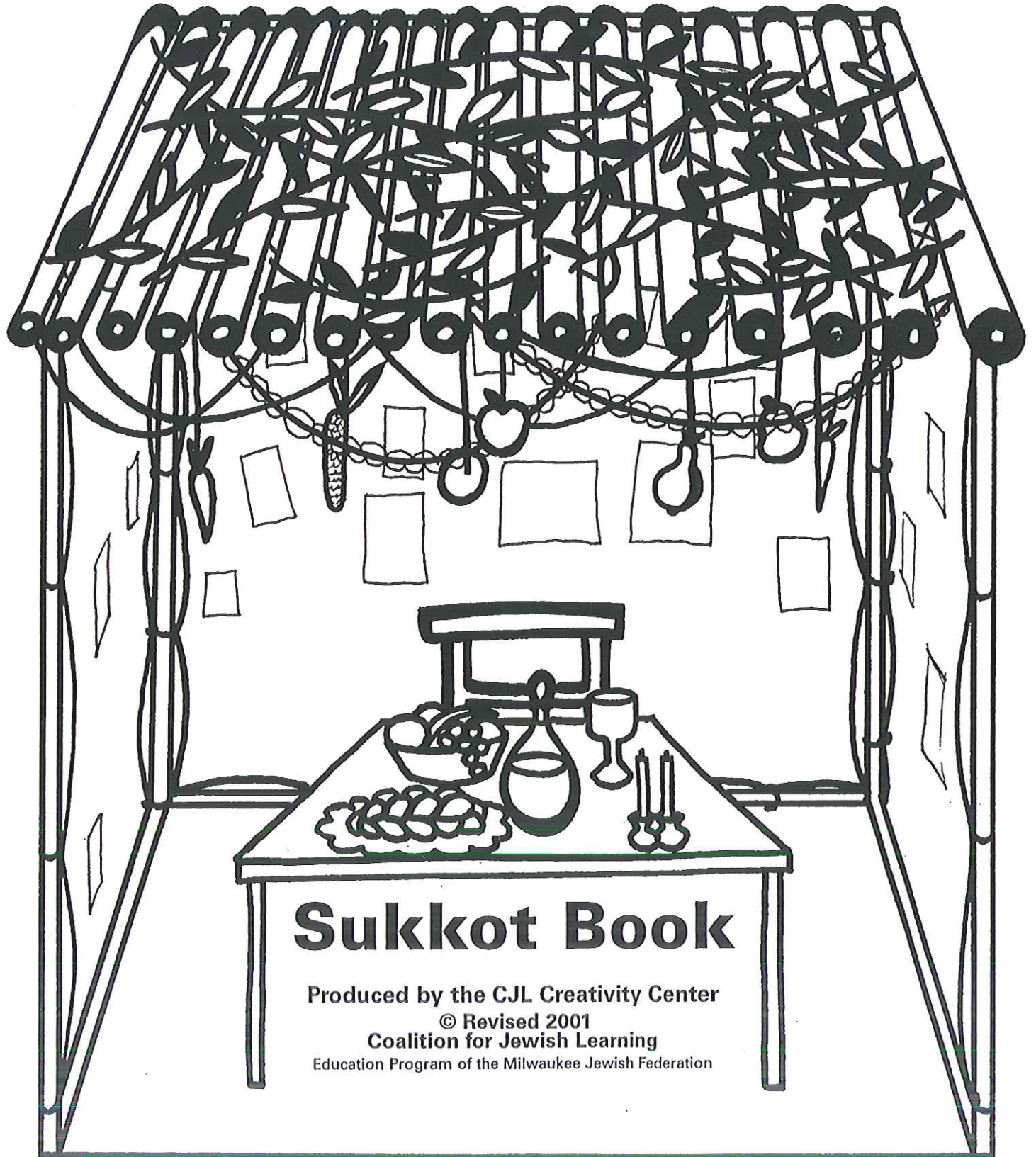
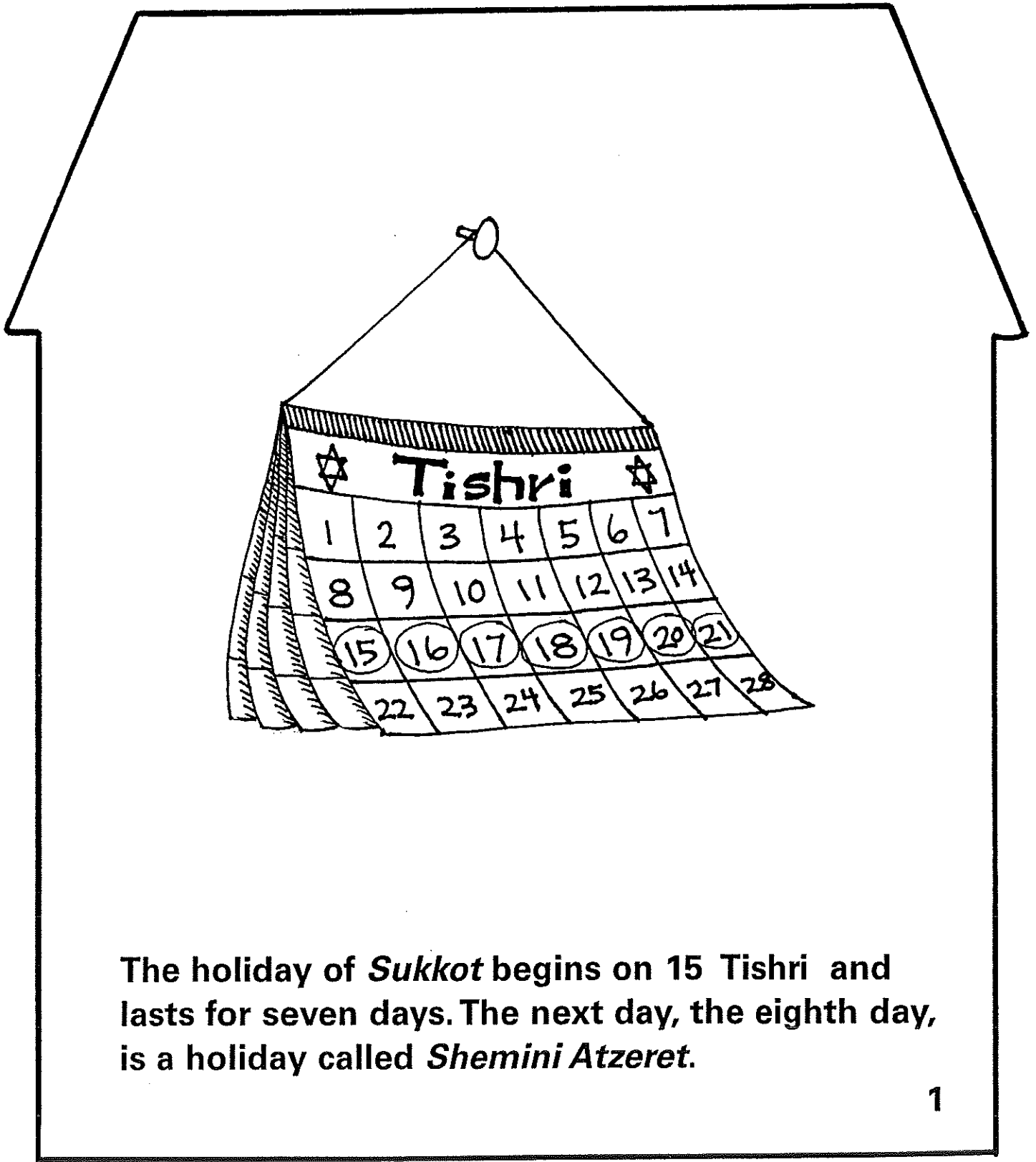


