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## Lesson 27 A

# Welcome to Our Sukkah!

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Liat: Eran, **please move back a little** - **telech kzzat achora bevakasha** and **hold the nail a little bit higher** - **tachzik et ha-masmer kzzat yoter gavo-a**.

Eran: **like that?** - **kacha?**

Liat: **Yes, exactly** - **ken bedi-yuk**. **Maybe one centimeter lower** - **ulay santimeter echad yoter namuch**, and **wait a second** – **ve-chake shni-ya...Yonatan, eyfo ha-patish?** - **Where is the hammer?**

Jonathan: **It's on the ladder to your left** - **ze al ha-sulam mi-zzad smol shelach**. **Do you see it?** - **at ro-a oto?**

Liat: **ken ken, ani ro-a**. Eran, **are you holding?** - **ata machzik?**

Eran: **ken, machzik. ach... zot ti-hi-ye suka ne-hederet** - **that's going to be a wonderful sukkah. eyze kef** - **what fun!**

Jonathan: **nachon, zot ti-hi-ye suka le-tif-eret** - **it's going to be a glorious sukkah!**

Eran: Liat, **at yoda-at matay Ido magi-a im ha-schach?** - **Do you know when Ido will get here with the schach?**

Liat: **He should be here any minute now** - **hu zzarich le-hagi-a kol rega**. Yonatan, **ata ta-azor le-Ido lasim et ha-schach** - **You will help Ido to put up the schach**.

Eran: **We will decorate the inside** - **anachnu nekashet bifnim**.

Liat: **ze i-hi-ye mamash kmo ba-it le-kama yamim** - **it's going to be just like home for few days**.

Jonathan: **Exactly as a sukkah should be!** – **bedi-yuk kmo she-suka zzricha li-hi-yot!**

Eran: And as the holiday of Sukkoth should be. I have fond memories of Sukkoth... the fun and excitement of building the sukkah, getting the four species, the decorations...

Liat: Moving out of the house for a few days.... It's really a great holiday. Its main mizzvah is to spend seven days in the sukkah, it's actually a commandment... to go camping 😊

Jonathan: **bediyuk!** That's exactly what's written in the Tora, in the book of Leviticus: **basukot teshvu shiv-a yamim** - **You shall dwell in booths seven days!** **Leviticus – va-Ikra, Chapter 23 – perek esrim ve-shalosh, verse 42 – pasuk arba-im ve-shta-im**. Anyway, Eran, when I met you a few hours ago, you said that you would like us to read something you brought for our Hebrew discussion today. **nachon?**



Eran: nachon, Yonatan. As you probably remember, a few lessons ago, **be-Yom Ha-Azzma-ut** Liat went to visit her sister's family. She read together with Maya, **bat achota - her niece**, an essay on **Yom Ha-Azzma-ut**, which we later used as our monologue. When I visited my brother the other night, I had quite a similar opportunity to help **my nephew - ha-achyan sheli, Itamar. hu ben shlosh esre**, he just had his Bar Mitzvah, and he's very excited about everything that has to do with holidays and **masoret – tradition**. As Liat's niece Maya had to write an essay about **Yom Ha-Azzma-ut**, he had to write for school about **Chag Sukkot**. He had asked me to help him with his essay. Of course I helped him... but also asked for his permission to use his essay...

Liat: **ba-shi-ur shelanu!** - **In our lesson!** Eran, that's a wonderful idea.

Jonathan: **gam ani choshev kacha** - **I also think so**. Would you like to read it for us?

Eran: **kamuvan**. Liat, would you like to share the reading of it with me?

Liat: **ze i-hi-ye li le-oneg** - **That will be a pleasure for me**.

