



2 tablespoons
Baking Powder



1 teaspoon
Cinnamon



Who Am I?

There are some foods that are traditionally eaten on Rosh Hashanah.

Can you match the riddle to the item above being prepared for the Holiday? Fill in the correct number in the blank circle.

You dip me in liquid
That comes from a bee
I can be green, red or yellow
I grow on a tree
Taste me with my mate
A really sticky treat
You eat me to ask for
A year that is sweet.

I grow underground
You cook me with honey
In Yiddish I'm "Meren"
"Increase" Mitzvot and money
A favorite of rabbits
And Rabbis as well
Let's "increase" in blessings
For a New Year that's swell!

I'm round like a circle
The Circle of Life
You eat me to ask for
A year without strife
I'm doughy and sweet
Store-bought or home-made
Now I'm well-rounded
But on Shabbat, a braid.

I multiply fast
A school I can fill
You eat me to ask
Hashem if He will
Make our nation as many
As the stars up above
And serve Him with much
Joy, peace and love.

I doubt you will find
A fruit such as I
Jam-packed with seeds
An endless supply
Count them, you'll find
Six hundred and thirteen
The number of Mitzvot
In our Torah supreme.

Sukkot

We've got you covered!

For 7 days a year Jews throughout the world leave the comfort of their homes to live in a hut with a leafy roof (aka: Sukkah). We eat, hang out and spend as much time as we can there...*

What's this all about?

Like Pesach & Shavuot, the holiday of Sukkot is a reminder of G-d taking us out of Egypt. And tough as it sounds to travel through a desert for 40 years, we traveled in style! From the **Manna** that tasted like anything we wanted (yes, even chocolate ice-cream!), to the **Clouds Of Glory** which surrounded and protected us completely, G-d made sure we were always taken care of.

So today when we sit in the Sukkah, we remember and appreciate how G-d took care of us in the desert and show our faith that He's got us covered today!

Now *that's* reason to celebrate!

* Some have the custom of 8 days.

LIVE THE SUKKOT CHALLENGE!

• Eat in a Sukkah!



The clouds were like an alarm clock telling us **when to get up and go, or when to stop and rest.** When the clouds ascended, we traveled; and when they rested, so did we!



Clouds of Glory

A blessing on our heads!

What's that you say about rain?!?
Clouds are a blessing, and here are **7 reasons** why:

*When we traveled through the desert, G-d surrounded us with **miraculous clouds** to protect us from all sides, from every possible discomfort! Unlike food and water - basic necessities for survival - the clouds were there purely for our comfort, demonstrating just how much G-d loves us!*



The clouds were our guide, showing us **which way to go** in the desert.

The clouds helped **shield us** from snakes and scorpions or angry tribes that wanted to harm us.



The clouds protected and **cooled us** from the blazing desert sun above our heads.



The clouds **surrounded us** on all sides and made sure we traveled together.



The clouds **smoothed** out the ground beneath our feet and **flattened** any mountains in our way.



The clouds kept our **clothes clean and fresh** the whole 40 years – looks like Cloudy was around before Downy!



Blessing

Every year as we sit and eat in the Sukkah, we say this blessing* to thank G-d for giving us this special Mitzvah:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו יי אלהינו כי אתה קדשנו במצותיך וצונו לישב בסוכה

Bor'ch'nu A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-tach Na-plai Asher Kodesh'nu Bemitzvot'ey Vetz'v'anu Le-hey Ba-Sukkah

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to sit in the Sukkah.

* If it's your first time this year you should also say the blessing in Shehecheyanu (Page 26, Green box - #2)



I Shpy

*I Shpy a crown, a candle and a shoe. A Lulav, an Etrog and Tzitzit too.
A Challah that is round, a rooster that crows. A hammer, an apple and a miniature globe.*

*I Shpy two Shofars deep in the sea, A pink pomegranate and a couple of bees.
A sweet honeycomb, and a prayer-book, A bright orange carrot and a fisherman's hook!*

LIVE THE ROSH HASHANA CHALLENGE!

- Do Tashlich!

WHAT IS TASHLICH?

On the second day of Rosh Hashana it's customary to walk to a river, lake or sea where there are fish, and recite the Tashlich prayer. During this prayer we shake out our pockets over the water, asking G-d to throw away our sins into the depths of the sea.

Why Fish?

- Fish never close their eyes, reminding us that G-d's eyes are always open watching over us.
- Just like fish can fall for bait or be trapped, we also encounter temptations that can harm us. We need to be on the lookout so we don't get trapped!

Why Water?

- Water, like the Torah, is a source of life. Just as a fish can't live without water, we can't live properly without the Torah.
- Water symbolizes kindness. In Tashlich, we are asking G-d to use kindness when judging us – and hopefully forgive us!



