



THE MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITY KOLLEL
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THIS COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT.

There will be festive music and dancing along with delicious food and refreshments in the Sukkan! Special guest speaker Rabbi Moshe Tuvia Lief will discuss "The Sukkan - lessons we can take home" at 7:00 PM (Event will begin at 8:00 PM)

Don't miss this spectacular evening!
Monday, Oct. 13 at 7:00 PM
4221 Sunset Boulevard
In the Sukkan of Cong. Bais Yisroel

Please register at communitykolel@juno.com or call (952) 926-8244 x 2



Irgun Shiure Torah: Shiurim for Bnei Torah

Irgun Shiurei Torah will be sponsoring three Shiurim for Bnei Torah this Monday, Oct. 13th Speaker: Rabbi Chaim Goldberger, Tuesday October 14th, Speaker: The Rav, and Wednesday October 14th Speaker: Rabbi Chaim Gibber All shiurim begin at 9:30 A.M.

Rabbi Waxman's Question

This Week's Question: When in history did the Jews celebrate and rejoice and party for a week before Succos and even ate on Yom Kippur and correctly so?
Answer to last week's Question: *Parshas Ha'azinu is called a shira, a song. Alternatively, the Torah is called a shira. The Vilna Gaon finds a hint in Ha'zinu for all 613 mitzvos of the Torah. What is the hint? There are 613 words in Parshas Ha'Azinu.*

Bnos Sukkan Hop

Pre-K: 2:45-4:00

Start and End: Shoshie Miller 2631 Quentin Ave.

Kindergarten: 3:00-4:00

Start: Shifra Kutoff 2815 Joppa/ End: Ety Kutoff 4200 W. 28th

First Grade: 2:45-4:00

Start: Mollie Fishman 2814 Inglewood/End: Atara Spar, 4441 W. 25th St.

Second and Third 2:45-4:00

Start: Leah Waxman 2835 Raleigh End: Miriam Kutoff 2815 Joppa

Fourth and Fifth 2:45-4:00

Start: Shoshana Waxman 2835 Raleigh Ave. End: Heisler 2933 Ottawa

Pirchei Sukkan Hop

Sunday. Begins at 4:00 P.M. at the Rav's Sukkan, 4612 West 28th. Pickup times at 5:30 P.M. at the following locations. Pre-K Genie Weinbergs. Grades 1-3: Prero House. Grades 4, 5, 6 at Rabbi Yaakov Waxman's House. Grades 7-8 at the Gibber House.

Replay of Leil Hisorirus on Hoshana Rabba

Leil Hisrorirus: Preparing for the Yomim Noraim - The Video featuring Rabbi Aaron Dovid Dunner, Rabbi Moshe Tuvia Lief and Rabbi Yaakov Perlow- The Novominsker Rebbe will be replayed at Bais Yisroel, Thursday, October 16th, at 7:15 PM.

Schedule of Services/Events

First Day Succos

Shacharis	8:30 A.M.
Mincha	6:10 P.M.
Light Candles Not Before	7:27 P.M.

Second Day Succos

Shacharis	7:30 A.M.
Mincha	6:15 P.M.
Maariv	7:25 P.M.

Monday - Thursday Chol HaMoed

Shacharis	6:50 and 8:00 A.M.
Mincha	6:15 P.M.

Erev Shabbos Hoshana Raba

Selichos/Shacharis	6:45 A.M.
Mincha	6:10 P.M.
Candle Lighting	6:07 P.M.

Shiurim Given by HaRav Moshe Tuvia Lief:

M, W, Th:	Mesechta Kiddushin at 7:00 P.M.
M-F:	Mesechta Bava Kamma at 7:30 A.M.
Tu & Th:	Mesechta Rosh Hashana at 8:15 A.M.
W:	Lunch and Learn. Noon. Rav's Sukkan
Th:	Hillel at 4:00 P.M.

For membership information or general information regarding activities and events at Bais Yisroel, write Congregation Bais Yisroel, 4221 Sunset Blvd., St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416 or contact HaRav Moshe Tuvia Lief at (952) 926-7867 or (952) 922 8881. E-mail: BaisLine@BaisYisroel.org Be sure to visit the Bais Yisroel Website at <http://www.baisyisroel.org>. The BYSO is published in conjunction with Puma Press.



THE BAIS YISROEL SHABBOS OBSERVER

ת"ב

Issue Number 496

15 Tishrei 5764

Shabbos/Sukos

October 10, 11, and 12, 2003

The Bais Yisroel Shabbos Observer is a weekly publication that brings you divrei Torah on the week's parsha from around the world and around the block as well as events going on in the Bais Yisroel Community. To submit a dvar Torah or item of interest to the community contact Hindy or Arnie Frishman at 952-927-5134 before Thursday of each week.



Lots of activities and events going on during the Succos holiday and they can all be found in this week's BYSO.. The Staff of the BYSO wishes the entire a Kehilah a Chag Sameach.

משה טוביה לייף
רב קהילת בית ישראל
מיניאפוליס מיניסוטה

Message From the Rav

Hilchos Succos

[Special Thanks to Elitzur Fischer for compiling the Rav's Halachos of Succos.] **The Succah.** There is a

Mitzvah to beautify the Succah with decorations, posters, etc. The hanging decorations should

The BYSO is sponsored by Reid and Bonny Wexler and family in memory of Bonny's Mother, Chaiya Baila bat Yehoshua Heshel, who's Yartzzeit is the second day of Succot, 16 Tishrei.

be placed high enough so that young children can not tear them down. They should also be strung within 12 inches of the s'chach. That way they are batul to the s'chach allowing you to sit underneath them.

