Sukka: Leaving: First Night: Rain, Cold, Bees

You may leave the <u>sukka</u> due to extreme cold or heat, rain, or bees. You should not stay in a <u>sukka</u> if it is raining or very cold or will otherwise make people suffer.

If it is raining on the first night of <u>Sukkot</u> and the rain is sporadic, wait until midnight before saying *kiddush* indoors.

If it is raining on the first night of <u>Sukkot</u> and the forecast predicts rain all evening, you do not need to wait to see if the rain will stop before saying *kiddush*. Instead:

- Say kiddush in the sukka (without saying leisheiv ba'sukka), even in the rain.
- Wash hands and say ha'motzi.
- Eat at least 1.3 fl. oz. (39 ml, or 1/6 cup) of bread in the sukka.
- Go inside the house and finish your meal inside.

NOTE You do not need to say <u>birkat ha'mazon</u> in the <u>sukka</u>. If the rain stops, go back outside, say *leisheiv*, eat at least 1.9 fl. oz. (56 ml) more of bread in the <u>sukka</u>, and finish your meal in the <u>sukka</u>.

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