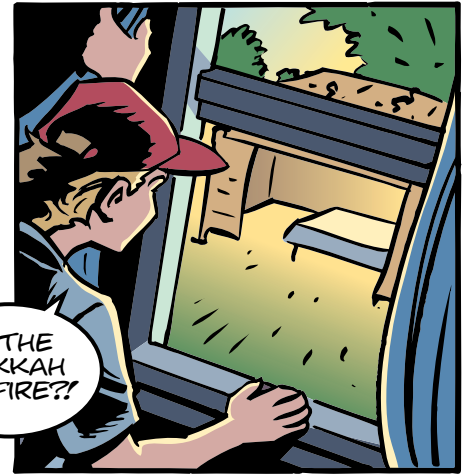
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JOEY in

WHO'S THAT KNOCKING?

JOEY IS AWAKENED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT....



HUH?



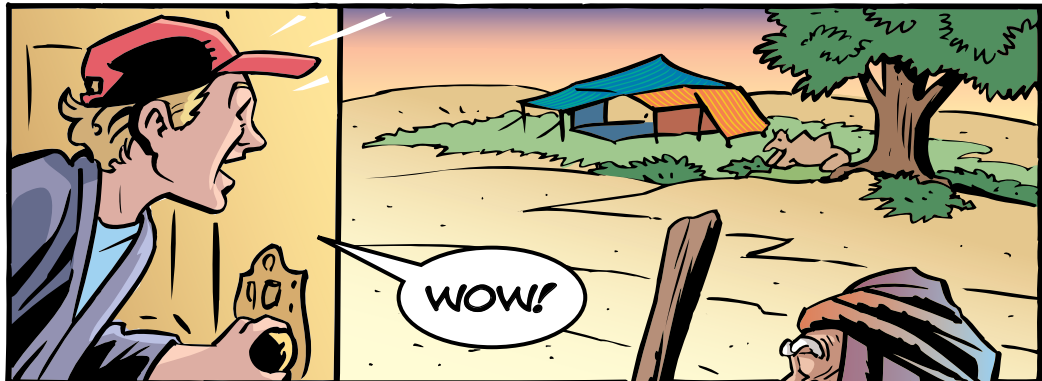
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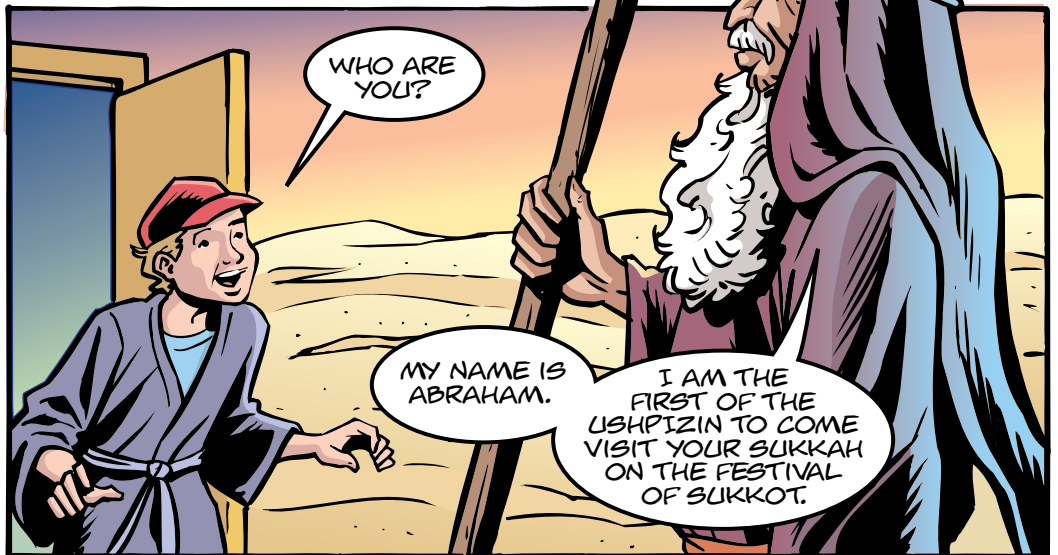
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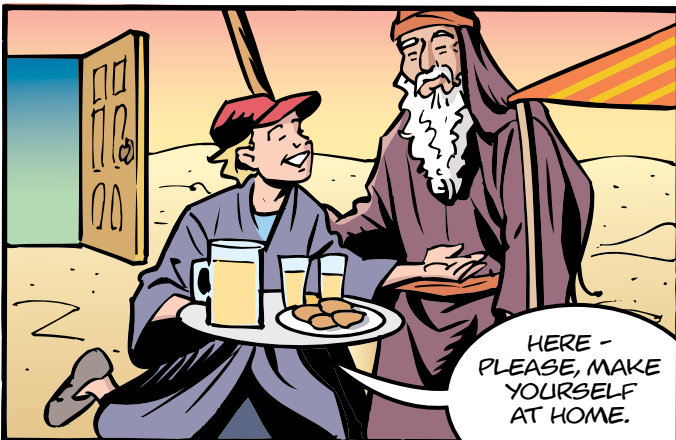
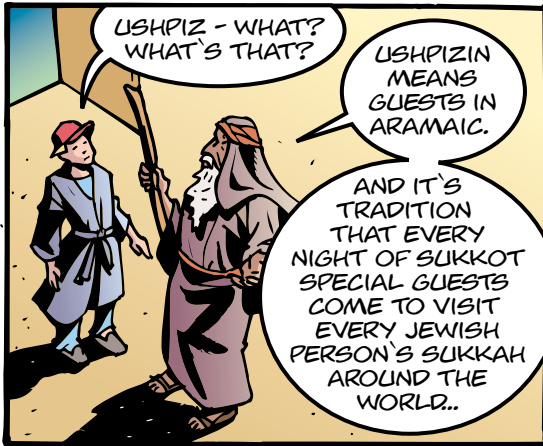
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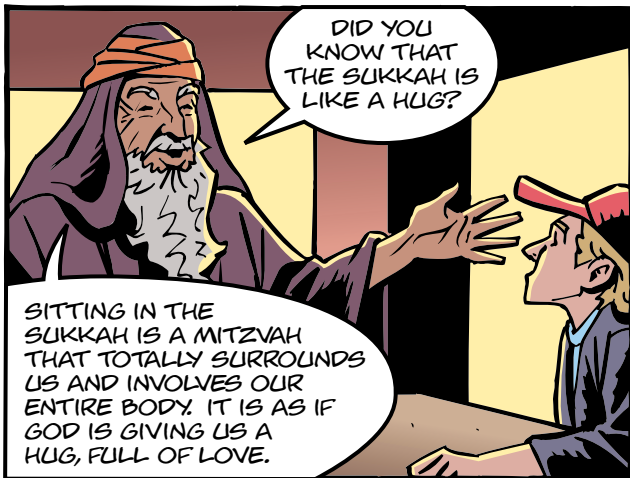


WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS ABRAHAM.

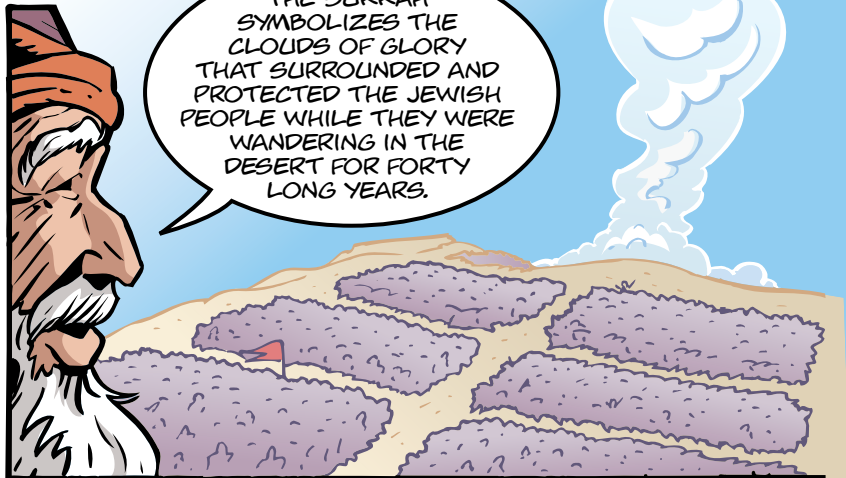
I AM THE FIRST OF THE USHPIZIN TO COME VISIT YOUR SUKKAH ON THE FESTIVAL OF SUKKOT.





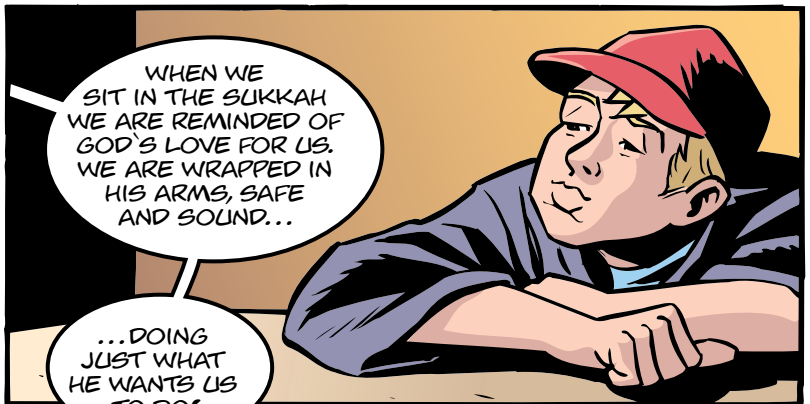
DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SUKKAH IS LIKE A HUG?

SITTING IN THE SUKKAH IS A MITZVAH THAT TOTALLY SURROUNDS US AND INVOLVES OUR ENTIRE BODY. IT IS AS IF GOD IS GIVING US A HUG, FULL OF LOVE.



