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Chabad's Own Limor Gutkind Reporting from the Front Lines

My dear friends, I wanted to wish you all Shana Tova to you and your families, a year of health, happiness and especially peace!



Limor Gutkind

I also wanted to share with you pictures from a memorable day which was the highlight of our trip to Israel. It was thanks to all of you who contributed toward buying the necessities they needed

and providing us with the opportunity to fulfill a mitzvah. I am sure you all will enjoy looking at these pictures and will feel pleased to know how much you've helped the Israeli army and it's soldiers.

As soon as we got to Israel I contacted the colonel who is in charge of logistics and distribution to the soldiers in the north. We ordered the supply of socks, underwear, towels and undershirts from a factory which, in a day, shipped it up north. The Colonel, Raffi Krisple, was so greatly appreciative that he invited me with the boys, Idan and Danielli, to join him when he brought the packages to the soldiers. I met him at an army base by Afula where I parked my car and joined him in his army car and together, followed by a track where he had the merchandise, we went to the border to



Danielli and Idan

look for make-shift army bases where the soldiers have been when they were coming in and out of Lebanon. (My mom, off course, almost had a heart attack just from the thought of us there). But I must tell you it was a special day which my boys and I will never forget. We visited many army bases as you can see, till 9:00 pm when it was dark and we couldn't see a thing (they had camp fires since they weren't connected to any electricity).

I hope that you can tell from looking at the pictures the happiness on the soldiers faces and how proud Idan and Danielli were standing on the big truck helping distribute the packages. The soldiers were very thankful and grateful and so kind that they even took the boys on the tanks and showed them around.

We hope and pray for peace in Israel and in the world and for always to be surrounded by a wonderful and supportive community as you.
 Yours, Limor

*If anyone of you is planning to go to Israel and would like to visit an army base, or to make a donation that will go directly to the need of the soldiers - which unfortunately the army can not supply them with - I would love to put you in touch with Colonel Raffi Krisple

*Limor Gutkind served as
 CELC PA President for the past two years.*

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Did You Know That...

The special quality of the four species is that they all represent unity.

An etrog is called "the beautiful fruit of a tree," since "it remains on the tree from year to year" ("hadar" means both "beauty" and "one who dwells"); i.e. it develops on the tree during all the seasons of the year and thus "unifies" all the accompanying weather changes. It has this ability because its root is very lofty, a place higher than all division, one which 'bears opposites.'

The lulav is called "kapot tamarim"-"leaves of date-palms"-since "its leaves are kafutim"-"tied together."

The myrtle is "three leaves on one stem coming from one stalk."

The willow is called "achvana" (suggesting "achavah"-"brotherhood"), since its plants grow together.

Happy Sukkot from all of us at Chabad!

Happy Birthday!

<u>To</u>	<u>Hebrew Birthday</u>	<u>Occurs on</u>
Noam Siegel	18 Tishrei	October 10, 2006
Alexander Donald	16 Tishrei	October 8, 2006
Sofia Goldstein	16 Tishrei	October 8, 2006
Jordan Levine	16 Tishrei	October 8, 2006
Dylan Mann	18 Tishrei	October 10, 2006
Raquel Shadan	18 Tishrei	October 10, 2006
Jonathan Shadan	18 Tishrei	October 10, 2006
Sarah Binday	15 Tishrei	October 7, 2006
Leila Gurland	16 Tishrei	October 8, 2006
Tillie Iris Germain	20 Tishrei	October 12, 2006
Yonah Eliana Bruder Pretsfelder	17 Tishrei	October 9, 2006
Atara Friedman	15 Tishrei	October 7, 2006
Yona Aaron Rabinowitz	20 Tishrei	October 12, 2006
Shira Leah Shasha	15 Tishrei	October 7, 2006
Isabel Tsesarsky	15 Tishrei	October 7, 2006
Sarah Shaw	18 Tishrei	October 10, 2006
Eliana Stein	20 Tishrei	October 12, 2006
Justin Cleeman	19 Tishrei	October 11, 2006
Noa Hassan	20 Tishrei	October 12, 2006
Talia Celeste Dauer	20 Tishrei	October 12, 2006
Sarah Phillips	17 Tishrei	October 9, 2006
Arbel Groshaus	19 Tishrei	October 11, 2006
Reece Dwek	19 Tishrei	October 11, 2006

