

# Sukkot festival is forerunner of Thanksgiving

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The week-long festival period will begin Friday night. Sukkot's theme is the giving of thanks for the final harvest when it is gathered.

Modern Jews commemorate Sukkot by building make-shift booths. The family spends time in the hut during

Sukkot and eats there picnic-style.

Some Jewish congregations prefer to build a single Sukkah, or booth, in or near the synagogue for the entire group rather than building individual booths.

The Sukkah is a symbol of the exodus from Egypt. "You shall live in booths seven days — in order that the future generations may know that I made the Israelite people to live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt," according to the Bible passage.

Besides symbolizing a period of wandering in the desert, the huts also symbolize poverty amid the wealth of harvest taken in at this time of year.

BEFORE the Romans destroyed the second temple in Jerusalem during the first century A.D., Jews were expected

to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times each year. Those three times were Passover, Shavuoth, and Sukkot.

Archaeologists have found that Jerusalem once had a huge hotel district and tourist economy as a result of these mass pilgrimages during the spring and summer months.

Christian tradition mentions mass pilgrimages at the time of Jesus. The New Testament states that when Jesus was a youth, he was separated from his family in the crowds because the boy was too busy discussing ancient texts with the experts.

The ancient Sukkot festival was so popular, scholars referred to it merely as "the festival." During the Maccabean revolt against

Assyrian Greeks, tradition says, Jewish Maccabean soldiers were unable to celebrate Sukkot because of the war.

To make up for their loss, they declared a second Sukkot-like festival that winter when the war ended — a festival of lights, or Hanuka.

THE PLANTS listed in the Bible that are native to the Middle East, are myrtle twigs, willow branches, a large thick-skinned fruit called "egrog" (Hebrew for citrin), and palm branches.

Since the palm branch is the largest item on the list, the entire collection is

called "lulav," which is Hebrew for palm.

The Sukkot festival ends after slightly more than a week concluding with the holiday called Simchat Torah. Simchat Torah, the joy of the Torah, will begin at sundown on Sunday, Oct. 14 this year.

The Torah, the first five books of the Bible, is read in the synagogues in weekly portions on a precise schedule through the year.

Simchat Torah is the day when the last portion is finished, and Jews begin again with Genesis, chapter one.

## Annual 'Harvestfest' planned at church

The fourth annual "Harvestfest" at Northwest Unitarian Universalist church, 23925 Northwestern Highway in Southfield, is scheduled from 2 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Fortune tellers, games of chance, a haunted house, and other attractions for all ages will be featured.

A boutique booth with handmade items and a foodstuffs booth will also be available. Items will be reasonably priced.

Food of all kinds, including pizza and hot dogs, tacos, soup, cheese, popcorn and cider, will be available for hungry harvestfesters.

Dorothy Dudley and June Dover are co-chairmen for the event.

Several Southfield residents are involved on the working committees.

They are: Thayer Braun, Lois and Ted Hitchcock, Ron and Norma Barry, Walt Hemming, Jane and Bud Williams, Stuart Williams, Harriet and Bob Bartnik, Tina and Ernie DeLafavero, and Frank and Marilyn Gentile.

Other active workers are Georgia Vitick, Eleanor Bailey and Sally Williams, Fran and George Stoughton, Lenore and Bob Storer, Bill and Evelyn Rosenblum, and Rosalie and Baxter Webb.

Also Elizabeth Deeds, Jan and Steve Decker, Morris Goodman, Johanna and Mike Kolar, John and Dorothy Amberger, Bill Szaro, Lou and Dore Eposito, Theresa and Adrienne Esposito and Ted and Judi Zachary.

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