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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Emor: (שמות ל"ב)

וּלְקַחְתֶּם לָכֶם בַּיּוֹם הָרִאשׁוֹן וְגו'

In today's *Sefer Hamitzvos*, we learn the *mitzvah* of taking a *Lulav* and *Esrog* to shake on *Sukkos*!

The *mitzvah* from the Torah is that everywhere in the world we should shake the *Lulav* and *Esrog* on the first day of *Sukkos*, and only in the *Beis Hamikdash* ("Lifnei Hashem") for all seven days of *Sukkos* ("Shivas Yamim").

Only after the Churban of the Beis Hamikdash, because of the takana of R' Yochanan ben Zakai, do we shake the Lulav and Esrog on all seven days of Sukkos, "Zecher L'Mikdash." When Moshiach comes it will go back to the way it was before this takana.



The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Sukkah

Rambam: Hilchos Shofar V'Sukah V'Lulav

PEREK VOV

After learning about the walls of the *sukkah* and the *sechach*, in this *perek*, we learn the *halachos* of actually sitting in the *sukkah*. For example, we learn that you are allowed to eat certain snacks outside of the *sukkah*, but someone who is careful not to even drink water outside of the *sukkah* — *Harei Zeh Meshubach*, he is doing something very good and should be praised.

PEREK ZAYIN

We learn about the *Daled Minim*, the *Lulav*, *Esrog*, *Hadassim*, and *Aravos*. We learn how to tie them together, how to hold them, and how to shake them. The Rambam says that a child who knows how to shake the *lulav* has a *Mitzvah DeRabbanan* to shake the *Lulav*, because of *Chinuch*.

PEREK CHES

We learn about what makes the *Daled Minim* *posul*, and the special *simcha* we have on *Sukkos* — including the *Simchas Beis Hashoeivah*!

The Rambam ends these halachos with a halacha the Rebbe would quote often: We need to learn from Dovid Hamelech, who didn't think about his own kavod and danced in front of Hashem when the Aron came back to where it belonged. We should also never feel embarrassed to show our simcha in Avodas Hashem!