Jonathan: Okay guys, since we have to wait for Ido to arrive with the **schach**, let's read Itamar's essay for **Chag Ha-Sukot**:

**ba-sha-vu-a ha-ba,  
yo-ma-im lif-ney ha-chag,  
a-ni ve-a-ba she-li nif-gosh  
et Yo-av ve-et a-ba she-lo.**

**בשבוע הבא,  
יומיים לפני החג,  
אני ואבא שלי נפגוש  
את יואב ואת אבא שלו.**

**ni-sa be-ya-chad le-shuk  
ar-ba-at ha-mi-nim  
ve-nik-ne sham lu-lav,  
et-rog, ha-das ve-a-ra-va.**

**ניסע ביחד לשוק  
ארבעת המינים  
ונקנה שם לולב,  
אתרוג, הדס וערבה.**

**yom lif-ney ha-chag,  
ku-la-nu niv-ne  
et ha-su-ka be-ya-chad .**

**יום לפני החג,  
כולנו נבנה  
את הסוכה ביחד.**

**a-ni, a-ba ve-Yo-av  
na-sim et ha-schach.**

**אני, אבא ויואב  
נשים את הסכך.**

**a-ba shel Yo-av  
iv-dok et ha-et-rog.**

**אבא של יואב  
יבדוק את האתרוג.**

**Ya-el, ha-a-chot shel Yo-av  
tik-ne ki-shu-tim ve-tit-le  
o-tam ba-su-ka.**

**יעל, האחות של יואב  
תקנה קישוטים ותתלה  
אותם בסוכה.**



ve-ha-i-ma-hot she-la-nu  
te-sa-der-na bif-nim,  
kach she-i-hi-ye ma-mash  
kmo ba-ba-it.

והאימהות שלנו  
תסדרנה בפנים,  
כך שיהיה ממש  
כמו בבית.

ba-chag azz-mo, a-nach-nu  
ma-mash nich-ye ba-su-ka.

בחג עצמו, אנחנו  
ממש נחיה בסוכה.

na-a-se sham ha-kol:  
nish-te, no-chal, ni-shan,  
nir-e te-le-viz-ia ve-a-fi-lu...

נעשה שם הכל:  
נשתה, נאכל, נישן,  
נראה טלביזיה ואפילו...

nil-mad la-miv-chan  
be-an-glit.

נלמד למבחן  
באנגלית.

Jonathan: Eran, **meragesh** - **exciting!** As you said before, it seems like **your nephew** - **ha-achyan shelcha**, **Itamar**, is enjoying the same experiences as we had when we were children. And you know what? The same as we're experiencing now... I'm very excited about this holiday. As Liat said, a holiday, where the primary mizzvah is to go out camping ☺. Would you like to read it once more while I give the English translation?

Eran: **betach!**

Liat: **kamuvan!**

ba-sha-vu-a ha-ba,  
yo-ma-im lif-ney ha-chag,  
ani ve-a-ba she-li nif-gosh  
et Yo-av ve-et a-ba she-lo.

Next week, two days  
before the holiday,  
my father and I, will meet  
Yoav and his Dad.

בשבוע הבא,  
יומיים לפני החג,  
אני ואבא שלי נפגוש  
את יואב ואת אבא שלו.

ni-sa be-ya-chad le-shuk  
ar-ba-at ha-mi-nim  
ve-nik-ne sham lu-lav,  
et-rog, ha-das ve-a-ra-va.

We will travel together to  
the Four Species Market  
and there we will buy  
a Lulav, an Etrog, a Hadas  
and Arava.

ניסע ביחד לשוק  
ארבעת המינים  
ונקנה שם לולב,  
אתרוג, הדס וערבה.

yom lif-ney ha-chag,  
ku-la-nu niv-ne  
et ha-su-ka be-ya-chad.

A day before the holiday,  
we will all build the  
Sukkah together.

יום לפני החג,  
כולנו נבנה  
את הסוכה ביחד.

a-ni, a-ba ve-Yo-av  
na-sim et ha-schach.

Dad, Yoav and I  
will put up the Schach.

אני, אבא ויואב  
נשים את הסכך.



