

The Narrow Bridge

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On Sukkos, we highlight the need for unity. The Four Species – the lulav, esrog, hadassim, and aravos – represent the different types of Jews, each one possessing different strengths and spiritual qualities. When bound together, the Four Species form a single and complete mitzvah. This unity is not despite their differences, but because of them. Each one contributes something essential that the others cannot. It is only through their coming together that the mitzvah is complete.

The same holds true for us. Our differences are meant to unite us, not divide us.

It is only when we stand bound together as one – when we learn to appreciate the unique light each soul brings – that we are considered whole. Not because we are the same but because each person brings something uniquely valuable.

Just as the mitzvah of the Four Species cannot be complete without each of them, so too we are strongest when every soul has a place – not by simply respecting our differences, but by celebrating our differences. It is when we appreciate what each person brings, support one another, and allow our differences to complement rather than divide us, that we become something far greater than any individual could alone – unique yet united, many yet one.

INSPIRED BY THE TEACHINGS OF THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE, RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON (1902-1994)

The sukkah is intentionally imperfect. Its walls are temporary, its roof has gaps, and it is anything but a perfect home. Yet those very imperfections carry a beautiful message.

For seven days, we leave the comfort of our homes and enter a temporary dwelling. It is as if Hashem is inviting us into His home and saying: "Leave your house and come into Mine. Come spend these few days with Me."

And when we enter Hashem's home, we discover something remarkable: there is room for everyone. No matter where a person stands spiritually, Hashem's door is open. The sukkah does not demand perfection before welcoming us inside.

That may be why the halachos [legal rules] of the sukkah are filled with so many leniencies.

The walls need not be complete, they need not reach the roof, and even a sukkah with visible gaps can still be a valid dwelling. Because the sukkah is teaching us that belonging does not require perfection.

And this is the message we are meant to take with us. When we look at another person, it is easy to notice the gaps, the flaws, and the imperfections. But the sukkah reminds us that Hashem does not wait for us to be perfect before making room for us.

And if Hashem makes room for every person in His sukkah, then maybe we can make room for every person in our hearts.

BASED ON THE TEACHINGS OF RABBI YEHUDA ZEV KLEIN

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*The verse in Shir HaShirim states, "Hashem watches through the windows; He peers through the cracks."
This is perhaps one of the most beautiful messages of the sukkah.*

*We sit beneath a roof that is intentionally incomplete, with openings through which we can see the sky.
Those openings are there to remind us that Hashem is always watching over us. Even in moments of darkness and confusion,
when His presence feels hidden and we cannot see the bigger picture, He sees us completely.*

*Through every opening and through every uncertainty – He is there, watching over us with love.
The same cracks that remind us how little we can see are there to remind us that we are never unseen.*

INSPIRED BY THE TEACHINGS OF RABBI TZVI HIRSCH OF RIMANOV (1778-1846)

*The recent attempted hijacking on a flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv illustrates how many hidden miracles constantly surround us.
In a moment when devastation seemed so close, one protection after another unfolded –
a powerful reminder that the One who guides our lives is constantly watching over us.*

*In the middle of the frantic crisis, and after being brutally attacked, the injured captain somehow managed to open the cockpit door, allowing passengers and crew members to reach the terrorist. A few courageous passengers immediately rose to action.
The plane then plunged from approximately 33,000 feet to 17,000 feet in about a minute – a descent so extreme that much of the tail rudder was severely damaged – yet the plane remained suspended in the air. And then came another remarkable detail: other pilots just "happened" to be among the passengers on that very flight, and they were able to step in and help safely land the aircraft. And when the plane finally did land, it arrived in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia – a country with which Israel has no formal peace agreement – where the passengers and crew were received and cared for.*

*Just think, how many details had to fall into place for everyone to return home safely?
One miracle after another, each one opening the door for the next.*

On Sukkos, we sit beneath the fragile walls and open roof of the sukkah to remind us that our true protection never comes from the walls around us or the roof above us. In the wilderness, Hashem surrounded the Jewish people with His Clouds of Glory, shielding them from danger and guiding every step of their journey. Thousands of years later, that same Divine protection continues to surround us – even if those clouds themselves seem invisible.

Perhaps the greatest miracle is realizing that we are never flying alone. Hashem sees what we cannot see, guides what we cannot control, and protects us in ways we may only recognize afterward. We may think we are navigating the journey, but Hashem is the true Pilot – and He is leading us, protecting us, and carrying us safely through every turbulence we may face.

THE NARROW BRIDGE

Hashana Rabbah teaches us that sometimes the simplest prayer can be the most powerful prayer: "Hoshana – Save us!"

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