

Greening Your Sukkot Holiday

Sukkot is approaching and the BJBE Sukkah Crawl is near. Here are some Green Sukkah ideas from BJBE's GreenFaith committee. Sukkot is one of the most "environmentally oriented" holidays, and here are some simple ideas to get you started.

Host an eco-friendly dinner in your sukkah:

- Use regular dishes, silverware and glasses so that no waste is created.
- Serve a vegetarian or vegan meal (eating vegetarian is good for you and the environment)
- Use cloth napkins

Create eco-friendly decorations for your sukkah:

- Color, paint or decorate old CDs to resemble stars in your sukkah
- Make strings of items to hang including:
 - empty (and rinsed) soda cans
 - toilet paper rolls
 - old Rosh Hashanah cards you have received (punch holes and string together)
 - plastic lids from bottles (drill holes and string together)

Remember, be creative and look around your home for items you already have that can be used to bring meaning and beauty to your sukkah.

Save your decorations from year to year and reuse them! That way, nothing ends up in the landfill!

For more ideas and detailed information on some of the ideas above, check out:

<http://bit.ly/green-sukkot>

There are also some amazing ideas and photos for creating a "recycled" sukkah!!