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## **Candle Lighting Friday, October 2<sup>th</sup> 6:13 pm**

Torah Reading for Shabbat Sukkot  
Annual: Leviticus 22:26 – 23:44 (Etz Hayim, p. 723)  
Maftir: Numbers 29:12 – 16 (Etz Hayim, p. 934)  
Haftarah: Zechariah 14:1 – 21 (Etz Hayim, p. 1253)

### **Sukkot Musings**

A *sukkah* takes a certain amount of work and effort. It must be built and decorated, and food must be carried out to it. The *sukkah* does not simply appear. So, too, does *sukkat shalom* require work and effort. It must be created; it does not simply appear. <sup>3</sup> Feminist Jews could take a step toward realizing the joyous potential of the *sukkah* by truly making it a *sukkat shalom* and doing the work necessary to create peaceful relations with others—both personal intimates and political adversaries. The aroma and beauty of the *sukkah*, and its fragility, might help create new experiences and new relationships.

<sup>3</sup>. The principal of a local Jewish day school told the following story: Her school has a *sukkat shalom*, and when students have problems with each other and want to try to resolve them, they go into the *sukkat shalom*. One young boy tried it the other day, and then reported to her: I went in and nothing happened! He had been under the impression that simply "being there" made peace.  
<http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/nashim/v006/6.1reinharz.html>

Given all the hoopla on Sukkot about joy it is interesting that this holiday features a reading of Kohelet – Ecclesiastes. The book begins: "The words of Kohelet, David's son, King in Jerusalem: 'Utter futility!' says Kohelet. 'Utter futility! Everything is futility!'"

Not the up note one would expect, but there is a lesson here. The skeptical tone of the book reminds the corybantic Sukkot celebrants not to lose themselves in the rich foods and good fun that fill the holiday. Verse after verse of Kohelet focuses on life's fleeting gifts, a pattern of time and seasons that arrive and pass just as quickly, and acts as a reminder to seize the moment with righteousness for all is as temporary as the Sukkah.

Rashi, the preeminent medieval Torah commentator, notes that Kohelet is read on Sukkot because it was at this time that King Solomon gathered (in Hebrew "kihale" which has the same root word as Kohelet) the People of Israel and read the Torah at the septennial Hakhel celebration.

<http://mazornet.com/holidays/sukkot/kohelet.htm>

### **Because you never know where you'll find yourself on Sukkot**

From the Talmud:

"If one erects his sukkah on the top of a wagon (though it is on the move) or on the deck of a ship (where it is exposed to gales), it is valid and they may go up into it on the festival. If he made it on the top of a tree, or on the back of a camel, it is valid, but they may not go up into it on the festival . . . .

This is the general rule: whatever can stand by itself if the tree were taken away is valid, and they may go up into it on the festival. (Sukkah 2.3)

### **Hoshanot [Poetic Prayers] for a Planet in Danger**

by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, 10/6/2004

Hosha'na for the sake of  
the Aura of life  
the Beams of Light  
the Clearness of Light  
the Dynamics of Light  
the Effulgence of Light  
the Diffraction of light  
the Glory of light  
the Haloes of light  
the Illumination of light  
the Joys of sight

<http://www.shalomctr.org/node/692>

### **Yom Huledet Sameach**

Robbie Kaplan  
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Rachel Lavine  
Sheila Bleckner  
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### Quotes of the Week

This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap; the being a force of Nature instead of a feverish selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. **George Bernard Shaw** *Man and Superman, Epistle Dedicatory*

For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness. **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

### A Sukkot Joke

A man, living in New York, builds a sukkah on the roof of his apartment building a couple of days before the Chag - the holiday. When the landlord sees it, he is livid and demands that he take it down at once. The man refuses on the religious grounds that he has a First Amendment right to build a sukkah on the roof of the building. So, the landlord takes the case to court.

The landlord argues that it is unseemly, and against the rules and regulations of the building. The Jewish judge listens patiently and then offers his verdict: "I agree with the landlord in this case," the judge ruled. "And I therefore rule that you have ten days to take down your hut."

Shabbat shalom v'moadim l'simcha.  
Wishing you a joyous Sukkot.

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