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Upcoming Events

Women's Circle

Wednesday, November 1

ACHIEVING PERSONAL GROWTH: BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN OURSELVES

Nechama Heber, Lecturer, Teacher, MS in Special Education

CRAFT A CHARMING FURNISHING FOR YOUR HOME

Lara Prince, Lara Prince Interior Design

Hostess: Beverly Nerenberg

First Days of Sukkot:

Friday - Sunday,

October 6 - 8

&

Shemini Atzeret,

Friday - Shabbat, October 13 -

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SUKKOT MEALS @ CHABAD

Sukkot is always a most exciting time at Chabad. From our joyous holiday services to the giant Sukkah filled with non-stop festivities, the Simcha of Sukkot is one you don't want to miss! To ensure seating please be sure to place your reservations early.

Dinner, Friday, October 6,begins at 7:15 PM

Lunch, Shabbat, October 7,begins at 1:00 PM

Dinner, Saturday night, October 7,begins at 7:30 PM

Lunch, Sunday, October 8,begins at 1:00 PM

Dinner, Friday night, October 13,begins at 9:00 PM

Lunch, Shabbat, October 14,begins at 1:00 PM

*To reserve, go to www.chabadwestside.org/sukkot
or call 212-864-5010*

\$36 adults / \$15 children

New at Chabad!

Home Delivery of your
Lulav & Etrog Set

Have Rabbi Fried help you pick out a beautiful Lulav and Etrog set at Chabad, or arrange for a complete set to be delivered directly to your home.

To order your Lulav & Etrog
and for more details,
visit www.chabadwestside.org/lulav
or call 212-864-5010 x 14

\$45 regular set \$80 Mehudar set

CHABAD KIDS CLUB

SUKKAH FESTIVAL

Monday,
October 9

4:30-6:30
pm

*Sing,
Dance
and
Decorate
the
Sukkah*

Join Chabad Kids Club!

The Alumni & Friends Kids Club is geared to Chabad ELC Alumni and their friends ages 3-5 and 6-8

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP

\$150 per child / \$300 for 2 +

HALF YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Session 1: Oct-Jan Session 2:
Feb-May

\$90 per child / \$180 for 2 +

Membership includes: Kids Club T-Shirt,
membership kit, admission to all club
events.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

\$25 per child / \$50 for 2 +

Register online at
www.Chabadwestside.org/ckc

For more information, please
contact Rachel Bregman, our par-
ent coordinator at 212-864-5010

Sign Up Today!

The Unpopular Tzaddik - A Sukkot Story

By Yerachmiel Tilles, from chabad.org



Rabbi Pinchas of Koretz was a spiritual giant in his generation. At first, his greatness was mostly unknown to his contemporaries, but he had no regrets; indeed, it suited him just fine. He spent his days and nights in

Torah-study, prayer and meditation. Rarely was he interrupted.

But then, the word began to spread, perhaps from fellow disciples of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov, that Rabbi Pinchas was very, very special. People began to visit him on a regular basis, seeking his guidance, requesting his support, asking for his prayers and beseeching his blessing. The more he helped them, the more they came. The trickle to his door became a stream and the stream became a daily flood of personal stories and requests for help.

Rabbi Pinchas was overwhelmed. He felt he was no longer serving G-d properly, because he no longer had sufficient time to study, pray and meditate as he should. He didn't know what to do. He needed more privacy and less distraction, but how could he turn away dozens and even hundreds of people who genuinely felt that he could help them? How could he convince them to go elsewhere, to others more willing and qualified than he?

Then he had an idea. He would pray for heavenly help in the matter. Let G-d arrange it that people not be attracted to seek him out! Let G-d make him be despicable in the eyes of his fellows!

"A tzaddik decrees and Heaven agrees," they say. Rabbi Pinchas prayed and so it became. No longer did people visit him. Not only that, on those occasions when he went to town, he was met with averted heads and a chilly atmosphere.

