



PLANNING FOR

Sukkot



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Welcome!

Thanks for downloading this special guide for Sukkot!

Getting ready for Sukkot holiday doesn't have to be stressful because now you have a cheat sheet! It'll help you plan, prep, and schedule your yom tov. But more importantly: it's going to get you to the table relaxed, calm, and actually enjoying holiday meals with family and friends.

No one can remember everything. Writing it all down keeps you organized and stress-free! As a bonus, next year you won't have to start from scratch - you can copy and paste and do it all again!

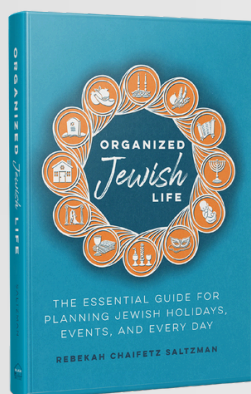
Got questions? Feel free to email me - rebekah@rebekahsaltzman.com

Happy Organizing,

Rebekah

P.S.

If this guide was useful for you check out the book and planner (links below) because every Jewish home should have a copy of Organized Jewish Life, it's the essential guide and companion for living a Jewish Life! It also makes a great gift for anyone just starting out, a new bride, college graduate, people exploring their Jewish roots or for someone just starting out with Judaism.



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Sukkot

FOR THE SUKKAH ITSELF:

Check these items at least 2 weeks before chag.

- ☐ The sukkah frame (usually metal poles; some people have already-built pergolas).
- ☐ Materials for the sukkah walls.
- ☐ Schach.
- ☐ Light fixture.
- ☐ Decorations.
- ☐ Tables.
- ☐ Chairs.
- ☐ Fans or heaters (depending on where you live).
- ☐ Timers (for the lights and fans or heaters).
- ☐ Extension cord(s).

FOR PEOPLE WHO SLEEP IN THE SUKKAH:

- ☐ Rollaway beds or air mattresses (some people put a sofa into the sukkah).
- ☐ Sheets.
- ☐ Pillows.
- ☐ Blankets (or sleeping bags).
- ☐ Fans or heaters (depending on where you live).
- ☐ Mosquito netting (depending on where you live; protects against all sorts of bugs).

TO DO 1-2 WEEKS BEFORE SUKKOT:

- ☐ Check your notebook or spreadsheet from the previous year, to see any reminders or recipes you recorded there.
- ☐ A quick pass through everyone's wardrobe to make sure they have what they need. Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur you may need to do some extra laundry or buy something new.
- ☐ Take things to the cleaners/laundry what you need.
- ☐ Pick things up from the cleaners.
- ☐ Check for damage to decorations.
- ☐ Check that the schach is in good condition and make plans to replace it if necessary.

- ☐ Check your light fixtures.
- ☐ Clean cloth walls if they need to be washed.
- ☐ Find your lulav and etrog holders if you have them.
- ☐ Confirm that tables and chairs that are going to go out to the sukkah are in good condition and don't need repair or replacement.
- ☐ Invite guests for the holiday and find out if they have any special needs.

TO DO 1 WEEK BEFORE SUKKOT:

- ☐ Confirm your guest list and check for appropriate guest supplies.
- ☐ Plan your menus.
- ☐ Check what ingredients you have for cooking and make a shopping list.
- ☐ Shop.
- ☐ Set times for building and decorating the sukkah and moving in furniture.
- ☐ Laundry: do as much as you can before chag, use a laundry service if you need help.
- ☐ Order your lulav and etrog – keep the minim wrapped in a wet paper towel and foil for freshness in the fridge, and keep the lulav in a case so it doesn't get bent or separate.

TO DO EREV CHAG:

- ☐ Confirm with guests what time they will arrive, and directions to your house (including parking).
- ☐ Final cooking.
- ☐ Put out the platta (hotplate) or blech (and/or leave the oven on).
- ☐ Set timer for the platta.
- ☐ Turn off the refrigerator light.
- ☐ Set the lights the way you want (including in the sukkah).
- ☐ Plug in nightlights.
- ☐ Set timers (including those for lights and fans/heaters in the sukkah).
- ☐ Set up candles (including a long-lasting candle for kindling fire, and a yahrzeit candle if needed).
- ☐ Make pre-holiday phone calls to family.
- ☐ Set the table.
- ☐ Eruv tavshilin (if necessary).