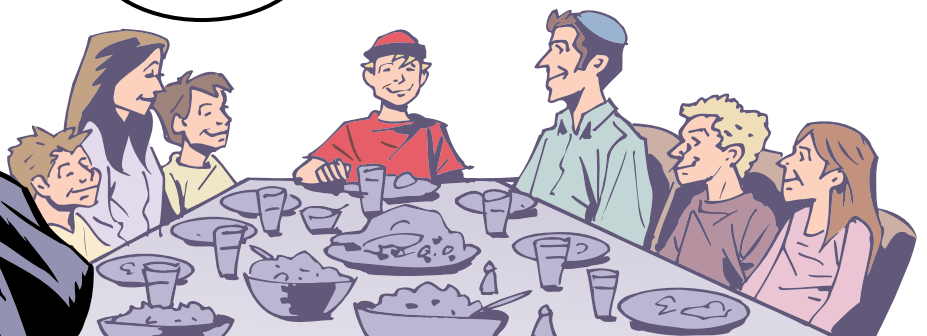
THE SUKKAH SYMBOLIZES THE CLOUDS OF GLORY THAT SURROUNDED AND PROTECTED THE JEWISH PEOPLE WHILE THEY WERE WANDERING IN THE DESERT FOR FORTY LONG YEARS.

"GOD LOVES US VERY MUCH, AND THAT'S WHY HE COMMANDS US TO DWELL IN A SUKKAH FOR SEVEN DAYS OF THE YEAR. WHEN A CHILD IS IN HIS FATHER'S ARMS, HE KNOWS HOW MUCH HE IS LOVED, THAT HE IS SAFE AND PROTECTED FROM ANY DANGER."



WHEN WE SIT IN THE SUKKAH WE ARE REMINDED OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US. WE ARE WRAPPED IN HIS ARMS, SAFE AND SOUND...

...DOING JUST WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO!



WHEW! THAT WAS SOME CRAZY DREAM!



HUH?



WOW! GOTTA MAKE SURE I STAY UP TOMORROW NIGHT!

THE END

Rosh Hashana has come and gone, Yom Kippur has passed. We've asked for forgiveness and been inscribed for a great new year... and now it's **time to rejoice!**

To rejoice in our victory of Teshuva (repentance), because G-d has given us a second chance and granted us a sweet New Year! And that's why Sukkot is also known as **Zman Simchateinu** – a time of true joy!!

Every day of Sukkot (except for Shabbat), we hold the Lulav, Etrog, Hadassim and Aravot, make the blessing and Shake It!*

Blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת לולָב.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-noi E-lo-heinu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Kid-shanu Be-mitz-votav Ve-tzi-vanu Al Netilat Lulav.

* If this is your first time this year, you should also say the blessing of Shehecheyanu (Pge. 26, Green box - #2).




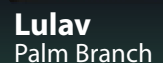
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Each of the 4 kinds represents a different Jewish person:
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Lulav
Palm Branch
Dates are tasty and sweet as honey. The Lulav represents a Jew whose main strength lies in learning Torah.
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Etrog
Citron
Tastes good and smells even better! The Etrog represents a Jew who both learns Torah and does many Mitzvot.
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3 Hadassim
Myrtle Branches
They have no taste, but they have a great smell. The Hadassim represent a Jew who does a lot of Mitzvot.
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2 Aravot
Willow Branches
They have no taste or smell. The Aravot represent a Jew who doesn't know much about Torah or its Commandments.
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By holding them together, and shaking them in all directions, we show the world we are a strong, unified nation, bound together by our love for G-d and one another!

COMING SOON TO A SYNAGOGUE NEAR YOU
YOUR FRIENDS YOUR FAMILY THE RABBI AND YOU!

SIMCHAT TORAH

HAPPY שמחת תורה FEET

A cartoon penguin is standing on a snowy, icy landscape. It is holding a red and yellow slipper in its beak. The slipper has a small white label on it. In the background, there are other penguins and a blue sky with white clouds.

STORY

A CROWN OF SLIPPERS

Everyone sleeps in a little on the day of Simchat Torah because we're all tired out from the dancing and rejoicing the night before. The angels in heaven however don't dance on Simchat Torah, and they wake up for the morning prayers at the usual time.

But surprise, surprise – they find themselves with nothing to do! Why? Because the angels cannot sing G-d's praises in heaven, until we, the Jewish people sing G-d's praises here on earth!

One year the angels decided to do a little cleaning up in heaven while they waited for prayers to begin on earth.

They found heaven littered with the strangest objects: torn slippers, shoes and broken heels!

"Huh?" they wondered to themselves.

"What's going on? We normally find Mitzvah items, like old Tefillin and Tzitzit and worn-out prayer books in heaven. Why are there so many broken shoes?"

Together, the angels went to ask the great angel Michael if he knew what all this was about.

"Yes" admitted Michael, "this is my merchandise. These are the remains of last night's dancing, where Jews all over the world danced joyously with the Torah. These ones are from Russia, these are from

Australia, this pile over here is from America, and that pile over there is from France! And there are hundreds more as well!"

"What's so good about all these broken shoes?" asked the other angels in amazement.

"Well" answered Michael, "normally, the archangel Metat fashions crowns for G-d out of the prayers of the Jewish people. Today, I shall make a crown more glorious than has ever been seen before! A crown out of these torn shoes. **A crown of happiness, joy and love!**"

**YOU DON'T NEED ANY FANCY MOVES,
JUST KICK UP YOUR HEELS LET'S DANCE, LET'S GROOVE!**

We started at the Head; Rosh Hashana, asking G-d for a good new year. We worked our way to Yom Kippur – praying for forgiveness with all our heart and soul. We started the year out right, doing Mitzvot with our whole body by sitting in the Sukkah on Sukkot. And now that we've worked our way to Simchat Torah, **it's Toe-Tappin' Time!**

Not everyone has the same capabilities when it comes to learning – but we all have feet we can move! On Simchat Torah, we dance together with

the Torah, rejoicing in our unity as Jews, no matter who we are or where we come from.