Rabbi Pinchas didn't mind at all. Indeed, he was delighted. The old pattern was restored; rarely was he interrupted.

Then the "Days of Awe" of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur passed, and there remained only four brief busy days to prepare for the Sukkot festival. In previous years, there had always been some yeshiva students or local townspeople who were only too glad to help the pious rabbi construct his sukkah-hut. But this time, not a single soul arrived. No one liked him, and no one even thought to help him.

Not being handy in these matters, the rabbi didn't know what to do. Finally, having no choice, he was forced to hire a non-Jew to build his sukkah for him. But the hired man did not possess the tools that were needed, and Rabbi Pinchas could not get a single Jew in the neighborhood to lend him tools because they disliked him so much. In the end, his wife had to go to borrow them, and even that was difficult to accomplish due to the prevailing attitude towards her husband. With just a few hours remaining till the onset of the festival, they finally managed to complete a flimsy minimal structure.

As the sun slid between the forest branches and the Rebbetzin lit the festive candles, Rabbi Pinchas hurried off to shul. Despite his solitary ways, he always made a point to attend the congregational prayers on the holidays; besides he didn't want to miss the opportunity to acquire a guest for the festival meal, something so integral to the essence of the holiday.

In those days in Europe, people desiring an invitation to a meal would stand in the back of the shul upon the completion of the prayers. The householders would then invite them upon their way out, happy to so easily accomplish the mitzvah of hospitality. Rabbi Pinchas, unfortunately, did not find it so simple. Even those without a place to eat and desperate for an invitation to a sukkah in which to enjoy the festival meal, turned him down without a second thought. Eventually, everyone who needed a place and everyone who wanted a guest were satisfied, except for the tzaddik, Rabbi Pinchas.

He trudged home alone, saddened and a bit shaken up at the realization that he might never have another guest, not even for the special festive meal of the First Night of Sukkos. Alas, that too was part of the price of his freedom.... It was worth it, wasn't it?

Pausing just inside the entrance to his sukkah, Rabbi Pinchas began to chant the traditional invitation to the Ushpizin, the seven heavenly guests who visit every Jewish sukkah. Although not many are privileged to actually see these exalted visitors, Rabbi Pinchas was definitely one of the select few who had this experience on an annual basis. This year, he raised his eyes and saw the Patriarch Abraham—the first of the Ushpizin and therefore the honored guest for the first night of the festival—standing outside the door of the sukkah, keeping his distance.

Rabbi Pinchas cried out to him in anguish: "Father Abraham! Why do you not enter my sukkah? What is my sin?"

Replied the patriarch: "I am the embodiment of Chesed, serving G-d through deeds of loving-kindness. Hospitality was my specialty. I will not join a table where there are no guests."

The crestfallen Rabbi Pinchas quickly re-ordered his priorities. He prayed that everything be restored to as it had been, and that he should find favor in the eyes of his fellows exactly as before. Again his prayer was answered. Within a short time, throngs of people were again finding their way to his door; seeking his guidance, asking his support, requesting his prayers, and beseeching his blessing. No longer could he devote all or even most of his time to his Torah-study, his prayer, and to his meditation. But thanks to his holy Sukkot guest, this was no longer seen as a problem.

Biographical Note:

Rabbi Pinchas Shapiro of Koretz (1726-1791) was considered to be one of the two most pre-eminent followers of the Chassidism's founder, Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov (along with Rabbi Israel's successor the Maggid of Mezritch).



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Supper in the Sukkah

Celebrate the Chag together with Chabad morahs and friends!

Tuesday, October 10

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Chabad's Giant Sukkah - 101 West 92nd Street



Crafts & Activities
Pizza Dinner

\$5 per person
\$20 per family

Next Week at CELC



Monday, October 9	NO SCHOOL Sukkot / Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 10	12:30 pm dismissal for all classes Music 92 Supper in the Sukkah
Wednesday, October 11	12:30 pm dismissal for all classes Kinderdance 97
Thursday, October 12	NO SCHOOL - Sukkot
Friday, October 13	NO SCHOOL - Hoshana Raba

From the PA Desk

We are pleased to announce this year's class parents! We would like to thank each of the class parents for taking on this important role. We would also like to thank **Beverly Wolfer** (mom of Adam, PK) for being our class parent coordinator. Beverly has years of experience as a CELC class parent, and will be facilitating the efforts of all the class parents this year.

