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### Sukkot: Sharing The Happy Harvest

- Why is Happiness a mitzvah of Sukkot?
- How does the Lulav bundle help us be happy?
- How do we fulfill this mitzvah of Happiness?

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### Garden Work:

- Harvest: tomatoes, arugula, mustard, herbs
- Prune/Deadhead - remove dead plants
- Bundle harvest nicely

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### Deuteronomy 16:13-17

יג חג הסוכות תעשה לך שבועת ימים באספך מגרנך ומיקרבך. (יד) ושמחת בחגך אתה ובנך ובתך ועבדך ואמתך והלוי והגר והיתום והאלמנה אשר בשעריך

13 Celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress. 14 **Be joyful at your festival—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns.**

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### ספר החינוך שכ"ד:ג'

ג) וכמו כן מצות הלולב עם שלשת מיניו מזה השרש היא, לפי שימי החג הם ימי שמחה גדולה לישראל כי הוא עת אסיפת התבואות ופרות האילן לבית, ואז ישמחו בני אדם שמחה רבה, ומפני כן נקרא חג האסיף וצוה האל לעמו לעשות לפניו חג באותה העת לזכותם להיות עקר השמחה לשמו יתברך, ובהיות השמחה מושכת החמר הרבה ומשכחת ממנו יראת אלקים, בעת ההיא צונו השם לקחת בין ידינו דברים המזכירים אותנו כי כל שמחת לבנו לשמו ולכבודו, והיה מרצונו להיות המזכיר מין המשמח כמו שהעת עת שמחה, כי צדק כל אמרי פיו, וידוע מצד הטבע כי ארבעת המינין כלם משמחי לב רואיהם

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### Mishneh Torah, Rest on a Holiday 6:18

(18) And when he eats and drinks, he is obligated to feed strangers, orphans and widows as well as all other poor people. However, if he locks his doors and eats and drinks with his family and does not feed the poor and others going through hard times, this is not the joy which was commanded, but [merely] satisfying his stomach.

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### Sukkah 27b

The sages say “even though a person cannot exempt himself from his obligation of the four species on the first day of sukkot with a borrowed lulav and etrog, he may exempt himself from his obligation of sitting in a sukkah by using his friend’s sukkah. The basis for this is the verse that says “every citizen of Israel shall sit in sukkot”. This teaches us that all of Israel are fit to sit in one sukkah.

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### Custom of Ushpizen, Rav Yonah Golan

In Anaf Yosef it is written, **anyone who is God fearing, will make sure to have a poor person each day at his table, and see him as if he is one of the forefathers that is invited on these days**, and he should be given a nice meal. In the book Moed Le’kol Chai, he adds that one that does not invite a poor person is cursed by the fathers in heaven. And if there is not a poor person to invite in, he should send to them food, and while preparing say that this is for the guests that would come to the sukkah.