

HOW TO CHOOSE ONE'S LULAV

by Torah-Box!

Every day of the holiday of Sukkot (except on Shabbat), we have the Mitzvah to take “the Four Species”: a Lulav (a date palm branch), an Etrog (a lemon), three Hadassim (myrtle branches), and two Aravot (willow branches).

When you purchase them, bring this sheet created by the Torah-Box team along with you. In order for your Mitzvah to be valid, the four species must respect a few basic rules.

| ETROG | |
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| Color | Preferably yellow. If not, green. |
| Skin | Without any holes, nor parts of missing skin or flesh. Preferably yellow. If not, green. |
| Upper part | Must not contain black holes on the upper and lower tip |
| Shape | Pyramid: large on its lower part and thinner on its upper part. |
| Tip | If it has a tip (Pitom), it must not be broken. |

| LULAV | |
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| Central branch | The central branch of the tip cannot be split into two parts. It must be closed. |
| Tip | Whole and unbroken. |
| Freshness | Not dried out. |
| Shape | Minimal length: 40 cm (or 15.75 inches) |
| Tip | The straightest shape possible. |

| HADASS | |
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| Branches | 3 branches. |
| Leaves | Must have grown on the same spot on the branch, by groups of 3, on half of the length. |
| Freshness | Not dried out (cannot erode itself). |
| Size | Minimal length: 24 cm (or 9.44 inches) Preferably 30 cm (or 11.81 inches) |

| ARAVA | |
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| Branches | 2 small twigs. |
| Leaf shape | Elongated (and not round). |
| Leaf outline | Smooth (and not in “saw teeth”). |
| Size | Minimal length: 24 cm (or 9.44 inches) Preferably 30 cm (or 11.81 inches) |

Make sure that the “4 species” are under rabbinical control.