In the coming weeks, you can look forward to hearing from your class parents about upcoming events for families in your child's class. Please don't hesitate to talk with your class parents about ideas you have for events, or to offer your help in planning a get-together.

Chag Sameach,
Sarah and Deborah



Isaac (PN1) and his Lulav and Etrog.

Toddler 1--Morah Suri
Alexandra Zohn-Cepelowicz (mom of Eliana Cepelowicz)
Sarah Sultman (mom of Evie)

Toddler 2--Morah Fraida
Melissa Bane (mom of Eliana)
Zipi Slav (mom of Zohar)

Pre-Nursery 1--Morah Naomi
Ilana Gordon (mom of Dahlia Bernstein)
Yael Dunayer (mom of Maya)

Pre-Nursery 2--Morah Dina
Alisa Schenker (mom of Emma)
Dana Fine (mom of Charles)

Pre-Nursery 3--Morah Rivky
Malaika Amon (mom of Akira Bregman)
Tova Epstein (mom of Shoshana)

Todder 2/97th Street--Morahs Rachel and Ratzl
Julie Feldman (mom of Caleb Rosenfeld)

Pre-Nursery/97th Street--Morah Blimi
Joanne Siegel (mom of Noam)
Skye Gabel Mann (mom of Dylan Mann)

Nursery 1--Morah Leba
Michele Sachar (mom of Talia Rothschild)
Tamar Rosenthal (mom of Yvee)

Nursery 2--Morah Esther
Cayle Hasson (mom of Felix)
Elana Genger (mom of Gavi)

Pre-K --Morah Chava
Abigail Lindenbaum Tambor (mom of Moshe Tambor)
Beverly Wolfer (mom of Adam Nerenberg)

SAVE THE DATE!
Fall Shabbat Dinner
Friday, November 10

CELC Support Staff

Now that the year has gotten underway and the children are more accustomed to the school routine and environment, the teachers are able to focus on each child individually. This is the time of year we call "Observation Time." Children are observed as they play and participate in activities so that we can determine if there are specific areas that need to be focused on.

You will have the opportunity to meet Anna Friedman, our occupational therapist and Marlene Noveck, our speech therapist at our first Parent Education session on Tuesday, October 17. Their presentation will include an outline of important child development milestones and an open Q&A session.

Anna, Marlene and Leila Silver (our early childhood consultant); will be visiting all the classrooms during this month. Following their classroom visits, they will share their observations with the teachers. You will then hear about your child's development during Parent Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 6.

Please feel free to call or contact Pearl at pearl@chabadwestside.org / 212-864-5010 x12 if you have anything to share with your child's teachers as we observe your child or if you would like to set up an appointment with Pearl before conferences.

Parent Ed

Learn about the developmental milestones of each age group and what you can do to maximize your child's preschool experience.

Q&A with

Anna Friedman, *Occupational Therapist*

Marlene Noveck, *Speech Therapist*



Tuesday, October 17 at 8:00 pm
Hosted by Sandra and Jeffrey Smith
201 West 89th Street

RSVP by Wednesday, October 11 to the school office or celc@chabadwestside.org

Sukkot in a Nutshell

For forty years, as our ancestors traversed the Sinai Desert prior to their entry into the Holy Land, miraculous "clouds of glory" surrounded and hovered over them, shielding them from the dangers and discomforts of the desert. Ever since, we remember G-d's kindness and reaffirm our trust in His providence by dwelling in a sukkah, a hut of temporary construction with a roof covering of branches - for the duration of the Sukkot festival (October 6-14). For seven days and nights, we eat all our meals in the sukkah and otherwise regard it as our home.