What we started with fasting and prayer, we're ending with dancing and joy. Happiness breaks all boundaries, and what prayer cannot achieve; pure, heart-felt joy in G-d and His Torah can accomplish in one fell swoop!

**So put on those dancing shoes,
it's time to dance the night
away!**

**LIVE THE SIMCHAT
TORAH CHALLENGE!**

- Dance with the Torah!



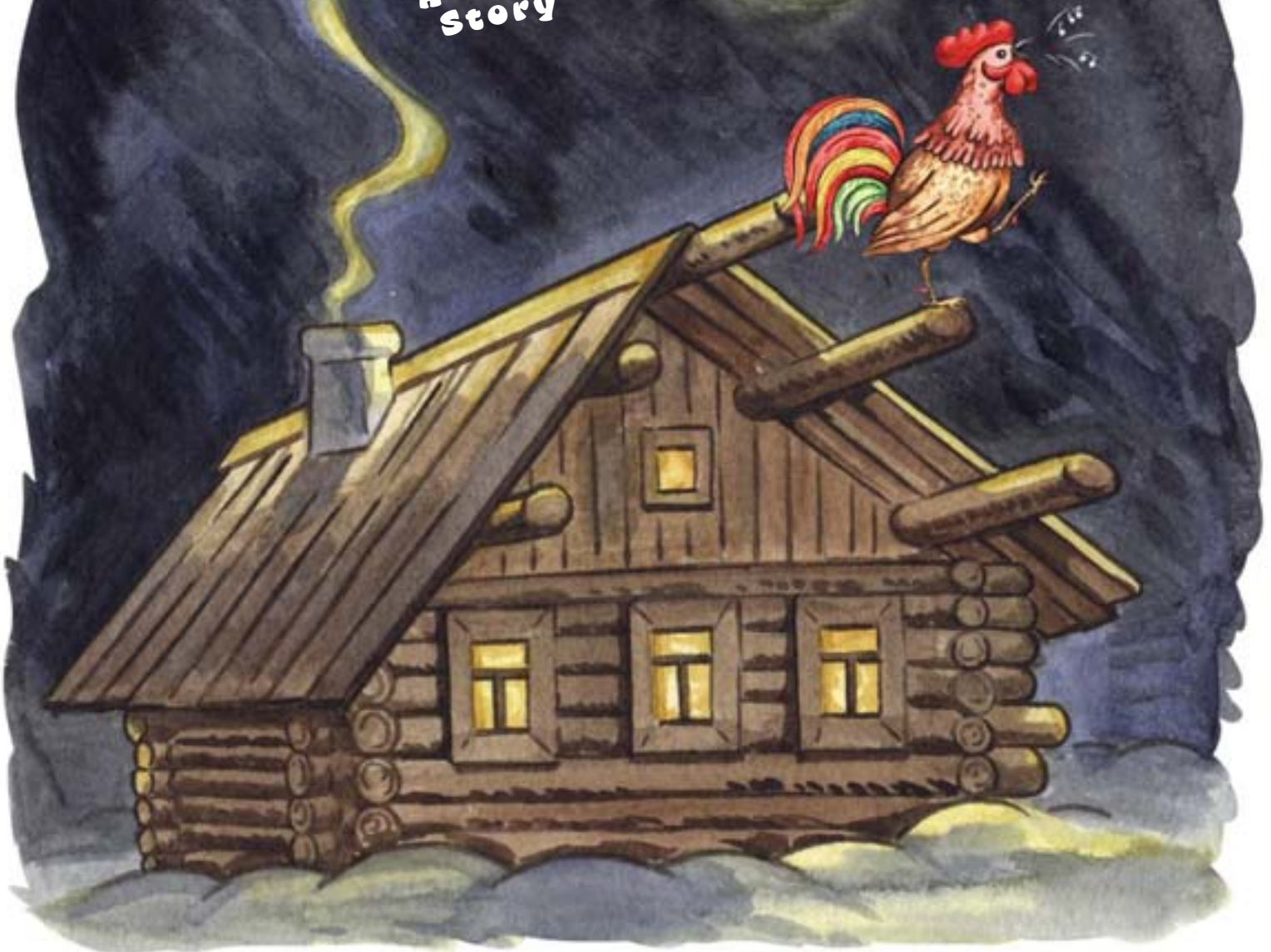
WARNING:

**MAY CAUSE JOY & DANCING
OCTOBER 4 & 5**

G GREAT FOR ALL AGES
אנו מוזמנים לכולם! **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

cock-a- Doodle- DOO

A True
Story



it was late on Yom Kippur day...

The holy Baal Shem Tov of Medzibusch was about to begin the final Yom Kippur prayer, Ne'ilah. The Shul was crowded with men, women and children fervently holding their prayer-books as they swayed to and fro. Each of them knew the importance of Ne'ilah as it was their last chance to beg G-d for forgiveness and pray for a good year. Dry mouthed and weak from fasting, all stood in anticipation for the prayers to begin.

