

ANSWERS TO SUCCOS QUESTIONS:

1. *It is one of only 3 mitzvos of the Torah (living in Eretz Yisrael, and immersing in a Mikveh) which is done with the entire body.*
2. *(a) The ananei hakavod (Hashem's protective clouds) surrounded b'nei Yisrael in the desert, so we sit in a sukka surrounded by walls. (b) We sat in actual sukkos for shade in the desert when we left Egypt.*
3. *In order that everyone should realize that we are going outside in the sukka for the mitzva (as it gets chilly).*
4. *At least three [two full walls and one wall of even a tefach/3-4 inches.]*
5. *All types, however when cloth, canvas, or thin boards are used, one must be sure that they are strong enough so they would not sway a tefach [3-4 inches] with a normal wind.*
6. *Ten tefachim (up to forty inches).*
7. *Enough s'chach that in midday there would be more shade than sunlight coming in.*
8. *Avrohom, Yitzchak, Yaakov, Yosef, Moshe, Aharon, Dovid Hamelech*
9. *So that we remember that in the times of the Beis Hamikdash we circled the mizbe'ach seven times with the lulavim and esrogim in our hands.*
10. *The completion and restarting of the reading of the Torah.*
11. *(a) For beauty and (b) As a remembrance of Avrohom, Yitzchak, and Yaakov because in their merit, B'nei Yisrael were take out of Egypt.*