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SUKKOT 5787

Friday, September 25, 2026

All About the "SUKKOT" ...

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Beginning five days after Yom Kippur, Sukkot is named after the booths or huts (sukkot in Hebrew) in which Jews are supposed to dwell during this week-long celebration. According to rabbinic tradition, these flimsy sukkot represent the huts in which the Israelites dwelt during their 40 years of wandering in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Sukkot is one of the three great pilgrimage festivals (*chaggim* or *regalim*) of the Jewish year.

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Build Something Beautiful

The sukkah leaves an astonishing amount open to our creative vision.



Preparations for Sukkot began this past Monday night, at what might seem like a strange moment. We had just completed the great work of the *Yamim Noraim*, or the Days of Awe. During the long season of repentance and return, we searched ourselves, made amends, asked for forgiveness. And then, with the final blast of the shofar still resonating in our bodies and echoing in our ears, tradition instructed us to go home and ... build something?!

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Edmonton Candle Lighting Times ...

Sukkot & Simchat Torah 2026



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Shemini Atzeret

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Saturday, October 3, 2026 Tishrei 22, 5787	**Light Holiday Candles after** 7:57 PM from a pre-existing flame
Sunday, October 4, 2026 Tishrei 23, 5787	**Holiday Ends** 7:54 PM

New Sukkot videos ...



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A Teaching and Story for Each Night ...

Sukkot & Simchat Torah 2026



The First Night of Sukkot
- Abraham and the Baal Shem Tov
- Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov: Wake Up and Celebrate!
- The Unpopular Tzaddik

The Second Night of Sukkot
- Isaac and the Maggid of Mezritch
- The Maggid of Mezritch: The Awesomeness of Sukkot Celebration
- The Dry Sukkah and the Holy Bagel Seller

The Third Night of Sukkot
- Jacob and Rabbi Schneur Zalman, "the Alter Rebbe"
- Rabbi Schneur Zalman: Wine, Water and Happiness
- The Stranger Who Wanted to Go to Heaven

The Fourth Night of Sukkot
- Moses and Rabbi Dovber, "the Mittler Rebbe"
- Rabbi Dovber: When Nobody Celebrates Sukkot
- The Aluminum Sukkah

The Fifth Night of Sukkot
- Aaron and Rabbi Menachem Mendel, "the Tzemach Tzedek"
- Rabbi Menachem Mendel: The Divine Guests to Our Sukkah
- The Broken Etrog

The Sixth Night of Sukkot
- Joseph and Rabbi Shmuel, "the Rebbe Maharash"
- Rabbi Shmuel: What Makes the Sukkah Such a Happy Place?
- The Day I Was an Angel

The Seventh Night of Sukkot
- King David and Rabbi Sholom Dovber, "the Rebbe Rashab"
- Rabbi Sholom Dovber: Unprocessed Happiness
- The Reward

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A Strong Alberta Within a United Canada

By Kelly McCauley, Member of Parliament, Edmonton-West

I'm voting for a strong Alberta within a united Canada which is why I'm voting Option 1 for Alberta to stay in Canada

I am a proud Albertan and a proud Canadian. Those two identities have never been in conflict for me. As a Member of Parliament for Edmonton West, I have the privilege of representing Albertans in Ottawa, and that experience has reinforced my belief that Alberta's future is best served within a strong and united Canada.

My decision to vote for Alberta to remain in Canada is ultimately about what I believe is in the best interests of the people I represent.

That does not mean accepting the status quo. Alberta has legitimate grievances with Ottawa. I have seen first-hand the frustration over federal policies affecting our energy sector, taxation, regulation, and economic opportunities. I believe strongly that Alberta should have a greater voice in decisions that affect our province.

But I also believe there is a difference between demanding a better deal within Confederation and leaving Confederation altogether.

As an MP, I have seen the importance of having Alberta voices at the federal table. Our province has an enormous contribution to make to Canada: our natural resources, entrepreneurs, workers, agriculture, energy expertise and growing communities all strengthen the country.

I also believe Canada benefits enormously from Alberta. A successful Alberta means more jobs, investment, vital resources for our valued social programs and opportunities for Canadians across the country.

