

Religious School...education and enrichment

More Sukkah Space

The Cathcarts love Sukkot; it is a joyous time at our house. We try to share it with as many people as we can. We have fun from the day the sukkah goes up until the day it comes down. The story of our first sukkah is a tale filled with early failure. We had recently moved into our first house. Vicki and I had always wanted a sukkah, but this was the first time we had a decent place to put one. In designing it, my dad helped me to figure out what lumber and hardware I would need. It had walls made from shower curtains and one table that sat six. It was a sight to see...until it fell over. That first sukkah collapsed not once, not twice, but THREE TIMES during Sukkot that year. We never gave up though. We would pick it up and put it back together each time. The lesson I learned from our first sukkah was that if there is something you have your heart set on, don't let obstacles get in your way. Keep getting up and trying again and again if need be. The reward will be that much sweeter when you accomplish your goal. The very next year we decided to purchase a kit that someone else had engineered. We still have that sukkah and it has never fallen over on us! We even doubled our space with the addition of a second sukkah in 2011. Our total sukkah space is usually a whopping 224 square feet! This year we are without our sukkah, but we'll be back strong for Sukkot 5778 and who knows, maybe we'll add a few more square feet.

I hope that you all will take an opportunity to *leishev basukkah* (dwell in the Sukkah) some place this year.

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