SUKKA: BLESSINGS

Sukka: Blessings: When To Say

Do not say the blessing <u>leisheiv ba'sukka</u> except when you will eat bread or <u>mezonot</u>. Even drinking wine is not an exception, so do not say <u>leisheiv ba'sukka</u> even for <u>havdala</u> (unless you will also eat <u>mezonot</u> at the same time).

NOTE We do say <u>leisheiv ba'sukka</u> at <u>kiddush</u>, but that is in anticipation of eating bread at the meal to follow

Sukkot: Blessings: SheHecheyanu

First Night: Say <u>she'hecheyanu</u> after saying <u>leisheiv ba'sukka</u> (in <u>kiddush</u>), since <u>she'hecheyanu</u> covers the sukka and the Jewish festival.

Second Night: Say she'hecheyanu before leisheiv ba'sukka (since it only covers the Jewish festival itself).

NOTE There is no blessing on building a sukka; it is covered by the she'hecheyanu in the kiddush.

Sukkot: When To Say Leisheiv BaSukka

When you sit down in a sukka, only say the blessing leisheiv ba'sukka:

- If you are going to eat at least 1.9 fl. oz. (56 ml, or about 1/4 1/5 cup) of bread or <u>mezonot</u> within four minutes, OR
- Immediately after saying *kiddush* and before drinking the wine in anticipation of eating *mezonot* or bread, OR
- Before eating any food or beverage (except salt or water) when visiting any other person in his/her *sukka*.

Sukkot: Blessings: Forgetting Leisheiv BaSukka

If you washed hands, said <u>ha'motzi</u>, and ate some bread in a <u>sukka</u> but forgot to say the blessing <u>leisheiv ba'</u> <u>sukka</u>, you may still say that blessing until you have finished your meal; but you should eat at least 1.3 fl. oz. (39 ml, or 1/6 cup) more of bread (within 4 minutes) after saying <u>leisheiv ba'sukka</u>.

Birkat HaMazon If You Ate Sukka Meals Indoors

If you ate your meal inside the house on Sukkot, you do not need to go to the sukka to say birkat ha'mazon.