Voting to remain in Canada does not mean giving Ottawa a blank cheque. Quite the opposite. I believe Alberta should remain steadfast at the table while continuing to fight for a fairer federation—one where provincial jurisdiction is respected and Alberta's economic potential unleashed.

There is plenty of work ahead. We need to build the infrastructure that gets our resources to market, reduce unnecessary red tape, encourage investment and make sure Alberta has the opportunity to compete and prosper.

My commitment is to continue making that case in Ottawa.

I am voting for Alberta to remain in Canada because I believe we can have both: a strong, confident Alberta and a stronger, united Canada.

On October 19, I am voting option 1.



Kelly McCauley
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"V'Zot HaBerachah" in a Nutshell ...



***T**he name of the Parshah, "V'Zot HaBerachah," means "And this is the blessing," and it is found in Deuteronomy 33:1.*

The Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret Torah readings are from Leviticus 22-23, Numbers 29, and Deuteronomy 14-16. These readings detail the laws of the moadim or "appointed times" on the Jewish calendar for festive celebration of our bond with G-d; including the mitzvot of dwelling in the sukkah (branch-covered hut) and taking the "Four Kinds" on the festival of Sukkot; the offerings brought in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem on Sukkot, and the obligation to journey to the Holy Temple to "to see and be seen before the face of G-d" on the three annual pilgrimage festivals — Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot.

On Simchat Torah ("Rejoicing of the Torah") we conclude, and begin anew, the annual Torah-reading cycle. First we read the Torah section of V'zot HaBerachah, which recounts the blessings that Moses gave to each of the twelve tribes of Israel before his death. Echoing Jacob's blessings to his twelve sons five generations earlier, Moses assigns and empowers each tribe with its individual role within the community of Israel.

V'zot HaBerachah then relates how Moses ascended Mount Nebo from whose summit he saw the Promised Land. "And Moses the servant of G-d died there in the Land of Moab by the mouth of G-d... and no man knows his burial place to this day." The Torah concludes by attesting that "There arose not a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom G-d knew face to face... and in all the mighty hand and the great awesome things which Moses did before the eyes of all Israel."

Immediately after concluding the Torah, we begin it anew by reading the first chapter of Genesis (the beginning of next Shabbat's Torah reading) describing G-d's creation of the world in six days and His ceasing work on the *seventh—which He sanctified and blessed as a day of rest.*


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Sitting in the Dish

It is told of the Holy Grandfather of Radoshitz that in his youth, before he became a rebbe, he was terribly poor and often had nothing to eat. One year, after he had eaten nothing from the Yom Kippur to the day before Sukkot, his wife sold a Jewel she had and bought candles, challah, and potatoes for the festival. When he saw the candles and challah on his return from the synagogue, he was very happy, recited the Kiddush, washed his hands, and sat down to eat. Being very hungry, he ate ravenously until he suddenly stopped and said to himself: "Berl, you are not sitting in the Sukkot but in the plate." Someone can be tending to the most basic needs of his body and with conscious intent be observing the mitzvah of eating in the sukkah, yet still be sitting in the dish and not in the mitzvah. All the same, even when a person eats to satisfy his hunger, his body becomes a vehicle for kelipah only temporarily until such time the person repents and returns to the service of God and His Torah.

Adapted from "Opening the Tanya" by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, 2003, page 186.
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Mayor Andrew Knack
City of Edmonton

Dear Mayor Knack,

Leaders lead. That is exactly what Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent did in February 1957 when he opened Canada's doors to refugees fleeing the Hungarian Revolution. Many were escaping both Soviet oppression and the resurgence of fascist antisemitism. My family was among them. I arrived in Halifax at four years old, and Canada's decision changed the course of our lives — and enriched this country.

I am writing to you again because you did not respond to my first letter, and because I am deeply disappointed by your recent public comments about Israel, the national homeland of the Jewish people. Your remarks were poorly researched, one-sided, and harmful. They immediately affected the Jewish community in Edmonton, and they were amplified globally through various media outlets.

Edmonton's Jewish community — small, visible, and historically safe — has contributed disproportionately to the cultural, economic, and civic life of this city, Alberta, and Canada. We are law-abiding, engaged, and committed to the wellbeing of our home. Yet today, for reasons that completely escape me, our community is facing open hostility reminiscent of the early stages of hatred seen in Europe in the 1930s, in Arab countries in the 1940s, and throughout Jewish history.

