

Nanuet Hebrew Center

SUKKOT INFO

from the desk of Rabbi Paul Kurland



SUN. SEPT 23 EREV SUKKOT

Mincha/Ma'ariv Services	6:00pm
"Pasta in the Hut"	6:35pm
Candle Lighting	6:33pm

MON. SEPT 24 1ST DAY

Morning Service	9:30am
Candle Lighting	7:31pm

TUES. SEPT 25 2ND DAY

Morning Services	9:30am
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Open House	4:30-5:30pm
@ Rabbi & Gerri's Home	
113 Tennyson Drive - Nanuet	

Regular Ma'ariv Minyan	7:30pm
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SUN. SEPT 30 EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

Mincha/Ma'ariv Services	6:15pm
Candle Lighting	6:22pm

MON. OCT. 1 SHEMINI ATZERET

Morning Services	9:30am
(includes YIZKOR)	

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Family Fun for All Ages	6:45pm
Unrolling Entire Torah	~7:35pm
Candle Lighting	7:19pm

TUES. OCT. 2 SIMCHAT TORAH

Morning Services	9:30am
Torah Celebration	10:30am
Regular Ma'ariv Minyan	7:30pm



SUKKOT is filled with the beautiful fragrance of the season. Attempting to feel the grandeur of nature we build a temporary dwelling - a **Sukkah** - & eat at least 1 meal a day within its fragile walls. **Lulav & Etrog** are used throughout the week.

The **LULAV & ETROG**: Symbols that represent the harvest in Israel & typify the trees there. They play an important part in the festivities; today as well as in ancient times.

LULAV: palm branch composed of 3 myrtle twigs & 2 willow branches.

ETROG: large citron (like a lemon) with no blemishes.

ETROG & LULAV are used every day of **SUKKOT** except Shabbat. They're waved in

all directions acknowledging God's sovereignty over nature.

HAKAFOT (processions) are made with the **LULAV**, in Synagogue, commemorating the processional around the altar in the Temple of old.

HOSHANAH RABBAH, the 7th day of **SUKKOT**, concludes the season of penitence. According to tradition, God write one's fate on Rosh Hashanah, seals it on Yom Kippur & delivers the decree on **HOSHANAH RABBAH**. In the course of the service willow branches are beaten so that their leaves fall off. In the same way it is hoped that one's sinfulness will fall away.

SHEMINI ATZERET gets its name since it's an added 8th day to **Sukkot**. The rainy season is approaching in Israel, so we include a prayer for rain (Geshem).

YIZKOR prayers are recited.

SIMCHAT TORAH: the most joyous (& fun) experience! It's "*The Festival of Rejoicing with the Torah.*" We express this with great delight.

SIMCHAT TORAH EVENING SERVICE

- 1) All Torahs are taken from the ark & we share the honor of carrying them for **HAKAFOT** (processions) which wind their way all around the shul with songs & dance.
- 2) We encircle the children as we unroll an entire Torah around them! **Don't miss this!**

Return in the morning for more excitement & celebration

The **MORNING SERVICE** includes **Hakafot** like the evening before. **Everyone** is given the honor of being called to the Torah. **All children** come up & stand under a large **tallit** (a symbolic wedding canopy for the Torah) as the Torah verses are read.

Every year, we recognize 3 deserving congregants for special aliyot as we finish reading the Torah & begin aga^{im}