<p>a-ba shel Yo-av iv-dok et ha-et-rog.</p>	<p>Yoav's Dad will examine the Etrog.</p>	<p>אבא של יואב יבדוק את האתרוג.</p>
<p>Yael, ha-a-chot shel Yo-av tik-ne ki-shu-tim ve-tit-le o-tam ba-su-ka.</p>	<p>Yael, Yoav's sister will buy decorations and will hang them up in the Sukkah.</p>	<p>יעל, האחות של יואב תקנה קישוטים ותתלה אותם בסוכה.</p>
<p>ve-ha-i-ma-hot she-la-nu te-sa-der-na bif-nim, kach she-i-hi-ye ma-mash kmo ba-ba-it.</p>	<p>And our mothers will arrange the inside, so it will be just like at home.</p>	<p>והאימהות שלנו תסדרנה בפנים, כך שיהיה ממש כמו בבית.</p>
<p>ba-chag azz-mo, a-nach-nu ma-mash nich-ye ba-su-ka.</p>	<p>On the holiday itself, we will actually live in the Sukkah.</p>	<p>בחג עצמו, אנחנו ממש נחיה בסוכה.</p>
<p>na-a-se sham ha-kol: nish-te, no-chal, ni-shan, nire te-le-viz-ia ve-a-fi-lu...</p>	<p>We will do everything there: drink, eat, sleep, watch TV and even...</p>	<p>נעשה שם הכל: נשתה, נאכל, נישן, נראה טלביזיה ואפילו...</p>
<p>nil-mad la-miv-chan be-an-glit.</p>	<p>Study for the English test.</p>	<p>נלמד למבחן באנגלית.</p>

Jonathan: As we did on the last two lessons, which are the first two lessons of the Intermediate Level of our Hebrew Program, let's review the new words taken from Itamar's essay and concentrate today only on the **non-verb** vocabulary. We will go through all of the verbs and their conjugations on Lesson 27-B, as we will recap the basic technique and conjugation structure of the **Pa-al** future tense for singular and plural personal pronouns, while starting to explore and conjugate, more deeply, the specific irregular verbs caused by the guttural letter 'hey'. Don't miss the B lesson. Okay, back to our vocabulary, Eran and Liat, would you read and translate for us the list of new verbs taken from the essay?

Eran: We would love to. Liat, first, let's briefly read a list of some words which appear in the essay, with which we are already familiar, from our previous lessons.

Liat: *mezzu-yan. ra-a-yon tov!*



shavu-a	Week	שבוע
yoma-im	Two days	יומיים
be-yachad	Together	ביחד
sham	There	שם
kulanu	All of us	כולנו
achot	Sister	אחות
mamash	Exactly/Really	ממש
mivchan	A test	מבחן
anglit	English	אנגלית

Jonathan: Starting with these words was a good idea. Freshening up an already acquired knowledge is very important in the process of studying a language. Please do not forget to use the read and vocabulary exercises available for you as Learn Hebrew Pod Members on our website. Each of the lessons has its own dedicated list of studied vocabulary and studied phrases taken from that lesson. It's a great place to rehearse and review with Eran and Liat, as well as getting acquainted and improving **your Hebrew Reading skills**. **tov**, let's go through the list of the new non-verb vocabulary taken from Itamars' essay:

ha-ba	Next	הבא
lif-ney	Before	לפני
a-ba	Father / Dad	אבא
shuk	Market	שוק
ar-ba-at	Four (of)	ארבעת
ki-shu-tim	Decoration	קישוטים
o-tam	Them	אותם
i-ma-hot	Mothers	אימהות
bif-nim	Inside	בפנים
kach she	So that	כך ש



ma-mash kmo	Exactly as / Really like	ממש כמו
ba-it	Home	בית
azz-mo	Itself	עצמו
ha-kol	Everything	הכל

Jonathan: Great. Let's take a short break from the new vocabulary and practice our pronunciation. Since Itamar's essay is not a short one, let's start by reading just the first half once more. As with our recent routine, we will do that at our 'intermediate' medium pace, meaning, breaking up the syllables but keeping the rhythm straight and tight. After that, we will discuss a few of the new words in a more detailed manner.

**ba-shavu-a haba,  
yoma-im lifney ha-chag,  
ani ve-aba sheli nifgosh  
et Yoav ve-et aba shelo.**

Next week, two days  
before the holiday,  
my father and I, will meet  
Yoav and his Dad.

**בשבוע הבא,  
יומיים לפני החג,  
אני ואבא שלי נפגוש  
את יואב ואת אבא שלו.**

**nisa be-yachad le-shuk  
arba-at ha-minim  
ve-nikne sham lulav,  
etrog, hadas ve-arava.**

We will travel together to  
the Four Species Market  
and there we will buy  
a Lulav, an Etrog, a Hadas  
and Arava.

