

# SUKKOT

Hillcrest Progressive School



Sukkot (the Feast of Booths) comes in the fall of the year when the leaves are turning yellow and gold. It lasts eight days.



As soon as Yom Kippur is over, the building of a sukkah (hut) is begun. The sukkah is put up in the courtyard of the Synagogue or even on its roof. Some families build their own sukkah -- in their backyard, if they have one. The sukkah is a reminder of the huts that our ancestors, the Israelites, lived in during their wanderings in the desert after they left the land of Egypt. Boughs and vines are laid over the roof of the sukkah -- loosely, so you can see the stars at night -- just as our ancestors did, thousands of years ago.





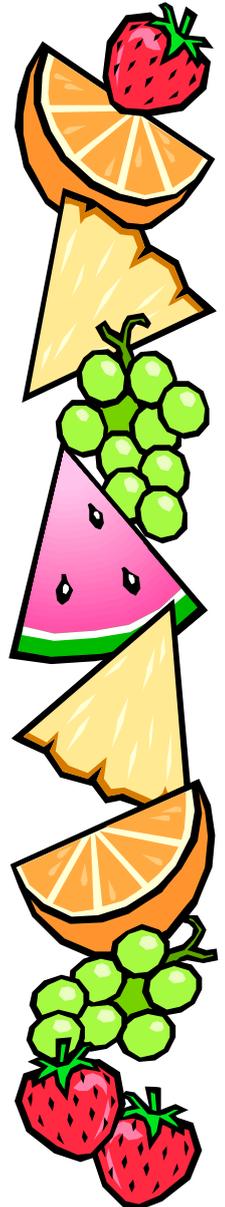
Sukkot is a happy time. It is also known as the Harvest Festival. Long ago, in the land of Israel, it was celebrated after the harvest -- when the grain had been brought in from the fields.

To remind us of that harvest, we recite a blessing each day over the lulav (palm branch) and the etrog (the citron, a lemon-like fruit), symbols of the harvest.

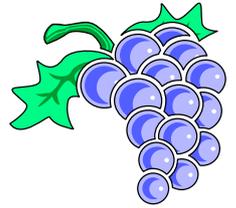


If a family is having a sukkah, the whole family helps decorate it. They decorate its walls with flowers and autumn leaves. From its roof, they hang oranges and bananas and grapes and other fruits. The family eats at least one meal a day in it. They invite friends and neighbours to come in and join them at the table.

Since it is a Harvest Festival, fruits, vegetables, and dairy dishes are usually served on Sukkot.



# SUKKOT SONGS



## We're Going to Build a Sukkah

We're going to build a sukkah in our school yard  
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Sukkah (clap clap)  
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Happy Sukkot!  
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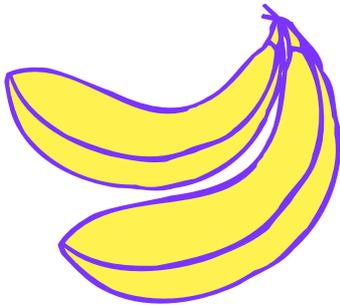


## To the Sukkah We will Bring

To the sukkah we will bring  
Carrots and radishes on a string  
Tie them tight, hang them high  
Through the branches see the sky.

To the sukkah we will bring  
Carrots and radishes on a string  
Hang them high, hang them low  
To the sukkah we will go

(continue on with different fruits and vegetables)



## To the Sukkah



To the sukkah, to the sukkah, to the sukkah we will go,  
Wave the lulav, wave the lulav, wave the lulav to and fro.

## I'm Building Me a Sukkah

I'm building me a sukkah, my hammer never stops  
La dee da bim bam bim bim bam  
So hand me the greens for I've reached the very top  
La dee da bim bam bim bim bam

I'll sit in the sukkah like Noah in the Ark  
La dee da bim bam bim bim bam  
I'll drink and be merry from morning to dark  
La dee da bim bam bim bim bam.

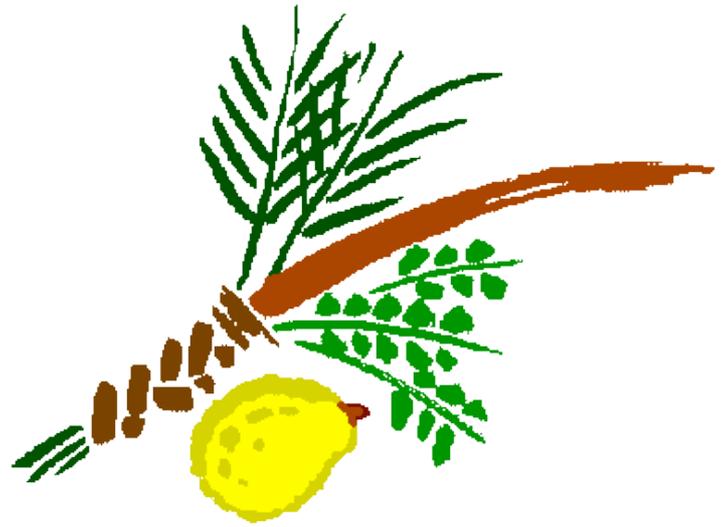


# SUKKOT POEMS

## Lulav & Etrog

(Blessing)

Baruch atah adonaye  
eloheynu melech haolam  
asher keedishanu  
bameetzvotav vetzivanu  
ahl nteelat lulav.



Here is an etrog, it's yellow and round  
We use it on Sukkot, in Israel it's found.

Shake it to the left, shake it to the right,  
Guess what I'm holding, a lulav, that's right!

Rain, rain, go away, come again some other day!  
Our sukkah must be dry today!

I'm a red apple, I fell from a tree  
I'm ripe and I'm sweet and I'm very good to eat!