SUKKA: BLESSINGS

Sukka: Blessings: When To Say

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

NOTE We do say *leisheiv ba'sukka* at *kiddush*, but that is in anticipation of eating bread at the meal to follow.

Sukkot: Blessings: SheHecheyanu

First Night: Say *she'hecheyanu* after saying *leisheiv ba'sukka* (in *kiddush*), since *she'hecheyanu* 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 *mezonot* 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 *ha'motzi*, and ate some bread in a *sukka* but forgot to say the blessing *leisheiv ba'sukka*, 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 *leisheiv ba'sukka*.

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*.

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