

CLASS 21 - SUKKOS

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"And you shall take for yourselves on the first day, fruit of the esrog tree, date-palm branches, twigs of the myrtle tree, and brook willows, and you shall rejoice before Hashem, your Lord, for seven days."
(VaYikra 23, 40)

The holiday of Sukkos is referred to as 'Zman Simchaseinu' - 'the period of our rejoicing'. Though the Mitzva of 'v'Samachta B'Chagecha' applies to each of the Shalosh Regalim, this particular Yom Tov contains an innate element of rejoicing which is the basis of the holiday, not merely an added requirement.

This verse seems to indicate that the taking of the four species is an innate expression of joy, more so than Mitzvos associated with other Chagim, which are not defined in terms of Simcha.

In our shiur this week, we will explain the basis of this happiness, describing the special effects of the Arba Minim.