

# Sukkot Program Ideas

## From your friends at USY

**Sukkot is a great time of year to engage with the teens and youth in your synagogue. With temperatures being moderate in most parts of North America this is a great opportunity to do a variety of activities both inside and outside. You can also utilize Rosh Hashanah as a time to advertise these events for your youth community. To help get your creativity going, we have developed a list of some helpful program ideas for various age levels from 3rd-12th along with a brief description of each program. For additional help with any of these programs or assistance in coming up with other creative ideas that work for your synagogue please reach out directly to USY's Director of Chapter Outreach & Initiatives, Marc Sender, [m sender@uscj.org](mailto:m sender@uscj.org).**

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# Sukkot Programs

## USY Chaverim (3rd-5th Grade)

### Un-Sukkah Build

Gather the same materials you would use to build a model sukkah and challenge the teens to build anything but a sukkah and then have people judge.

### Candy Sukkah

Gather licorice, pretzels, marshmallows, chocolate, sour punch straws, graham crackers, marshmallow fluff, and any other candy you would like and have a candy sukkah building competition, then enjoy the treats.

### Old MacDonald had a Sukkah

Take a trip to a local farm. Discuss the relationship between Sukkot and harvesting. While visiting the farm, discuss how Jewish values might be exhibited at the farm.

### The Art of Sukkot

While reading or telling stories about Sukkot give various art supplies to the kids and have them draw whatever they are picturing. After the story have them pair up and share their artwork with a peer.

### Sukkah Scavenger Hunt

Take the kids on a nature walk. While on the walk talk about the basics of Sukkot and how it relates to nature. Have kids gather assorted nature supplies along the way and then create a Sukkah out of those supplies.

### Lego Sukkah

Provide random legos in assorted piles. Have the kids work in pairs to build a mini Sukkah out of random legos. Once completed the lego Sukkot can then be hung using string or command strips from the actual Sukkah

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## USY Geshher (6th-8th Grade)

### Shake Shack

Kids get different ingredients to make milk shakes with and compete to make the best milk shake in the Sukkah.

### Sukkot Supper

Each group is assigned a different country (America, Israel, Spain, etc) where Jews practice Sukkot. The group then cooks one customary dish from that country to be part of the Sukkot Supper.

### Sukkot Around the World

Each person picks a different country where Jews practice Sukkot. After learning about the country's traditions, kids make a piece of artwork representing the country to hang in the Sukkah.

### Jabba the Hut

Have a Star Wars themed Sukkot. Kids can build what a Sukkah might have if it needed to be built in outer space. Kids can build a lightsaber lulav.

### Great S'chach

Back to the Future themed Sukkot. Pretend the Sukkah is a time machine and have kids build different Sukkot for different time periods, examples include Jurassic, Western, 1950s, 1980s, and a future themed Sukkah.

### Cardboard Sukkah Race

Kids split into small groups, with cardboard/sticks. It's essentially a race to build a sukkah that they can all fit under (with sticks on the roof). Extra points for stability. Easy, quick, and fun activity.

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## USY (9th-12th Grade)

### Sushi in the Sukkah

Teens can eat sushi in the Sukkah and can make their own candy sushi for dessert!

### Pizza in the Hut

Enjoy hot slices of pizza in the Sukkah! Bring board games and play ice breaker games to spice up the fun and help teens to mingle! You can even have teens make their own pizzas!

### Sukkot Night Live (SNL)

Kids split into small groups and create fun comedy sketches or play improv games underneath the Sukkah. Improv/comedy scenes can be based around Sukkot events.

### Sukkah Hop

Have different synagogues and families volunteer to host at their synagogue. A different meal can be had at each Sukkah. For example, it can be appetizers at the first Sukkah, then dinner at the next Sukkah, and dessert at the following sukkah.

### Sukkah Escape Room

Put together a list of riddles and clues. Teens need to find the answers to clues, find objects, and work as a team in order to escape the sukkah!

### Sukkah Gallery Walk

Place images around the Sukkah around a theme (events that occurred on Sukkot, Sukkot around the world, images related to the holiday of Sukkot). Kids grab photos that surprise them, that interest them, and one they have a question about.