Another Sukkot observance is the taking of the Four Kinds: an etrog (citron), a lulav (palm frond), three hadassim (myrtle twigs) and two aravot (willow twigs). On each day of the festival (excluding Shabbat), we take the Four Kinds, recite a blessing over them, bring them together in our hands and wave them in all six directions: right, left, forward, backward, up and down. The Midrash tells us that the Four Kinds represent the various types and personalities that comprise the community of Israel, whose intrinsic unity we emphasize on Sukkot.

Sukkot is also called the time of our joy; indeed, a special joy pervades the festival. Nightly Water-Drawing Celebrations, reminiscent of the all-night festivities held in the Holy Temple in preparation for the drawing of water for use in the festival service, fill the synagogues and streets with song, music and dance until the wee hours of the morning.

The seventh day of Sukkot is called Hoshana Raba ("Great Salvation") and closes the period of Divine judgment which began on Rosh Hashana. A special observance of the day is the Aravah - a bundle of willow branches that are carried around the synagogue.

The second day of the two-day festival of Shemini Atzeret is called Simchat Torah ("Rejoicing of the Torah"). On this day we conclude, and begin anew, the annual Torah reading cycle.

The event is marked with great rejoicing, especially during the "hakafot" procession, held both on the eve and morning of Simchat Torah, in which we march, sing and dance with Torah scrolls around the reading table in the synagogue. In the words of the Chassidic saying, "On Simchat Torah, we rejoice in the Torah, and the Torah rejoices in us; the Torah, too, wants to dance, so we become the Torah's dancing feet."



Sukkot! Rachel, Dylan and Abi of PN97

TORAH FAX

United Nation

Judaism is based on the principle of unity. There is one G-d, one Torah and one Israel. But nowhere is the theme of unity more pronounced than in the Mitzvahs connected with the holiday of Sukkot.

The Sukkah, from which the holiday gets its name, represents unity and oneness. According to one opinion in the Talmud, the Sukkah we dwell in during Sukkot commemorates the Clouds of Glory that enveloped the Jewish people during their forty years of travelling through the desert. Our sages tell us of the many miracles that these clouds performed, they protected the Jews from their enemies, cleaned their clothes and kept them in mint condition, removed dangerous snakes and scorpions from their path and flattened hills and valleys so that the road was flat and smooth. Perhaps even more significant, however, than the great wonders associated with the clouds, they enveloped the entire Jewish people at once and unified them.

Based on this, the Talmud points out that, whereas there is a minimal measure to a Sukkah's size - and any smaller than that would invalidate the Sukkah - there is no limit as to how big a Sukkah can be, because "the entire Jewish nation can sit together in one Sukkah."

Sukkot is also the time of year when we take the "Four Kinds" and hold them together. The four plants, known as the Lulav (palm branch), the Etrog (citron), Hadassim, (myrtles) and Aravot (willows) also illustrate unity. Unlike virtually all other plants, the Etrog grows during all four seasons, symbolizing the unifying force which transcends the varied aspects of the year. Just as the four seasons of the year vary greatly, so do the trials of life. The Etrog teaches us that every experience, regardless of the way it appears, contributes to our spiritual growth and development.

Though a date palm branch sometimes has its leaves spread out in many directions, the Lulav's leaves must be tightly bound together. This indicates that though we may find ourselves drawn in different directions, all must come together and point to the same G-dly objective.

The myrtle branch has rows of leaves growing on it. Each row

Moshiach Matters...

"Rabbi Yishmael taught: In the merit of three things, one of which is the Mitzvah of Lulav, we will merit three things, the destruction of (the evil nature of) our enemies, the building of the Third Temple and the name of Moshiach." (Talmud, Pesachim, 5A)

contains three leaves and, in the spirit of unity, Jewish Law requires that all three leaves grow from the same stem. Willows stand for unity because they grow together in groups and are actually called (in Aramaic) "Achvanah" which means "brotherhood."

Clearly, the message from each of these species is that of togetherness and unity. But the message of unity on Sukkot goes even further than that. We must take each of these unique and disparate kinds of plants and bind them all together - showing that, in addition to the unity within each species, we must develop unity between these distinct and individual groups.

