

Succot 5784

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Dedications:

Rivkie Jungreis - Thank you to Hakadosh Baruch Hu and for continued good health for Godel Yehuda b Roizel and a refuah shelaimah b'karov l'cholei Yisrael. And a Refuah shelaima to Eliyahu b' Sarah Itkah

Anonymous - Lzecher nishmas Elka Minya bas Yochanan. And for a refuah sheleima for Tzvi Yehuda ben Masha Leah

Esther Horowitz - For a zechus for a zivug hagun for Isser Zev ben Malka, may he have nesias chein by his zivug and be zocheh to build a beautiful happy Jewish home

Seema Selmar - In gratitude to Hashem for the upcoming chasana of my daughter Esther and engagement of my son Eli.

Elaine Vidars - For a refuah sheleimah for Esther Rochel bas Sarah

Marjorie Lipkin - L'iluy nishmat her father David Hertzel ben Elyakim who passed away כ"ז תמוז.

Barbara Zand - L'iluy nishmat Baila Risha bas Yosef who I was very close to and called her Bubby Bella. Her Yohr Tzeit is Wednesday night י"ג תשרי. May her Heiliga Neshama have an Aliya!

She lived in Poland and miraculously survived the Łódź ghetto with my father and his 2 brothers. They were there from the beginning of the war until the end. My father was a foreman of a factory & he punched the time clock for her and she remained in their tiny apartment where she davened and said Tehillim.

She was a Big Tzadekes! As a single girl she would stand in the driveway & daven near an open window because the shteibel had no woman's section.

She always had a siddur in her hand & davened 3 times a day.

She got a special Brocha from the Slonimer Rebbi that she will never be separated from her children when she married a widower who was much older than her and had 4 children.

When she gave a Bracha it was like the biggest Rebbe giving a Bracha.

Pessy Florans - In honor of our new granddaughter who was born today bH. Mother and baby are doing well.

Cathy Roberts - Mazal tov to her twin boys for finishing school and starting a new chapter in yeshiva b'ezrat Hashem and mazal tov to all their peers, wishing them all hatzlocha

Sukkot- The Spiritually Safe Space

A. Context for Sukkot

1. Bereisheet: 33:....16-17

וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּיוֹם הַהוּא עֵשָׂו לְדַרְכּוֹ שְׂעִירָה:

So Esau started back that day on his way to Seir.

וַיַּעֲקֹב נִסַּע סֻכּוֹתָהּ וַיִּבֶן לּוֹ בַּיִת וּלְמִקְנֵהוּ עָשָׂה סֻכּוֹת עַל־כֵּן קָרָא שְׁמֵי־הַמָּקוֹם סֻכּוֹת:

But **Jacob journeyed on to Succoth**, and built a house for himself and his flock, for this reason he called the place **Succot**.

2. Shemot 12:36-37

וְהָיָה וְנָתַן אֶת־חֵן הָעַם בְּעֵינֵי מִצְרַיִם וַיִּשְׂאֲלוּם וַיַּנְדְּלוּ אֶת־מִצְרַיִם:

And ה had disposed Egyptians favorably toward the people, and they let them have their request; thus they stripped the Egyptians.

וַיִּסְעוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִרַעַמְסֵס סֻכּוֹתָהּ כֶּשֶׁשׁ־מֵאוֹת אֶלְפֵי רַגְלֵי הַגְּבָרִים לְבַד מִטָּף:

The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to **Succoth**, about six hundred foot soldiers, besides young children.

3. Ezra 3:4

וַיַּעֲשׂוּ אֶת־תֵּג הַסֻּכּוֹת כַּכְּתוּב וְעֹלֹת יוֹם בְּיוֹם בְּמִסְפָּר כַּמְשָׁפֵט דְּבַר־יוֹם בְּיוֹמוֹ:

Then they celebrated the **festival of Succot** as is written, with its daily burnt offerings in the proper quantities, on each day as is prescribed for it.

4. Nechemia 8:14-17

וַיִּמְצְאוּ כְּתוּב בַּתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה הָיָה בְּיַד־מֹשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר יָשְׁבוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּסֻּכּוֹת בַּחֹג בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי:

They found written in the Teaching that the LORD had commanded Moses that the Israelites must dwell in booths **during the festival of the seventh month**,

וְאֲשֶׁר יִשְׁמְעוּ וַיַּעֲבִירוּ קוֹל בְּכָל־עָרֵיהֶם וּבִירוּשָׁלַם לֵאמֹר צֵאוּ הָרָר וְהִבְיֵאוּ עֲלֵי־זֵיתִל וְעֲלֵי־עֵץ שִׁטָּם וְעֲלֵי הַדָּס וְעֲלֵי תַמָּרִים וְעֲלֵי עֵץ עֲבֹת לַעֲשׂוֹת סֻכּוֹת כַּכְּתוּב:

and that they must announce and proclaim throughout all their towns and Jerusalem as follows, "Go out to the mountains and bring leafy branches of olive trees, pine trees, myrtles, palms and [other] leafy trees **to make booths**, as it is written."