**ניסע ביחד לשוק  
ארבעת המינים  
ונקנה שם לולב,  
אתרוג, הדס וערבה.**

**yom lifney ha-chag,  
kulanu nivne  
et ha-suka be-yachad.**

A day before the holiday,  
we will all build the  
Sukkah together.

**יום לפני החג,  
כולנו נבנה  
את הסוכה ביחד.**

**ani, aba ve-Yoav  
nasim et ha-schach.**

Dad, Yoav and I  
will put up the Schach.

**אני, אבא ויואב  
נשים את הסכך.**

**aba shel Yoav  
ivdok et ha-etrog.**

Yoav's Dad will  
examine the Etrog.

**אבא של יואב  
יבדוק את האתרוג.**

Jonathan: **toda**. We will use the syllabetic reading style for the second half of the essay soon. Eran and Liat, I believe there is one more list of words you did not mention yet...

Eran: **ken, Yonatan. ada-in lo tirgamnu - we didn't translate yet**, the Holiday Specific Vocabulary mentioned in the essay, **arba-at ha-minim**.



Liat: In Hebrew the word species has a singular and a plural form. **min echad** and when pluralizing, **minim**. We simply add our famous 'im' suffix and with that create the plural form. Usually, that also suggests that we're dealing with a masculine noun, as the 'im' suffix is usually used for pluralizing a masculine noun.

Eran: One of the most important and known mizzvot of the Sukkot Holiday is purchasing, putting together, checking and then holding and waving of **the four species – arba-at ha-minim**.

**arba-at ha-minim** consist of:

**Three branches – shlosa anafim:**

**A Palm branch** – this is the **lulav**

**A Myrtle branch** – this is the **hadas**

**A Willow branch** – this is the **arava**

Liat: And **the forth species** – **ha-min ha-revi-i** is a native Israeli citrus fruit: the **etrog** – **citron**.

Eran: All of the minim, and especially the **etrog**, need to be very strictly examined to make sure that they are totally Kosher. That is exactly what Yoav's Dad is doing; examining the **etrog** to make sure it is flawless and impeccable – **mushlam**.

Liat: As we can see, Jonathan, Sukkot is quite a wonderful holiday. The four species ritual is a lot of fun. It is very symbolic and signifies the values and fertility of the land of Israel.

Eran: **ze nachon**. And as I said before, the ritual itself is done by waving the species in six directions. As we are already familiar with directional terminology in Hebrew, let's say them in Hebrew. We recite a blessing and wave the species to the:

**mizrach**

**darom**

**ma-arav**

**zzafon**

**lemala ve...**

**lemata**

Liat: Let's say it once more, while using the 'a' suffix:

**mizracha** – to the east direction

**daroma** – to the south direction

**ma-arava** – to the west direction





**zzafona** – to the north direction

**lemala** – upwards

**lemata** – downwards

Jonathan: As we remember, a comprehensive discussion about directions can be found on audio lessons 16 A, B & C.

The term '**arba-at ha-minim**' gives us the chance to review a new list of numbers, with which we are not yet familiar. We're already familiar with the **ordinal set of masculine numbers** from one to twelve. Today, let's study the **masculine set of regular counting numbers** from one to twelve.

Eran and Liat:

<b>e-chad</b>	One	<b>אחד</b>
<b>shna-im</b>	Two	<b>שניים</b>
<b>shlo-sha</b>	Three	<b>שלושה</b>
<b>ar-ba-a</b>	Four	<b>ארבעה</b>
<b>cha-mi-sha</b>	Five	<b>חמישה</b>
<b>shi-sha</b>	Six	<b>שישה</b>
<b>shiv-a</b>	Seven	<b>שבעה</b>
<b>shmo-na</b>	Eight	<b>שמונה</b>
<b>tish-a</b>	Nine	<b>תשעה</b>
<b>a-sa-ra</b>	Ten	<b>עשרה</b>
<b>a-chad – asar</b>	Eleven	<b>אחד-עשר</b>
<b>shnem – asar</b>	Twelve	<b>שנים-עשר</b>

Jonathan: For the purpose of reviewing and clarity, let's hear the masculine and the feminine sets next to each other. Eran will read the masculine numbers and Liat the feminine ones:



echad	achat
shna-im	shta-im
shloshta	shalosh
arba-a	arba
chamisha	chamesh
shisha	shesh
shiv-a	sheva
shmona	shmone
tish-a	tesha
asara	eser
achad-asar	achat-esre
shnem-asar	shtem-esre

Jonathan: **toda**. As said before, when counting the four species, we are counting masculine nouns, **minim**. **Four species – arba-a minim**. BUT, as you have probably noticed, in his essay Itamar says:

Eran:

nisa be-yachad  
le-shuk **arba-at ha-minim**  
ve-nikne sham lulav, etrog,  
hadas ve-arava.