Our sages also explain in the Midrash that these four species represent four different types of Jews. The Etrog, with its pleasant fragrance as well as good taste, symbolizes those that are both righteous and learned. The Lulav, which comes from the date palm, symbolizes those that have the taste of knowledge, but are not necessarily so exemplary in the area of good deeds. The myrtle, which has a pleasant fragrance, stands for those whose main preoccupation is the fulfillment of the Mitzvahs. The willow, which lacks both taste and smell, represents the lowest class of people, who are devoid of both Torah knowledge as well as good deeds.

Yet, notwithstanding their differences, the Mitzvah of the "Four Kinds" cannot be fulfilled unless we bind them all together. It is not enough that we have the majestic Lulav or the beautiful Etrog, the Mitzvah requires that we take the lowly willow as well. Similarly, we cannot lock ourselves in an ivory tower with Torah scholars or like-minded co-religionists - unity demands that we feel as one with all Jews.

This, in essence, is how the Torah defines unity. Not only must we be close with others in our community, social circles and the like. We must be as one with the entire Jewish nation, no matter how distant they may be from us, geographically, philosophically or spiritually.

By taking the message of unity to heart that the "Four Kinds" teach us, we will surely hasten the coming of Moshiach when, "A great unified nation will return here (to Israel.)"

Halachic Times
(week of October 8 - 14)

Earliest Tefillin (latest of the week) :6:06 AM
Latest Shma (earliest of the week) :9:46 AM

First Days Sukkot
October 6 - 8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 - SUKKOT EVE

Candle Lighting :6:11 pm
Mincha :6:20 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat :6:50 pm
Dinner in the Sukkah :7:15 pm by reservation

SHABBAT, OCTOBER 7 - SUKKOT DAY 1

Please note: the Lulav and Etrog are not used on Shabbat.

Shacharit :9:45 am
Lunch in the Sukkah :1:00 pm by reservation
Rambam with Rabbi Fried :5:10 pm
Mincha :6:10 pm
Light candles from a pre-existing flame . . .after 7:09 pm
Begin preparing for the Yom Tov meal . . .after 7:09 pm
Maariv :7:09 pm
Dinner in the Sukkah :7:15 pm by reservation

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 - SUKKOT DAY 2

Please note: earliest time for taking Lulav and Etrog throughout Sukkot :7:05 am
Shacharit :9:45 am
Lunch in the Sukkah :1:00 pm by reservation
Rambam with Rabbi Fried :5:20 pm
Mincha :6:20 pm
Maariv and Havdala :7:08 pm

SCHEDULE FOR OUR DAILY MINYAN
FOR CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT & HOSHANA RABA
OCTOBER 9 - 13

Monday Thru Friday :7:00 AM

Blessings for Holiday Candle Lighting

Blessings for FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 - SUKKOT EVE

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam A-sher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-tav Ve-tzi-va-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Sha-bat v'shel Yom Tov.

Translation: Blessed are you, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the light of the Sabbath and the Festival Day.

The Shechiyonu blessing:

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-he-che-ya-nu Vi-kee-yi-ma-nu Vi-hi-gee-an-u Liz-man Ha-zeh

Translation: Blessed are you, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us and let us reach this time.

Blessings for SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 7

IMPORTANT: Light candles from a pre-existing flame after 7:09 pm

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Translation: Blessed are you, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us and let us reach this time.

Kids Shul Sukkot Schedule

First Days Sukkot

Shabbat & Sunday, October 7-8
11:00 - 12:15

Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

Shabbat & Sunday, October 14-15
11:00 - 12:15

Special Children's Hakafot

Friday October 13

6:30-7:30 PM

&

Sunday, October 15

12:15 - 1:00 PM

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Sponsoring a Kiddush is a great way to share you Simchah or special family event with the community!

Kiddushim can be sponsored to celebrate a birthday, graduation or to commemorate the Yahrzeit of a loved one. Kiddush sponsors are encouraged to share some words of Torah at their Kiddush. Kiddushim cost \$300, \$400 or \$500.