Budget

Track your Spending. This will help you see how much you spend and will help you budget for next year.

FOOD		
Date	Description	Amount

TOTAL: _____

S U P P L I E S		
Date	Description	Amount
TOTAL:		

C L O T H I N G		
Date	Description	Amount
TOTAL:		

T R A V E L		
Date	Description	Amount

TOTAL: _____

ACTIVITIES		
Date	Description	Amount
		TOTAL: _____

MISCELLANEOUS		
Date	Description	Amount

TOTAL: _____

GRAND TOTAL:	
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Meal Plan

Date	Candles	Havdalah

**EREV
SUKKOT** Day/Date

Starters

Dessert

YOM TOV/ DAY 1 LUNCH

Starters

Dessert

YOM TOV/ DAY 1 DINNER

Dessert

Day/Date

Day/Date

Day/Date

Day/Date

Day/Date

Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

TO PACK FOR SHUL ON SHMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

Check these items at least 2 weeks before chag.

- ☐ Holiday siddur or machzor if you have one.
- ☐ Healthy snacks (to counterbalance the junk food usually circulating).
- ☐ Water bottles.
- ☐ Comfortable shoes.
- ☐ For children: appropriate toys such as flags and Torah plushies.

NOTES:

EREV SHMINI ASERET

Day/Date

Starters

Mains

Sides

Dessert

GUESTS

SHMINI ASERET LUNCH

Day/Date

Starters

Mains

Sides

Dessert

GUESTS

Meal Plan

SHMINI ASERET DINNER

Day/Date

Starters

Mains

Sides

Dessert

GUESTS

**SIMCHAT TORAH
LUNCH**

Day/Date

Starters

Mains

Sides

Dessert

GUESTS

SIMCHAT TORAH DINNER

Day/Date

Starters

Mains

Sides

Dessert

GUESTS

Zero Waste Decorations Ideas

Make an up-cycled decoration!

- Got old pool noodles? Cut them into rings and string them onto some yarn, or cord, and hang around the walls.
- Old cds? Use yarn, markers, or paints to draw the 7 species, or write the names of the Ushpizin. Thread yarn or string through the middle and hang from the schach.
- Cut out the sections of egg cartons into individual sections, paint them, and thread a string through them. Hang in groupings for a beautiful hanging flower display. (great for placing around exposed light bulbs, but not too close. (not suitable for use with egg cartons from Israel as there are concerns with salmonella, due to how we process eggs in Israel.)
- Cut toilet paper rolls into small strips (1 inch wide). pinch both ends to make an almond shape and connect several pieces together at the points to make flowers, color and hang!
- If you decide to make the classic construction paper rings - consider using a stapless stapler like this one (it works when you press really hard!) <https://amzn.to/2zI3K1g>



Plan Your Day Trips

CHOL HAMOED

Date	Description	Location	Items Needed	Time	Amount

TOTAL: _____

NOTES:

Qty	Item
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Qty	Item
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Qty	Item
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Recipes

After a holiday, record what was successful and what was not. Keep track of the recipes that weren't good so that you don't have a repeat performance of a bad dish!

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PREP TIME

COOKING TIME

SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS

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Shake the Lulav – Family Tracker

Celebrate each day of Sukkot with intention and joy! Use this Lulav Tracker to remind yourself (and your family!) to shake the Lulav every day. Checking it off daily helps you stay consistent and brings awareness to this beautiful mitzvah. Keep track of your progress and make it a shared family tradition.

Hang this tracker on your fridge to mark each day of Sukkot and celebrate your family’s commitment to this special mitzvah!

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Mom	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dad	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Child 1	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Child 2	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Notes

Use this section to write notes on things you need to repair or replace, comment on recipes, or set your own to-do lists.