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Join us for
Hoshanah Rabbah



Hoshanah Rabbah, the seventh day of Sukkot is a semi-holiday in its own right. Still counted among the days of *Chol Hamoed* (intermediate days of the festival), this day's name means "the great hoshanah." A hoshanah is a series of seven liturgical poems calling upon God to rescue and redeem the Jewish people, primarily by sending rain.

Hoshanah Rabbah was viewed by the rabbis of the Talmud as a mini-Yom Kippur, a day on which the entire Jewish community is judged by God to be worthy or not of the seasonal rains. All seven hoshanot prayers are recited in seven *hakafot*, or processions, around the sanctuary.

At the conclusion of the seven processions, a special ritual is conducted in which the branches of the willow are struck upon the ground. This is a symbolic attempt to rid ourselves of any remaining sins (the leaves representing these transgressions) that might influence God's decision to send the seasonal rains.

Sunday, October 16, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

led by Rabbi Hillel

Lite Refreshments in the Sukkah to follow

No need to RSVP

Just show up and don't forget to bring your Lulav and Etrog!

We look forward to seeing you!