

# BETH EL JEWISH CENTER OF FLATBUSH

## About Our Organization

Beth El Jewish Center of Flatbush is a warm welcoming place ever since we were established in 1929. We invite you to get to know us. Feel free to experience our davening, and share in our weekly hot Kiddush, sponsored by The Steven A. Greenberg Foundation.

## Come Join Us!

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- And Much More!

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## LESSONS OF THE SUKKAH

On Rosh Hashana we blow the shofar. One aspect of the shofar is the ability to break down walls. When Joshua sounded the shofar, the walls of Jericho fell down.

In a metaphysical sense, we do the same thing on Rosh Hashana. Every time we make a mistake, it adds a brick to the wall we construct between ourselves and the Almighty. That's why we often find it difficult to relate to God. But when we blow the shofar, the wall falls down and we find ourselves face-to-face with God. This is the experience of the High Holidays.

After Yom Kippur, however, we don't want to be distracted by the world around us that entices us to abandon our newfound relationship.

Therefore we now proceed to build a wall between ourselves and the outside world. We sit in the shade of the Almighty for seven days with the Ushpizin as our guests. This intensive connection has the power to keep us close to God for the entire year to come.

Sukkot is also the "harvest festival." The grain that was left in the field to dry during the summer is now gathered into the storage bins. The rich man with a full bin, who may feel the pride of his own accomplishments, is commanded by the Torah to leave his warm and comfortable home and sit in the little sukkah. He gazes at the stars through the cracks in the "s'chach" (covering of the sukkah) and remembers the Almighty, who took us out of Egypt and provided all of our needs in the desert. So don't take all the credit for your success!

On the other hand, the poor man (whose bin is far from full) is worried how he will feed his family in the cold winter. The Torah also commands him to leave his home and sit in the sukkah, see the stars and remember: Just as God provided for us in the wilderness, He won't forget us now, either.

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## Shabbat Times

Candle Lighting:  
5:46 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:56 PM

Shacharit: 8:45 AM

Mincha: 5:30 PM

Shabbat Concludes  
5:58 PM

## Sukkot 5777 Schedule

Erev Sukkot- October 23rd,  
Shacharit 7:45 AM  
Candle Lighting 5:43 PM  
Mincha, 5:53 PM  
Maariv, 6:44 PM

Sukkot- October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
Shacharit 8:45 AM

Yizkor- October 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30  
AM

Mincha, 5:30 PM & Maariv  
6:43 PM both days

Candle Lighting,  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:54 PM

Sukkot concludes on  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:50PM



# Israel Update

## U.S. general suspects Iran role in Huthi attacks on U.S. ships

Iran may have played a role in recent Huthi missile attacks against US warships in the Red Sea, a top US general said Wednesday. Iranian-backed Huthi rebels are believed to be behind a series of incidents this month that saw surface-to-surface missiles fired at the USS Mason on at least two occasions. In response, U.S. cruise missiles on October 13 struck Huthi radar sites believed to have been used to target the weapons. "I do think Iran is playing a role in some of this. They have a relationship with the Houthis, so I do suspect there is a role in there," General Joseph Votel told a Washington think tank, reports [AFP](#). Votel heads the US military's Central Command, which oversees operations across the Middle East. We "are trying to ... understand this as much as we can, so we can properly attribute what is happening, and understand how these attacks are taking place," Votel told the Center for American Progress. "And more importantly, how the decisions are being made to launch these attacks, so we can take action against that."

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