

Hoshana Rabba by Julie Zhuk at 2024-10-23

The next holiday that comes after Sukkot is Hoshana Rabba. It comes before Simcha Torah, the night that all the Jewish people gather around to dance. The meaning behind Hoshana Rabba is “the Great Hoshana.”

The Jewish people repeat this ritual where they are dancing circling the Torah seven times like a bride circling around her new husband when she gets married. When the Jews circle around the Torah they do this seven times on that day.

In the biblical days, the Jewish people danced around the Torah only once. The name of the holiday can be read as a “great salvation.”

This is taken from the Rebbe’s interpretation. He believed this holiday to be so great. It was on this day that the Jewish people were dancing and were assured that they could draw down infinite blessings coming from G-d.

If the holiday of Hoshana Rabba is to fall on a Wednesday Night Jews are recommended to do what’s called an Eruv Tavshillin. Simcha Torah and Shabbat follow the next few nights, Thursday and Friday.

This Eruv Tavshillin must be done on Wednesday night, this way Jewish people can continue to cook and keep preparing for Shabbat among other things.