

The Narrow Bridge

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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Short Quotes from Various Tzaddikim - Week 37

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רפואה שלמה פעסל בת גאלדא

THE MITZVAH OF SUKKAH IS THE MOST WONDERFUL OF ALL MITZVOS. MATZAH YOU EAT WITH YOUR MOUTH, TEFILLIN YOU PUT ON YOUR ARM, SHOFAR YOU HEAR WITH YOUR EARS, TORAH YOU STUDY WITH YOUR EYES AND MIND, BUT THE SUKKAH! YOU GO IN COMPLETELY, EVEN WITH YOUR BOOTS!

REB SIMCHA BUNIM OF PESHISCHA (1765-1827)

**SUKKOS IS CALLED THE "FESTIVAL OF INGATHERING."
SUKKOS IS THE DAY WHEN HASHEM GATHERS US TOGETHER AND BRINGS US INTO HIS HOME – THE SUKKAH.**

SFAS EMES, REB YEHUDA ARYEH LEIB ALTER (1847-1905)

**WHAT WE ACCOMPLISH ON ROSH HASHANA AND YOM KIPPUR THROUGH TEARS,
WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ON SUKKOS AND SIMCHAS TORAH THROUGH JOY.**

RABBI SIMON JACOBSON

**ON SIMCHAS TORAH THERE ARE TWO CHASSANIM (GROOMS): CHASSAN TORAH AND CHASSAN BEREISHIS.
THE CHASSAN TORAH IS THE ONE WHO MAKES THE FINAL BLESSINGS OF THE ENTIRE TORAH,
WHILE THE CHASSAN BEREISHIS BEGINS THE TORAH AFRESH.
NOW, WE UNDERSTAND WHY WE CELEBRATE WITH THE CHASSAN TORAH, BECAUSE HE HAS FINISHED THE ENTIRE
TORAH AND WE JOIN IN HIS JUBILATION AFTER A YEAR OF INTENSE LEARNING,
BUT WHAT IS THE CHASSAN BEREISHIS CELEBRATING?
THE ANSWER IS THAT ALTHOUGH HE HASN'T FINISHED ANYTHING, HE HAS RESOLVED TO START,
AND THAT IS WORTH CELEBRATING JUST AS JOYOUSLY.**

HOMELER RAV, RABBI AVRAHAM ELYASHIV (1877–1942)

**"HOW BEAUTIFUL AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS WHEN THE LOVE IS WITH PLEASURE AND JOY." (SHIR HASHIRIM 7:7)
SHEMINI ATZERES IS EVEN GREATER THAN YOM KIPPUR. ON YOM KIPPUR WE LOVE HASHEM THROUGH AFFLICTION
(FASTING, ETC.), BUT ON SHEMINI ATZERES WE LOVE HASHEM THROUGH JOY.**

CHASAM SOFER, REB MOSHE SOFER (1762-1839)

**SHEMINI ATZERES IS A DAY WHEN THE KING [HASHEM] SAYS,
"MY SONS, I ASK THAT YOU STAY WITH ME JUST ONE MORE DAY, FOR YOUR DEPARTURE IS DIFFICULT FOR ME."**

RASHI, RABBI SHLOMO YITZCHAKI (1040-1105)