There are only about 5,000 Jews in Edmonton and roughly 20,000 in Alberta. When you publicly single out Israel as you did, and when a councillor questions whether Jewish Edmontonians can safely and proudly attend Heritage Festival, the predictable result is an escalation of hostility — including the violence and hatred we have now witnessed.

I studied for my MBA at the University of Alberta, built businesses, employed over 300 people, and brought revenue into Edmonton from across North America. And I am far from the most productive member of my community. Jewish Edmontonians are highly capable and have options in a competitive world. If we are no longer safe or welcome in the city we have called home for generations, people will leave. If that is your intention, it would be incumbent on you to say so.

Leaders lead, Mayor Knack. It is time for you to step forward — to speak clearly to the communities whose actions threaten the Jewish community, and to reassure the Jewish community itself that Edmonton remains a place where we are safe, valued, and welcome.

Andrew Feher

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HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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EREV ROSH HASHANAH
Friday, September 11, 2026

Mincha:	6:40 pm
Candle Lighting – no earlier than:	6:37 pm
Candle Lighting:	7:40 pm

ROSH HASHANAH – FIRST DAY
Saturday, September 12, 2026

Shacharit:	8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	7:20 pm
Candle Lighting:	8:49 pm

ROSH HASHANAH – SECOND DAY
Sunday, September 13, 2026

Shacharit:	8:00 am
Tashlich:	5:00 pm
Mincha/Maariv:	7:30 pm
Havdalah:	8:46 pm

EREV YOM KIPPUR
Sunday, September 20, 2026

Mincha:	3:30 pm
Mincha/Kol Nidre:	7:00 pm
Fast Begins:	7:18 pm

YOM KIPPUR
Monday, September 21, 2026

Shacharit:	8:00 am
Drasha & Yizkor:	11:00 am
Mincha & Neila, including Pre-Neila Drasha:	5:45 pm
Shofar / End of Fast / Maariv:	8:27 pm

EREV SUKKOT
Friday, September 25, 2026

Mincha/Maariv:	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting:	7:06 pm
Kiddush in your Sukkah – ideally after:	8:16 pm

SUKKOT – DAY 1
Saturday, September 26, 2026

Shacharit:	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	6:55 pm
Candle Lighting & No Preparations Before:	8:13 pm

SUKKOT – DAY 2
Sunday, September 27, 2026

Shacharit:	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	6:55 pm
Havdalah:	8:11 pm

EREV SHEMINI ATZERET
Friday, October 2, 2026

Mincha/Maariv:	6:45 pm
Candle Lighting:	6:49 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET
Saturday, October 3, 2026

Shacharit:	9:00 am
Yizkor:	11:00 am
Mincha:	6:40 pm
Maariv & Hakafot:	7:30 pm
Candle Lighting & No Preparations Before:	7:56 pm

SIMCHAT TORAH
Sunday, October 4, 2026

Shacharit:	9:00 am
Hakafot:	10:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	6:40 pm
Havdalah:	7:54 pm

Wishing you a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah

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Calgary Candle Lighting Times ...

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Tishrei 16, 5787

Holiday Ends
8:11 PM

Shemini Atzeret

Friday, October 2, 2026
Tishrei 21, 5787

Light Shabbat / Holiday Candles at
6:53 PM

Saturday, October 3, 2026
Tishrei 22, 5787

Light Holiday Candles after
7:58 PM
from a pre-existing flame

Sunday, October 4, 2026
Tishrei 23, 5787

Holiday Ends
7:56 PM

What's Happening in Calgary ...



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You love fall and everything that comes with the changing leaves and nip in the air. And you know that, more than anything else, it’s time to bake.

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A great Shabbat recipe for SUKKOT ...

jamie geller





It is a custom to eat stuffed foods on Sukkot, but we also need foods that are easy to bring outside. You never know what the weather is going to be, there are years where we are hot and sweaty, then times when we are covering ourselves with layers and some years where it is just perfect.