We will travel together to  
the Four Species Market and  
there we will buy a Lulav,  
an Etrog, a Hadas and Arava.

ניסע ביחד  
לשוק **ארבעת המינים**  
ונקנה שם לולב, אתרוג,  
הדס וערבה.

Itamar and his Dad will travel together to a special market. This is 'The Four Species Market'. It's a special market that we have in different cities in Israel, dedicated for these specific preparations for Sukkot. We just learned that the masculine counting number for **Four** is **arba-a** BUT... Itamar doesn't say '**shuk arba-a ha-minim**' rather, '**shuk arba-at ha-minim**'.



Liat: With that, we again acknowledge one of the unique features Hebrew has, being part of the Semitic family of languages, the contiguity. The contiguity is a special combination of two words, **contiguous to each other**, which together form one lingual unit or entity. We have seen that in phrases such as **medinat-Israel - The State of Israel**, when the word 'a state' - **medina**, transforms to '**medinat**' and by that becomes the first half of this contiguous unit. In our teaching method, we translate that as a kind of possession: **medinat-Israel - The State of Israel**.

Eran: And in Hebrew, this unique feature of contiguity also applies to numbers. In our example, the masculine number **arba-a**, becomes **arba-at**. Just the same as a **state – medina**, becomes **The State Of – medinat**.

Liat: So **arba-at** is literally translated as '**The Four Of...**' and in our example '**The Four of The Species**' - '**arba-at ha-minim**'.

Jonathan: **toda** Eran and Liat for this very interesting explanation. Let's return to Itamar's essay, while reading its second part with our 'intermediate' medium pace, breaking up the syllables but keeping the rhythm straight and tight:

**Yael, ha-achot shel Yoav  
tikne kishutim ve-title  
otam ba-suka.**

Yael, Yoav's sister will buy decorations and will hang them up in the Sukkah.

**יעל, האחות של יואב  
תקנה קישוטים ותתלה  
אותם בסוכה.**

**ve-ha-ima-hot shelanu  
tesaderna bifnim,  
kach she-i-hi-ye mamash  
kmo ba-ba-it.**

And our mothers will arrange the inside, so it will be just like at home.

**והאימהות שלנו  
תסדרנה בפנים,  
כך שיהיה ממש  
כמו בבית.**

**ba-chag azzmo,  
anachnu mamash  
nich-ye ba-suka.**

On the holiday itself, we will actually live in the Sukkah.

**בחג עצמו,  
אנחנו ממש  
נחיה בסוכה.**

**na-ase sham ha-kol:  
nishte, nochal, nishan,  
nire televiz-ia ve-afilu...**

We will do everything there: drink, eat, sleep, watch TV and even...

**נעשה שם הכל:  
נשתה, נאכל, נישן,  
נראה טלביזיה ואפילו...**

**nilmad la-mivchan  
be-anglit.**

Study for the English test.

**נלמד למבחן  
באנגלית.**

Jonathan: **ne-hedar**. Oh... I can hear a motorbike outside. That's probably Ido, carrying the **schach**. What is a **schach**? We have forgotten to explain this word...



Liat: Let's do that after we set it up.

Eran: Yes... while we are sitting in our Sukkah.

Liat: **bedi-yuk**, right at the beginning of **shi-ur esrim ve-sheva bet**.

Jonathan: **ra-a-yon mezzu-yan**. Let's go outside and help Ido to put the **schach** up and meet our students on Lesson...

Eran and Liat: **Twenty-Seven B – esrim ve-sheva bet**.

Jonathan: **toda. le-hitra-ot**.

Eran and Liat: **toda le-kulchem, le-hitra-ot ve-chag same-ach!**

(Music)

Going out to help Ido free conversation