Before Yom Tov you should articulate that during every Bein Hashmashos of the 8 days of the Yom Tov, you are not considering the decorations as part of the succah and you are retaining their status for your personal use. Since the decorations are not set aside solely for the succah, you have retained the right to use them for your purposes. They then do not become muktzeh on Shabbos and Yom Tov, and can be moved if they happen to fall down.

You should live in the Succah for 7 days, eat, drink, study Torah, pass your time, and even sleep in the Succah. Because it is often too cold to sleep comfortably outside in our climate at this time of year the Rama allows you to sleep indoors. A careful person should not eat or drink anything outside the Succah, if possible. The Succah Bracha should not be recited while drinking beverages, or eating fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, cheese, or eggs. The Succah should be treated as your home, pots and pans should not be brought directly into the Succah. You should set the table with your finest table settings to enhance the quality and the simcha of the Yom Tov.

Kiddush

This year the first day of Sukkos is on Shabbos. The Kiddush recited both during the day and at night includes liturgy about Shabbos. The second night Kiddush contains Havdalah. Additionally, it is recommended to divide the Seudah, Festive Meal, on that first day so that you will be able to eat Shalos Suedos as well.

The Four Species

The Lulav should be held in the right hand, and the Esrog in the left. Unless you are left handed, then you switch them, holding the Esrog in the right hand and the Lulav in the left.

The bracha is recited while the Esrog is being held upside down, afterward, the Esrog is turned over and the shehechyanu is recited. According to the Gra, the Esrog is held with the pitum facing up, you would then concentrate on not fulfilling the mitzvah until you have recited the Bracha. The Four Species are then waved in 6 directions, na' anu' im. Our minhag is to first shake the Lulav to the east, south, west, north, up,

and down. The Four Species are waved 3 times in each direction. You should not eat or drink before fulfilling this mitzvah. According to the Ari Z'l the barcha should be recited in the Succah. The Four Species should be held together after the bracha is recited as you perform the first na' anu' im. Additionally they should be held together during Hallel and the Hoshanos. They should not be returned to their case until Kaddish, after Hallel or Hoshanos is completed.



Curse of Happiness Rabbi Asher Sinclair

On Succot you will hold the four species... "And you will rejoice before Hashem." Napoleon wasn't a great sleeper. He would make do on a couple of hours a day. Not that he was an insomniac, he just didn't like sleeping. Someone once asked him why it was that he slept so little. He replied "When I'm awake, I'm the king of the world. When I'm asleep, I'm no different from any other foot soldier." One of the great tyrannies of the "me generation" is the curse of happiness. Don't get me wrong, I'm not against happiness. I like being happy as much as anyone. However, happiness, or the necessity to be happy, can be a tyranny of frightening proportions. If we believe in an all-merciful G-d who is involved with the smallest detail of the creation, then our lack of happiness is not a world-shaking event. G-d knows why I'm feeling the way I'm feeling. He knows why I broke my leg. He knows why my stocks had to plummet. But if I'm all that there is, if the knowledge of existence ends with the knowledge of *only* my existence, then this world is a very lonely place indeed. There's an old joke that goes something like this: "Everyone in this world is crazy except you and me. And sometimes I'm not so sure about you." If the cognition of existence, "*Cogito ergo sum*" ("*I think therefore I am*"), as Descartes put it, leads me to exclude an existence higher than my myself, then my happiness becomes an event on which the world turns or falls. In other words, if I am not happy and fulfilled right now, this world just became a pointless wasteland. Of all the *mitzvot* which one would you think the most difficult? Probably giving up your life to sanctify G-d's name. In fact, the Vilna Gaon said that the most difficult of the *mitzvot*

is the mitzva of *simchat Yom Tov*, the Torah obligation be happy on the festivals of Pesach, Shavuot and Succot. With most *mitzvot* we fulfill our obligation by doing an action. We put on tefilin, we eat matza on the first night of Pesach, we refrain from eating of Yom Kippur. The mitzva of *simchat Yom Tov*, however, requires us to be *constantly* happy during Yom Tov. There should not be a single moment when we are not filled with the joy of the festival. Now, I ask you, was there ever a time when you were *constantly* happy for one whole week? How about a day? An hour? Maybe. And in that hour, wasn't there a single second that you couldn't find the correct change in your pocket, or you felt a little tired for a second or two? Or maybe for a split second you felt a little blue? *Constant* happiness? That's a very difficult thing to achieve. However, the Torah wasn't given to the angels. It was given to flesh and blood. If the Torah mandates this constant happiness from us, it must be achievable. The mitzva of *simchat Yom Tov* is derived from Succot. "*And you will rejoice on your festival and you will be only happy.*" Our sages describe Succot as "the time of our happiness." Succot is "*the* time of our happiness." What is the particular essence of Succot that makes it *the* time of happiness? Most of our lives we think we're running the show. We may acknowledge there's a G-d in the world. But do we really live in accordance with that acknowledgment? Acknowledgment doesn't translate into knowledge. Once in a while something can happen to jolt our self-satisfaction. Someone is critically ill. We escape a car crash. A terrorist aims a gun at us and it doesn't fire. The word miracle leaps to our lips. We suddenly find ourselves very close to G-d. The little selfish universe that we have built for ourselves seems now somehow pathetic and childish. We know Who is running things. And how much we are beholden to Him. This is the essence of Succa. Dwelling in the shade of faith. Realizing Who is protecting us. For seven days we emerge from our World Trade Towers of delusion and dwell in huts and booths and we realize how fragile we really are. That feeling that only G-d is running the world is the only true and lasting happiness. When we realize that we are not the be-all and end-all of existence, that we are loved and highly-prized cogs in an infinite plan, we can relax and acknowledge Who is running things in this world. That's the true joy and happiness of the Jewish Festivals. Have a good Yom Tov!