

Last year we instituted a wonderful addition to our Sukkot rituals. After shaking the lulav and while eating brunch in the Sukkah, Mike Pechner, of Golden West Meteorology and an official San Francisco Giants Ball Dude, spoke to us last year of his predictions of a wetter and snowier than usual winter. And if you want some insight into Winter, 5772, Mike will return to shake the lulav with us again on Thursday morning, October 13th at 8:30 am.

Our Sukkah crew under the guidance of Steve Rabinowitz will be constructing the frame on Sunday, October 2. (Volunteers welcome!) Susan Friedman will spread the foliage on Sunday, October 9. (Volunteers welcome!) Our kids will decorate later that morning, and then Idelle Lipman will coordinate the brunch on Thursday, October 13th. (Blintzes, fruit salad, etc., welcome!)

In the Book of Ecclesiastes King Solomon proclaimed: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." 3000 years before Bob Dylan and the Byrds he encouraged us to get in touch with the earth's rhythms and accept all the tasks that God has placed before us. Engaging with the Sukkah and all its little tasks and pleasures can be a good first step.

Reflections...

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This month I'm going to be leading the first of three Tot Shabbat services starting on October 29th at 9:00 am. We used to have Tot Shabbat services when I first came to B'nai Tikvah, but over the course of a couple of years attendance started to decrease, and we even had a few months when no families showed up at all! So we decided to stop offering the services until we had more families with tot-aged kids who might be interested in coming to a service.