

You shall live in booths for seven days.

Vayikra 23:42



## 1. The Four Species



Lulav (palm) לולב



Arava (willow) ארבה



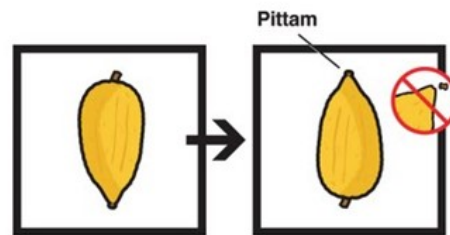
Hadas (myrtle) הדס



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).