וַיֵּצְאוּ הָעָם וַיָּבִיאוּ וַיַּעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם סֻכּוֹת אִישׁ עַל־גֻּגּוֹ וּבְחִצְרֹתֵיהֶם וּבְחִצְרוֹת בְּיַת הָאֱלֹהִים וּבְרַחוֹב שַׁעַר הַמַּיִם וּבְרַחוֹב שַׁעַר אֶפְרַיִם:

So the people went out and brought them, **and made themselves booths** on their roofs, in their courtyards, in the courtyards of the House of God, in the square of the Water Gate and in the square of the Ephraim Gate.

וַיַּעֲשׂוּ כִּהְקִהָל הַשִּׁבְיִים מִן־הַשָּׁבִי | **סִכּוֹת וַיֵּשְׁבוּ בְּסִכּוֹת** כִּי לֹא־עָשׂוּ מִימֵי יֵשׁוּעַ בֶּן־נּוּן כֵּן בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה וַתְּהִי שִׂמְחָה גְדוֹלָה מְאֹד:

The whole community that returned from the captivity made **booths** and dwelt in the **booths**—the Israelites had not done so from the days of Joshua son of Nun to this day—and there was very great rejoicing.

5. Shabbat, Maariv, Blessings of the Shema, Second Blessing after Shema

הַשְּׂכִיבֵנו ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם. וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ מִלְּכָנוּ לְחַיִּים וּפְרוּשׁ עָלֵינוּ **סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ**. וְתִקְנֵנוּ בְּעֵצָה טוֹבָה מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנו מִהֲרָה לְמַעַן שְׁמֶךָ. וְהִגֵּן בְּעַדְנוּ: וְהִסֵּר מֵעָלֵינוּ אוֹיֵב דָּבָר וְחָרָב וְרָעַב וְיָגוֹן. וְהִסֵּר שָׁטָן מִלְּפָנֵינוּ וּמֵאַחֲרֵינוּ. וּבְצֵל כְּנָפֶיךָ תִּסְתִּירֵנוּ. כִּי אֵל שׁוֹמְרָנוּ וּמְצִילֵנוּ אַתָּה. כִּי אֵל מְלַךְ חַנוּן וְרַחוּם אַתָּה: וּשְׁמוֹר צִאתָנוּ וּבואֵנוּ לְחַיִּים וְלְשָׁלוֹם מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם: וּפְרוּשׁ עָלֵינוּ **סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ**. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' הַפּוֹרֵשׁ **סִכַּת** שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלַיִם:

Help us, Lord, to lie down in peace, and awaken us again, our Sovereign, to life. Spread over us **Your sukka of peace**; guide us with Your good counsel. Save us because of Your mercy. Shield us from enemies and plague, from starvation, sword, and sorrow. Remove the evil forces that surround us. Shelter us in the shadow of Your wings, O G-d, who watches over us and delivers us, our gracious and merciful Ruler. Guard our coming and our going; grant us life and peace, now and always. Spread over us the shelter of Your peace. Praised are you, Lord, who spreads the shelter of peace over us, over all G-d's people Israel, and over Jerusalem.

B. Context for Sechach

Shemot 25:19-20

וַעֲשֵׂה כְרוּב אֶחָד מִקְצֵה מִזְּהָ וּכְרוּב־אֶחָד מִקְצֵה מִזְּהָ מִן־הַכַּפֹּרֶת תַּעֲשֶׂה אֶת־הַכְּרֻבִים עַל־שְׁנֵי קְצוֹתָיו: וְהָיוּ הַכְּרֻבִים פְּרָשֵׁי כְנָפִים לְמַעַל הַכַּפֹּרֶת וּפְנֵיהֶם אִישׁ אֶל־אָחִיו אֶל־הַכַּפֹּרֶת יִהְיוּ פְנֵי הַכְּרֻבִים: The cherubim shall have their wings spread out above, shielding the cover with their wings. They shall confront each other, the faces of the cherubim being turned toward the cover.

C. The Breakthrough Process

1. RH- YK- Sukkot- process

2. Kaparah and Tahara -Vayikra 16:30

כִּי־בַיּוֹם הַזֶּה יִכַּפֵּר עֲלֵיכֶם -לְטַהֵר אֶתְכֶם מִכָּל חַטָּאתֵיכֶם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה תִּטְהָרוּ: For on this day atonement shall be made for you to purify you of all your sins; you shall be pure before יהוה.

3. Sukkat Shelomecha-

שִׁים שְׁלוֹם טוֹבָה וּבִרְכָה חֵן וְחֶסֶד וְרַחֲמִים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמָּךְ. בְּרַכֵּנוּ אָבִינוּ כְּלָנוּ כְּאֶחָד בְּאוֹר פְּנִיָּךְ. כִּי בְּאוֹר
פְּנִיָּךְ נִתְּתָ לָנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ תּוֹרַת חַיִּים וְאַהֲבַת חֶסֶד וְיִצְדִּיקָה וּבִרְכָה וְרַחֲמִים וְחַיִּים וְשְׁלוֹם. וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרֵךְ אֶת עַמְּךָ
יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל־עֵת וּבְכָל־שָׁעָה בְּשְׁלוֹמְךָ:

Grant peace, goodness, and blessing, favor, kindness and compassion upon us and upon all Israel, Your people. Bless us, our Father, all of us as one with the light of Your countenance. For by the light of Your countenance You gave us Adonoy our God, a Torah of life and the love of kindness, righteousness, blessing, compassion, life and peace. And may it be good in Your sight to bless Your people, Israel, at all times and at every moment with Your peace.