Honey, Herb & Harvest: An Easy Shabbat Ha'azinu Menu » Jamie



The seven days of Sukkot—celebrated by dwelling in the sukkah, taking the Four Kinds, and rejoicing—are followed by Simchat Torah.

Sukkot—when we expose ourselves to the elements in greenery-covered huts—commemorates G-d sheltering our ancestors as they traveled from Egypt to the Promised Land. The Four Kinds express our unity and our belief in G-d's omnipresence.

Coming after the solemn High Holidays, it is a time of joy and happiness.

The first two days (or one day in Israel) are yom tov, when work is forbidden, candles are lit in the evening, and festive meals are preceded with Kiddush and contain challah dipped in honey.

The intermediate days are quasi holidays, known as chol hamoed. We dwell in the sukkah and take the Four Kinds every day (except for Shabbat, when we do not take the Four Kinds).

The final two days (or one in Israel) are Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah. They are yom tov, marked by dancing with the Torah, Yizkor memorial prayer, and even more joy.

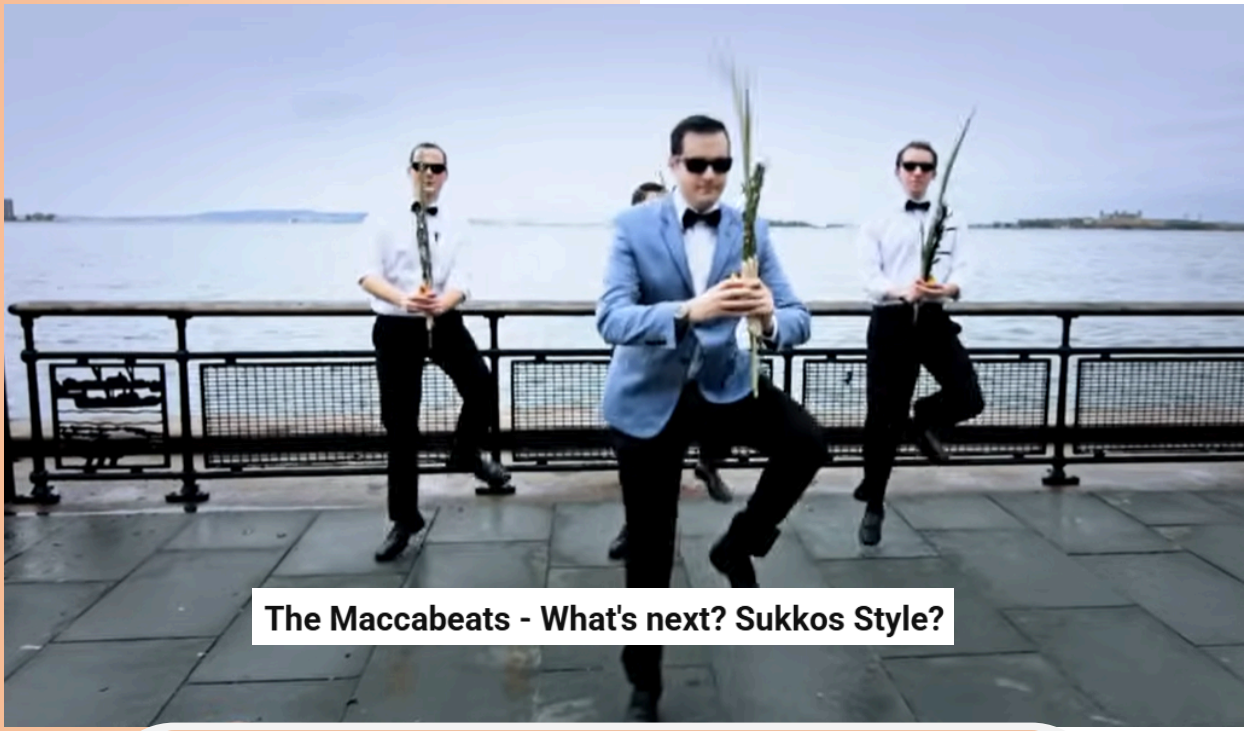
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Older Sukkot videos ...



Livin' in a Booth - Fountainheads Sukkot

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFCEQM0qZCI



The Maccabeats - What's next? Sukkos Style?

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