

You shall live in booths for seven days.

Vayikra 23:42



1. The Four Species



Lulav (palm) לולב



Arava (willow) ארבה



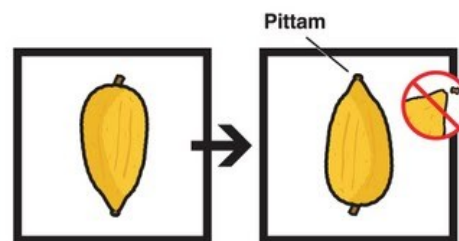
Hadas (myrtle) הדס



Etrog (citrus) אתרוג

2. Getting Started

The **lulav**, **hadas**, and **arava** are held together in the right hand; the spine of the **lulav** faces you, with two **aravot** on the left and three **hadasim** on the right. The **etrog** is held in the left hand, touching the **lulav**. Before the blessing, the **pittam** of the **etrog** is turned down; after the blessing and while waving the **lulav**, the **pittam** is turned up. Stand facing Jerusalem (east).



3. The Blessing

ברוך אתה יי אלהנו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על נטילת לולב.

Baruch atah, Adonai eloheynu, melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al netilat lulav.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, sovereign of the universe, who has made us holy by **mitzvot** and has commanded us to take hold of the **lulav**.

4. Waving the Lulav

Wave or shake the **lulav** in six directions, slowly and deliberately, three times: in front of you (east), to the right (south), to the back over your shoulder (west), to the left (north), above you (to heaven), and below you (to earth).

