

Sukkot

During the seven days of Sukkot, we...

- ~ Eat in a temporary hut called a "Sukkah".
- ~ The Sukkah reminds us of the protection (the Clouds of Glory) Hashem provided for our ancestors during their 40 years journey in the desert.
- ~ We cover the Sukkah with branches called Schach
- ~ When eating in the Sukkah, we say a special blessing:

"Baruch Ata Ado-nai Elo-heinu Melech Haolam Asher Kidshanu BeMitzvotav Vetzivanu Leishev BaSukkah"
(Blessed are You ... who commanded us to dwell in the Sukkah)

- ~ We gather 4 special species of plants:

Etrog: Yellow citrus fruit Lulav-Palm branch
Hadasim: 3 myrtle branches Aravot: 2 willow twigs

Holding these together, we recite a special blessing:

"Baruch Ata Ado-nai Elo-heinu Melech Haolam Asher Kidshanu BeMitzvotav Vetzivanu Al Netilat Lulav"
(Blessed are You... who commanded us to take the Lulav)

We shake them all together in all direction to show that G-d is everywhere.