Wrapped in his Tallit, the Baal Shem Tov began to lead the congregation in the solemn prayers. Truly immersed in their words, no-one noticed the young village boy standing in the back corner of the Shul. His lips did not move for he was completely uneducated and could not read, unlike the rest of the congregants. He merely stood there transfixed by the face and heartrending voice of the Baal Shem Tov.

Strangely, in the middle of praying the Baal Shem Tov paused a few times, his eyes closed and seemingly in a trance. His disciples standing close by noted that his crying and begging was also far greater than usual. They slowly realized that there must be a grave prosecution looming in the Heavenly Courts! Brokenhearted and determined to help, they too intensified their prayers and crying. Soon, the entire congregation became aware of the dire situation and broke into tearful cries. They knew that the situation must be critical as the saintly Baal Shem Tov was pale with fear.

Meanwhile, the young village boy became aware of the emotional outbreak. His heart was shattered, and he too wanted to cry out and pray. But the only sounds the boy knew how to make were those of farm animals, and he was especially fond of the rooster's crowing. Closing his eyes tightly and lifting his head to the Heavens, the boy cried out loudly from the depths of his heart, "**Cock-a-doodle-doo! G-d, have mercy!**"

Suddenly, there was silence as all of the congregants turned around to see who had made the strange, inappropriate sound. Their disapproving eyes fell upon the young village boy and they immediately rebuked him. So upset were the congregants by his actions that some of them even wanted to throw him out of the Shul. But the young boy protested passionately, "**I too am a Jew!**" Quickly, the Rabbi's assistant quieted the crowd, and told the boy to remain in his place. The commotion was interrupted by the voice of the Baal Shem Tov as he continued to complete the Ne'ilah prayers.

Remembering the somber state of prayers only minutes before, the congregants gazed in wonderment at the now glowing face of the Baal Shem Tov. Once again prayers resumed as usual, but the special tunes he used evoked a feeling of victory and joy. The Baal Shem Tov's disciples and congregants knew that the prosecution had finally been defeated.

After Yom Kippur ended, the disciples gathered eagerly around the Baal Shem Tov, hoping for an explanation of what had transpired. The Baal Shem Tov explained to them that, indeed, there had been a grave situation in the Heavenly Courts, with a decree of destruction against an entire village of Jews. And try as he may, the Baal Shem Tov could not break through it. But when the sincere cries of the village boy's "Cock-a-doodle-doo!" reached the Heavenly gates, it was welcomed with great pleasure and the decree was immediately abolished. The Baal Shem Tov's disciples listened in awe, realizing that no matter how little knowledge a person has, if his prayers are wholehearted and sincere they will be accepted Above even in the form of a rooster's crow!



*Adapted from the writings of
Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak of Lubavitch*

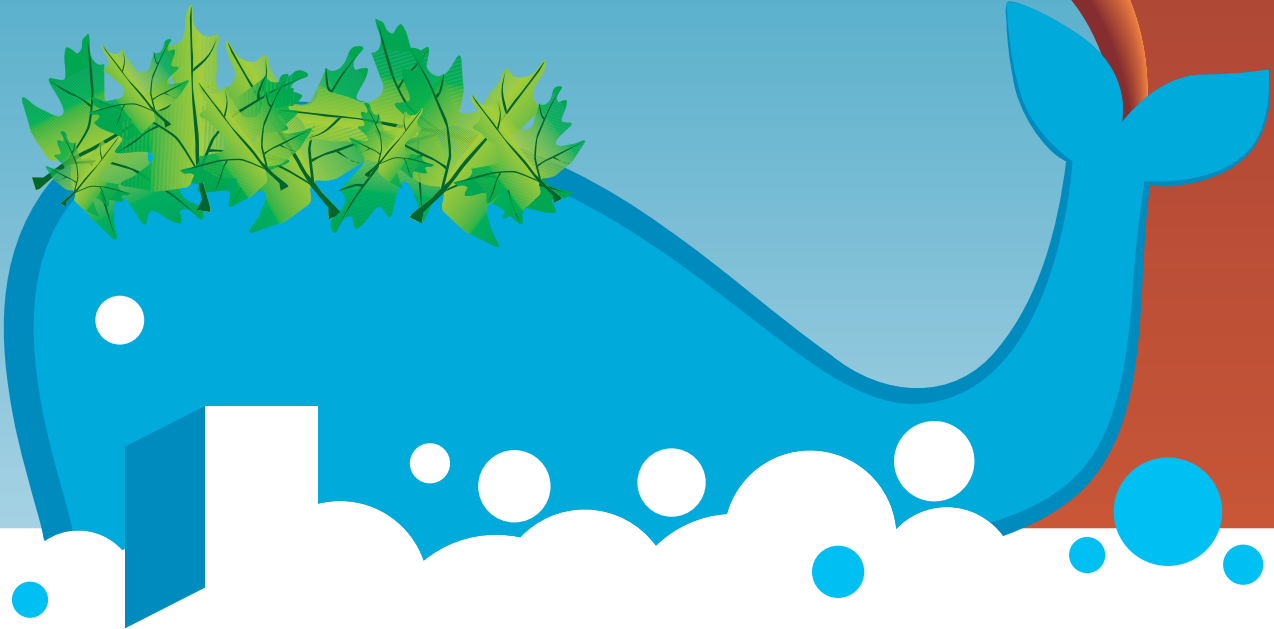


Wait! What's That Sound?!

