



## Succot- The Succah Crawl



Aims:

To get to know your group

To understand the Jewish significance of a Succah

To look at why Succot is in Tishrei

Shalom Wonderful Roshim, Sganim and  
Madrachim

Welcome to the first Choveret of the year,  
Sviva is the perfect opportunity to  
educate our chanichim

This year we are trying something a bit  
different, this Choveret is a companion  
guide. The main essence of the Choveret is  
in the Prezi presentation. The paper  
Choveret is a guide, how to put these ideas  
into practice, and more of a summary of  
what we want to teach to the chanichim.

I believe Sviva should be split into  
educational sections and also bits just for  
fun, not every game you play has to have an  
educational aspect.

I would love to hear whatever feedback you  
have on the Choveret. Things that you like  
and especially things you don't enjoy.  
Things can only change if I know what is  
needed to change

If you have any questions, comments,  
contributions. Please don't hesitate to call.



## Breaking the Ice

This is the first week of sviva  
You meet your chanichim for the first time,  
some of your chanichim may know each  
other, but others don't, ice breaker games  
are the perfect way for everyone to get to  
know each other.

## Hadracha Highlight

Running a game....

How to explain a game

- use a madrich not a Chanich
- Never assume that everyone knows the game
- Short and Clear
- Speak in the Chanichims native tongue
- Make sure all rules are understood before starting

Why play games?

- Ice Breakers
- Fun-
- Forms bonds between chanichim
- Release positive energy
- Builds up group feeling and trust
- Gets the shy chanichim involved
- Subliminal learning
- Fillers
- Group Identity

Role of Madrich

- Create enthusiasm
- Participate
- Use authority
- Know the game
- Be prepared to look silly
- Be aware of excluded Chanichim
- Stop at the peak
- Be flexible

*A Magnificent game can be ruined and a mediocre game can be built into a knock out.... It all depends on the leader.*

What kind?

Fun

Get to Know you

Educational

Bonding

Thinking

Don't.....

- over play
- play and think of a connection
- play a game that only a few can play

### Why do we live in a Succah?

Because Hashem said so, it is written in the torah.

To get this point across think about games that seem to involve blindly following somebodies instructions, simply because they said so.

For example do a blindfolded obstacle course, the chanichim can chooses whether to follow it or not.

Ultimately they will see it is to their benefit to follow the instructions given, without this they would be tripping over.

### But there is more of a reason than simply because Hashem said so.

It is to remind us that the Bnei Yisrael were in “booths” whilst wondering the desert. They were living a relatively comfortable life in Egypt, no longer slaves yet they followed Hashem blindly into the desert. As well as booths the Bnei Yisrael were also given the Anei Hakavod the “clouds of glory”. These clouds gave more protection than a simply booth.

For this part of the Chomer the main discussion point is what a succah represents, the idea that it represents a protection, it may seem counter intuitive to leave our much safer home and go out into these temporary booths.

You can get a great discussion going on this topic, think of a trigger, on how to start the discussion. Perhaps if the right food is available get the chanichim to make Succot out of the food around them, then try and knock them down, showing the fragility of the Succah.

### Why do we celebrate Succot in Tishrei?

Tishrei is the month of Teshuva. After the sin of the Golden Calf it was when Hashem forgave us.

The Anei Hakavod which rested above the Bnei Yisrael went away when the Bnei Yisrael committed the sin of the golden calf. Succot is the time when we got the Anei Hakavod back. The Shechinah was once again in the Bnei Yisrael's camp.

## **Special HALACHOT for the SUKKAH CRAWL**

- Remember to make Brachot on all food being eaten.
- Try and make the Brachot in the correct order: Hamotzi, Mezonot, Hagafen, Ha'etz (7 fruits of Israel before others), Ha'adama, Shehakol.
- After making the Bracha on the food, preferably mezonot, make the Bracha of "leishev basukkah." Then try to sit down and eat the food.
- After all the eating is done remember to say a Bracha Acharona, which is al hamichya if at least a Kzayit of mezonot is eaten. Remember to add "*vesamcheinu beyom chag hasukkot hazeh*".
- For all other foods say a "*Borei Nefashot*".
- Do not touch the decorations on the Sukkah because they are mutkzeh (although taking the mickey out of them is permitted and some say obligatory!).
- There is no obligation to sit and to eat in the Sukkah if it is raining.