

# Sukkot at PTBE

## September 22 – September 30

Sukkot, a Hebrew word meaning booths, refers to the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest, as well as the commemoration of the forty years of Jewish wandering in the desert after Sinai.

One tradition, which takes the commandment to dwell in booths literally, is to build a *sukkah*, a booth or hut. A *sukkah* is often erected by Jews during this festival, and it is common practice for some to eat and even live in these temporary dwellings during Sukkot. You are invited to fulfill this mitzvah by bringing your lunch or dinner and eating in our *sukkah* on the patio. You may also shake the *lulav* and *etrog*. Contact the temple office and we will be happy to provide these for your use while at the temple. If you would like to purchase your own *lulav* and *etrog*, contact Pam in the Gift Shop by August 30.



### Special points of interest:

- **Community Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah**  
**Friday, September 24, 6:00 pm**  
Enjoy a festive meal in the *sukkah*. You will have the opportunity to shake the *lulav* and *etrog*. Erev Shabbat services will begin at 7:30 pm.  
**Cost:** Adults \$18; children/seniors \$12. Payment and registration is due by September 21. You may send in your check or email [cserbin@ptbe.org](mailto:cserbin@ptbe.org) and we will be happy to bill your account.
- **Sukkot Torah Study**  
**Saturday, September 25, 9:00 am**  
Torah study will be held in the *sukkah*.
- **Simchat Torah & Consecration Service**  
**Wednesday, September 29, 6:30 pm**  
Bring your family and your friends to this joyous celebration when we take the Torahs from the ark to dance together and welcome our new students into our temple community.
- **Yizkor—Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret**  
**Thursday, September 30, 9:00 am**  
The Jewish calendar provides four occasions during the year when special memorial services are held: Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret (last day of Sukkot), the last day of Pesach, and Shavuot. It is appropriate to honor the memory of our loved ones by attending these special memorial services.