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SERMON IDEA FOR SUKKOT

The primary meaning of Sukkah is to emphasize that insecurity; that the strength of our homes is merely an illusion. We can find security only in the hands of God. But there is also a secondary theme which goes in the opposite direction: that going into the Sukkah is a reminder of how lucky we are to have home.* In this sense, the exodus to the Sukkah is a kind of "exile" or *גלות*. Indeed, this is the special prayer we recite upon entering the Sukkah when we say *שנה אנו יוצאים מן הארץ...* may this be accounted as if I had gone into *גלות*. This leads to another idea: the tendency of young people, young singles, to go to their own apartments when there is no necessity for it. Of course, there are times that work or study or sometimes difficult conditions at home make it mandatory. But generally, it is not a good idea.

* Perhaps in this sense, Sukkah is a continuation of the *mitzvah* *לעשות סוכה* reminding us to be grateful for (a) being privileged to have what we not have) food - drink - luxury - water - shoes - companionship - to life - grateful for (a) being privileged to have what we not have) HOME.

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