



# SUKKOT PHOTO CHALLENGE GAME FOR KIDS

Sukkot begins five days after Yom Kippur. Two main rituals associated with the holiday are building a Sukkah (a temporary hut) and shaking of the lulav and etrog (four species).

Since this holiday lasts 7 days (in Israel) and 8 days (in the Diaspora), we have come up with a short activity for every day of the holiday in the framework of a fun photo challenge!

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## DAY 1

### EDIBLE SUKKAH

Even if you were not able to make a physical sukkah this year, everyone will enjoy making a sukkah you can eat! Make sure your edible sukkah has at least 3 walls, "natural" schach on top, and some colorful decorations. You can choose from a [healthy](#) version or the [sweet](#) version of this fun activity!

[Watch a Shalom Sesame video](#) about buiding a real sukkah.

**Snap a photo  
and your delicious sukkah!**



## DAY 2

### SUKKAH DECORATIONS

There is a concept in Judaism called "hiddur mitzvah", which translates as "beautifying a mitzvah." It is traditional to enhance the sukkah with joyous decorations. This is a great opportunity for kids to get creative. The classic sukkah decoration is the paper chain. All you need are paper strips and a stapler! To make the chains waterproof, use colorful plastic dividers! Enhance your paper chain by adding "charms", using patterned paper or writing blessings on each strip!



**Snap a photo of yourself  
with the longest paper  
chain ever!**





## DAY 3

### SMILEY EMOJI

One of the names of Sukkot is "Zman Simchatenu," or "time of our joy." While the mood of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is more serious and introspective, Sukkot is a holiday of celebration and rejoicing. Make a list of things with your children that bring them real joy or a smile to their face. Kids love emoji icon so do a craft together featuring the smiley emoji. Follow these directions for making these [simple smiley emoji masks](#).



**Snap a photo of yourself wearing your smiley emoji mask**



## DAY 4

### MODEL SUKKAH

There are so many fun ways to make a miniature sukkah. You can use blocks or legos, a shoe box or a packing box or popsicle sticks. You can either do it freestyle or plan your design to practice math and measuring skills. You can add pretend decorations, schach (gather real twigs and leaves!), and miniature figures! [Watch the Lego sukkot movie](#).



**Snap a photo of you and your model sukkah**



## DAY 5

### "USHPIZIN" GUESTS

In Judaism there is a great value placed on welcoming guests into our home (in Hebrew, "hachnasat orchim"). On Sukkot, this value is emphasized as we are encouraged to open our sukkot to friends, family and the needy. On Sukkot, there is also a tradition of inviting "symbolic" guests called ["ushpizin"](#) - great Biblical figures such as Abraham and David and in many homes also [ushpizot](#) such as Sarah and Miriam - to our sukkah each night of the holiday. Make a list with your child of any imaginary or real characters who they would want to invite to a meal! Write a special invitation to someone who would appreciate being invited to your home or sukkah.



**Snap a photo of yourself  
with your list/invitation**



## DAY 6

### FOUR SPECIES

On Sukkot, there is the unique practice of shaking the four species - which include the "etrog" (citron), lulav (palm), "hadas" (myrtle) and "arava" (willow). Details of how to shake and bless can be found [here](#). Some say that the species represent the heart (citron), eyes (myrtle), spine (palm), and lips (willow) - all our body parts can be used to do mitzvot. Ask your child how each body part can be used to do good (giving a helping hand, praying, studying, etc). Use your whole body in yoga poses that bring you joy.



**Snap a photo of your  
best yoga pose**





## DAY 7

### HARVESTING

Another name for Sukkot is "Chag Haasif" which means the holiday of harvesting because it is the time of the final harvest of fruits and vegetables before the winter and rain. The Sukkot menu generally features vegetables and fruits that are harvested at the turn of the season—apples, squash, grapes, etc. If you can, Sukkot is a great time to go to an orchard and pick something with your own hands. Try a fruit or a vegetable that you've never tasted before! Bake your own cake from fruit you picked or bought from a farmers market!



**Snap a photo of  
your fruit cake**



## DAY 8

### BIBLICAL DRESS-UP

The Torah explains that the reason we sit in sukkot (or booths) is to remember that "the children of Israel dwelled in booths when I took them from the land of Egypt...." The rabbis disagree as to what the "booths" that refer to - either the "Clouds of Glory," with which G-d protected the Israelites throughout their forty year sojourn in the desert or that actual booths huts that the Israelites built while in the desert to serve as their dwellings. Either way, it's always fun to dress up like the Israelites wandering in the desert!



**Snap a photo of yourself  
dressed up like an  
Israelite in the desert**