It's like a trumpet being blown and it's getting louder and louder by the second!

It's the Shofar of Moshiach! Our Sages tell us that the arrival of Moshiach will be heralded by the blowing of this **Shofar** by Elijah the prophet - the same Shofar used by Abraham and Moses - and everyone around the world will hear it and be gathered together as one, with the rebuilding of the 3rd Temple in Jerusalem!

The *Ultimate* Sukkah



For a Sukkah to be Kosher according to Jewish law, it needs to be built according to these measurements:

Height:

Minimum: 10 Tefachim (approx. 35 inches)

Maximum: 20 Amot (approx. 35 feet)

Width & Length:

Minimum: 7 Tefachim (approx. 25 inches)

Did you notice there's no limit to how wide or long the Sukkah can be?

That's because our Sages tell us that "All Israel are worthy of dwelling in one Sukkah". This doesn't mean we actually need to build a Sukkah that big - imagine trying to make a Sukkah that could fit every single Jewish person?!

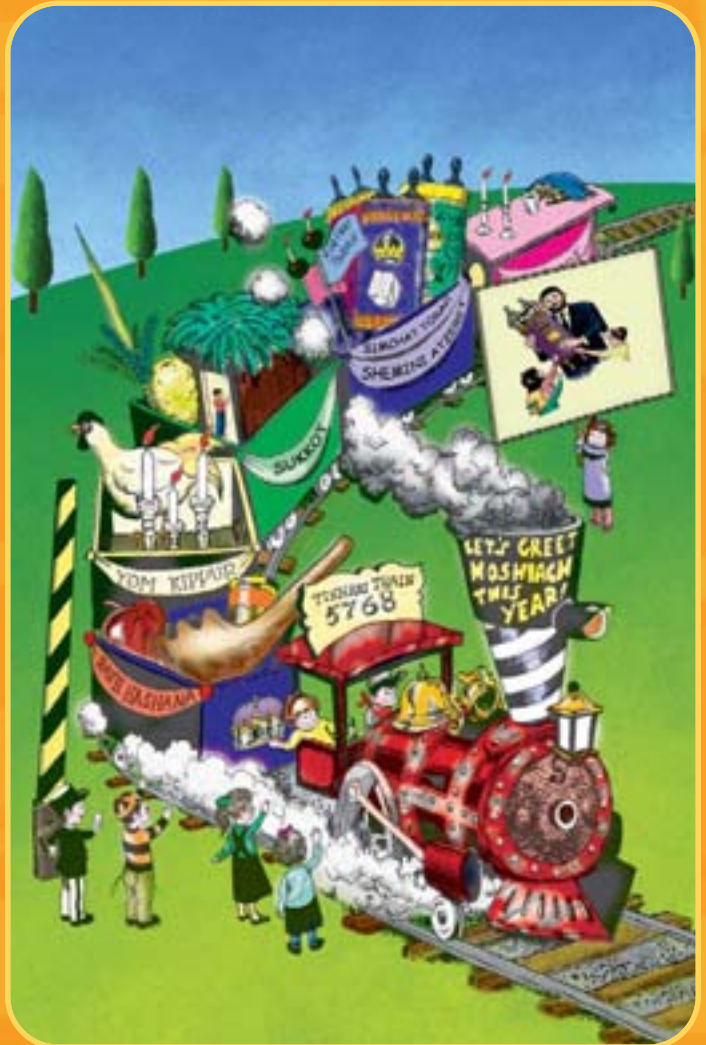
This is a reminder of the importance of Achdut (unity). When we are a strong, unified nation and keep as many Mitzvot as possible, then it's fast-forward to Moshiach times, when we'll celebrate

Sukkot in the best way possible.

G-d will make a Sukkah from the skin of the Leviathan - kind of like a giant whale - and everyone who kept the Mitzvah of Sukkah will be seated in it and served a royal feast.

Try and invite as many people as you can to your Sukkah this year, so when Moshiach comes, all of us can fit inside the Sukkah of Moshiach, and celebrate the Holiday together, in style!

All aboard the Tishrei Train 5768!



Can you spot at least 18 differences?

Brain Teaser!

Can you complete the missing pictures in this **High Holiday Sequence**:



Scale



Ocean



Fish



Picture Options

Apple



Crown

Honey



Etrog

Carrot



Ram

Challah



Shofar

Light up the World

GLUE TAB #5

GLUE TAB #4



Candle lighting

For exact times see page 2

GLUE TAB #3

Create your Candle Lighting cube:

1. Make a photocopy of this page, or cut the page out of your magazine (but make sure you read it first!).
2. Cut along the dotted lines of the cube diagram, being careful not to cut any words.
3. Fold along each colored box and along the glue tabs
4. Starting with glue tab number 1, put glue on tab and paste into adjoining panel, repeat for each number to construct your cube.
5. Cut out the lighting guide
6. Read instructions on guide
7. Look up our local candle-lighting times on page 2 and light candles on the eve of each Holiday!

