

Welcoming Immigrants into the Sukkah October 13 - 20, 2019

This year during Sukkot, Reform Jews across the Movement will welcome immigrants into their sukkah. In this crucial moment, we commit to bearing witness and hearing stories, humanizing and learning from immigrant experiences, building relationships, and connecting with migrant-led organizations with whom we can work in solidarity in the months to come.

Sample Invitation for Community Members

Hi _____

Sukkot is a holiday of welcome, where we invite *ushpizin*, guests, into our Sukkah with its open side and exposed covering through which we can see the stars. This year during Sukkot, we are joining other Reform communities across North America that are committed to immigration justice to welcome immigrants into our sukkah. In this crucial moment, we commit to bearing witness and hearing stories, humanizing and learning from immigrant experiences, building relationships, and connecting with migrant-led organizations with whom we can work in solidarity in the months to come. Let me know if you will join us in the sukkah on [date] at [time] at [location]. I hope to see you there! Thank you —

Plan

- ☐ Pick a date and time for your event during Sukkot between October 13 20.
- Decide where to hold your event: your house, a synagogue, a park — anywhere with a Sukkah!
- □ Plan for a 30-40 minute discussion/activity and extra time for hanging out, eating, chatting, etc.

Invite and Promote

- ☐ Decide how you want to invite people to attend—a Facebook event, an email, by text, etc.
- ☐ Send your invitations. See the "sample invitation" for ideas.
- □ Promote your event on social media, and <u>register</u> your event so the RAC can amplify your work!

Invite Your

Partners

Create Your Program

Follow Up with Action

- ☐ Invite your existing local partners into your Sukkah! Remember to provide some context and background information as needed.
- ☐ If you're looking for additional partners, <u>use the RAC's Welcoming Immigrants into the Sukkah resource</u> for suggestions.
- Use the RAC's Welcoming Immigrants into the Sukkah resource to create your program. It includes text studies, information on connecting with partners, discussion questions, and more.
- ☐ Pick and choose which materials you would like to use to supplement your Sukkot service.
- □ Sign up for the Brit Olam Immigration Justice Cohort today!
- Send a letter to your members of Congress urging them to support cutting funds for immigration detention and deportation.
- ☐ Stay updated on the RAC's immigration work!