To sponsor a kiddush, please email Rabbi Fried at ryf@chabadwestside.org, or call at 212-864-5010 x 14.

Kiddush Schedule:

Shabbat Sukkot, 1st day, October 7,available

Sukkot, 2nd day, October 8,available

Shemini Atzeret, October 14,available

Simchat Torah, October 15,

*Kiddush is sponsored by **Greg and Channie Bell***

Shabbat Breishit, October 21,available

Shabbat Noach, October 28,

*Kiddush is sponsored by **Rabbi Yitzchok and Chana Hershkop** in honor of the birth of their daughter Devora Lea, granddaughter of Rabbi Shlomo & Rivka Kugel*

Shabbat Lech Lecha, November 4,.....

*Kiddush is sponsored by **Judy and Rodney Greenwald** with gratitude to Hashem*

SUKKOT CUSTOMS

TZEDAKA

It is customary to give extra charity on Sukkot Eve.

LULAV BINDING

The Lulav is bound to its Aravot (willows) and Hadasim (myrtle branches) before the onset of the holiday. The Chabad custom is to bind the Lulav on Sukkot Eve in the Sukkah.

ITALIAN ETROG

For both Halachic and mystical reasons, it is the Chabad custom to use an Etrog grown in Calabria, Italy.

HONEY

The Challah is dipped in honey at all the Sukkot meals.

JOY

There is a specific commandment to be joyous on Sukkot. Extra efforts are taken to participate in activities that bring joy to all family members. Torah law encourages parents to purchase gifts

for their children and husbands to present their wives with jewelry. In this spirit, one makes an extra effort to drink wine on each day of the holiday including the intermediate days.

THE SUKKAH EXPERIENCE

One should eat all meals in the Sukkah. When partaking of bread, cake or wine, it is customary to do so in the Sukkah. Ideally, one should only eat and drink in the Sukkah. If possible, it is preferable to light Yom Tov and Shabbat candles in the Sukkah.

There is an additional obligation to eat in the Sukkah on the first night of the holiday, Friday, October 6. If it rains, one should wait until it stops and then enter the Sukkah for Kiddush. It is a widespread custom to eat in the Sukkah even when it is raining. The blessing of Leishev BaSukkah is still recited.

YOM TOV ON SHABBAT

On the first night of Sukkot, Friday, October 6; Shalom Aleichem and Eishet Chayil are sung as on every Friday night. On this night, however, they are sung quietly or recited in an undertone.

The Lulav and Etrog are not used on Shabbat.

Preparations for the second day of Yom Tov, Sunday, October 8, should not be done until after nightfall, 7:09 pm on Saturday evening, October 7. Preparations include cooking, setting the table and lighting candles (from a pre-existing flame).

SATURDAY NIGHT KIDDUSH

As the Saturday night Kiddush leads from Shabbat into Yom Tov, Havdala is recited along with the Kiddush. The special Kiddush is referred to by the Hebrew acronym of YaKNeHaZ. The order of events is printed in the siddur. We begin by saying the blessing on the wine and Kiddush. Then the blessing of Meorei HaEsh is said over the Yom Tov candles. These blessings are followed by the recital of the special Havdala prayer and the Shehechyanu blessing. Due to various halachic issues, the flames are not brought together as is usually done during Havdala. Additionally, we do not hold our fingernails near the candles when the blessing is recited. We merely look at the candles.

LULAV AND ETROG

In the spirit of Zerizim Makdimin LeMitzvot (the assiduous rush to fulfill Mitzvot), most people shake Lulav before beginning the morning service. However, one must ensure that the Mitzvah is performed after sunrise, 7:05 am.

A right-handed person holds the Lulav in the right hand and the Etrog in the left hand. A left-handed person holds the Lulav in his left hand and the Etrog in the right hand.

When shaking Lulav, one faces east. After reciting the blessing, wave or gently shake the Four Kinds in all six directions. It is important to shake the Lulav in a gentle fashion to ensure that the middle leaf of the Lulav remains intact. A split middle leaf may invalidate a Lulav.

Men and women recite the blessing and shake Lulav each day of Sukkot aside for Shabbat.

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