Cut along dotted line to construct your own Lighting Cube!

Cut along dotted lines and keep in safe place.



Rosh Hashana
Wednesday & Thursday,
September 12 & 13*

See page 2 for exact times

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו להדליק נר שלום טוב. ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שיהיה ויקטנו ונתנו ענין ליום הזה.

1. Baruch Atah Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-sav Ve-tzi-vanu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Yom Ha-zai-ka-ron. 2. Baruch Atah Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam She-heh-che-yah-nu Ve-hi-gi-ah-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.

► Friday Night, Sept. 14* Blessing on bottom

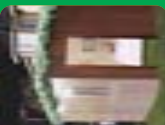


Yom Kippur
Friday, September 21

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ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת ויום טוב. ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שיהיה ויקטנו ונתנו ענין ליום הזה.

1. Baruch Atah Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-sav Ve-tzi-vanu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Shabbos V'Shel Yom Ha-Ki-pur-rim.
2. Baruch Atah Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam She-heh-che-yah-nu Ve-ki-ye-ma-nu Ve-hi-gi-ah-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.



Sukkot
Wednesday & Thursday,
September 26 & 27*

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ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו להדליק נר שלום טוב. ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שיהיה ויקטנו ונתנו ענין ליום הזה.

1. Baruch Atah Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-sav Ve-tzi-vanu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Yom Tov. 2. Baruch Atah Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam She-heh-che-yah-nu Ve-ki-ye-ma-nu Ve-hi-gi-ah-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.

► Friday Night, Sept. 28* Blessing on bottom



Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah
Wed. & Thurs, Oct. 3 & 4*

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ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו להדליק נר שלום טוב. ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שיהיה ויקטנו ונתנו ענין ליום הזה.

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► Friday Night, Oct. 5* Blessing on bottom



Lighting Guide

1. Make sure your candle is in a safe place – not near anything flammable, and out of the reach of small children.
2. Put some coins into your charity box.
3. Strike a match and light the candle (If there is a star (*) near the date, light from a pre-existing flame).
4. Wave your hands in 3 circular motions over the candles as if you are welcoming the flames to yourself.
5. Without looking at the candle (if you know the blessing from memory, then cover your eyes with your hands), recite the blessing(s). You can look at your cube for help!
6. Voila! You've just mastered the art of candle-lighting - the Jewish way!

GLUE TAB #1

For (Every) Shabbat

For weekly candle lighting times throughout the year visit www.chabad.org/calendar



ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת קדש.

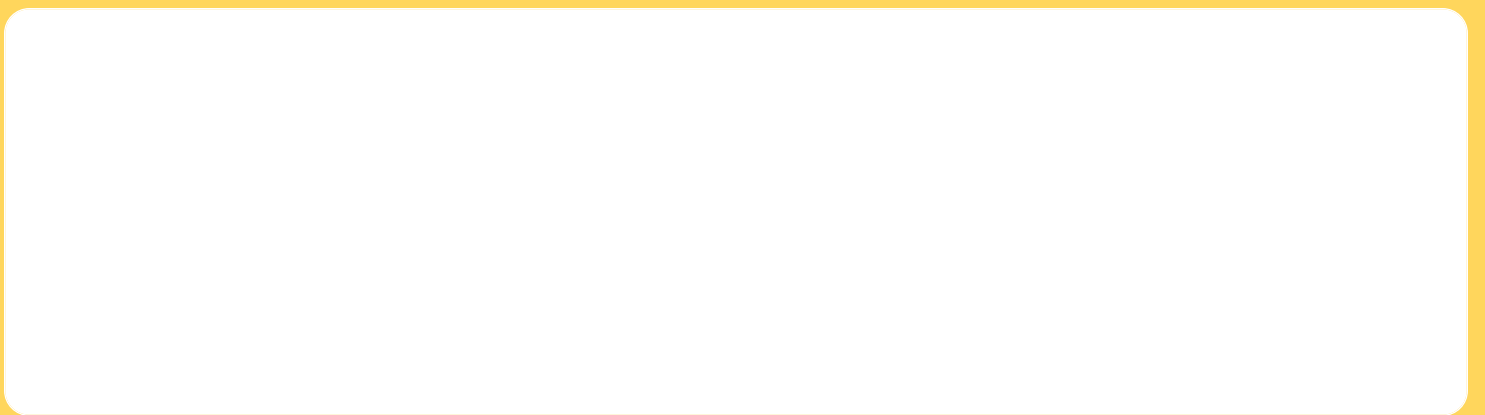
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* Light from a pre-existing flame.

GLUE TAB #5

GLUE TAB #5

GLUE TAB #2



Unscramble

the letters near each picture to help you identify the Tishrei items in this honeycomb!

Can't figure it out? Turn to page 25 for answers.



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