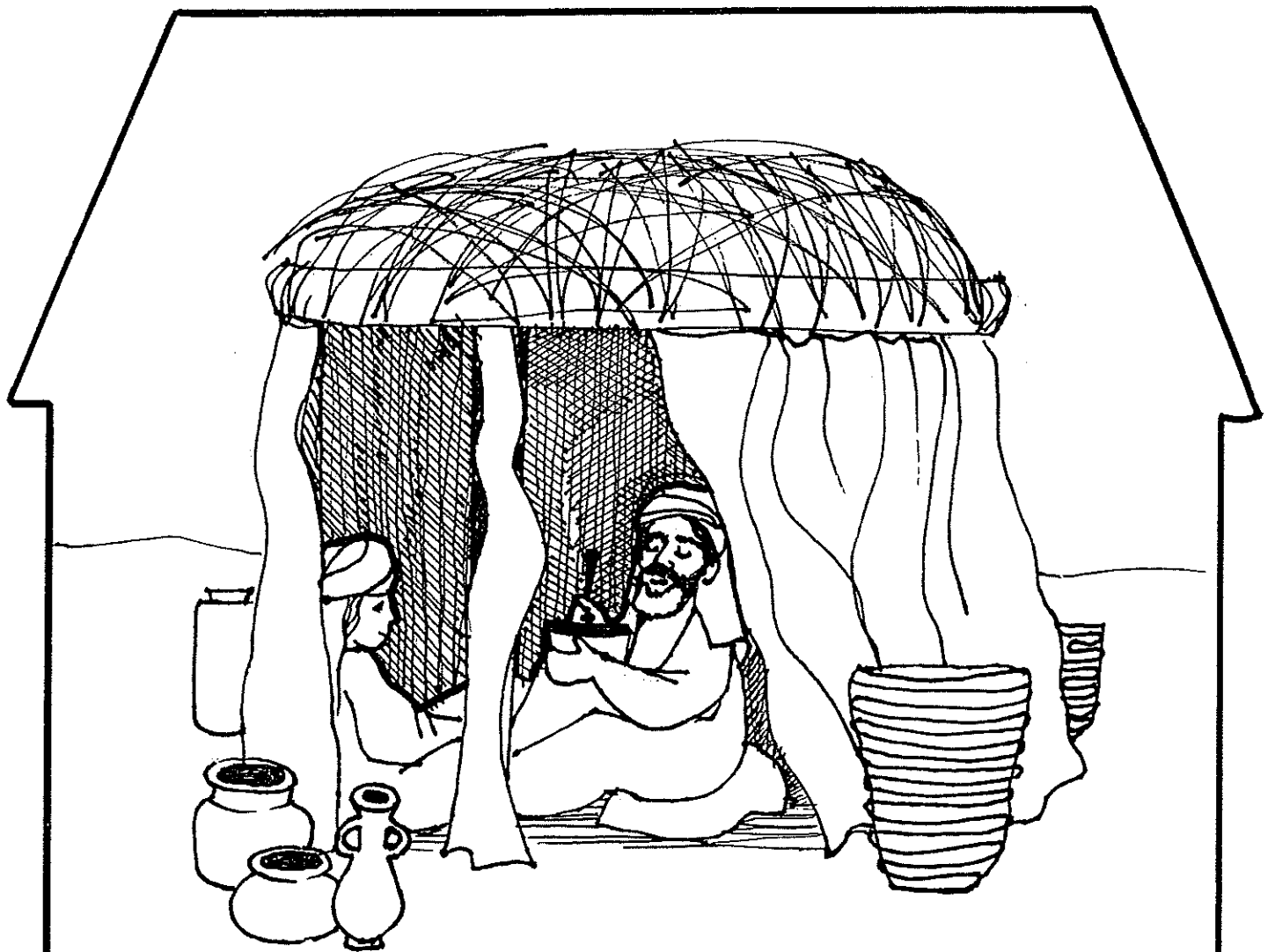
# The Sukkot Book

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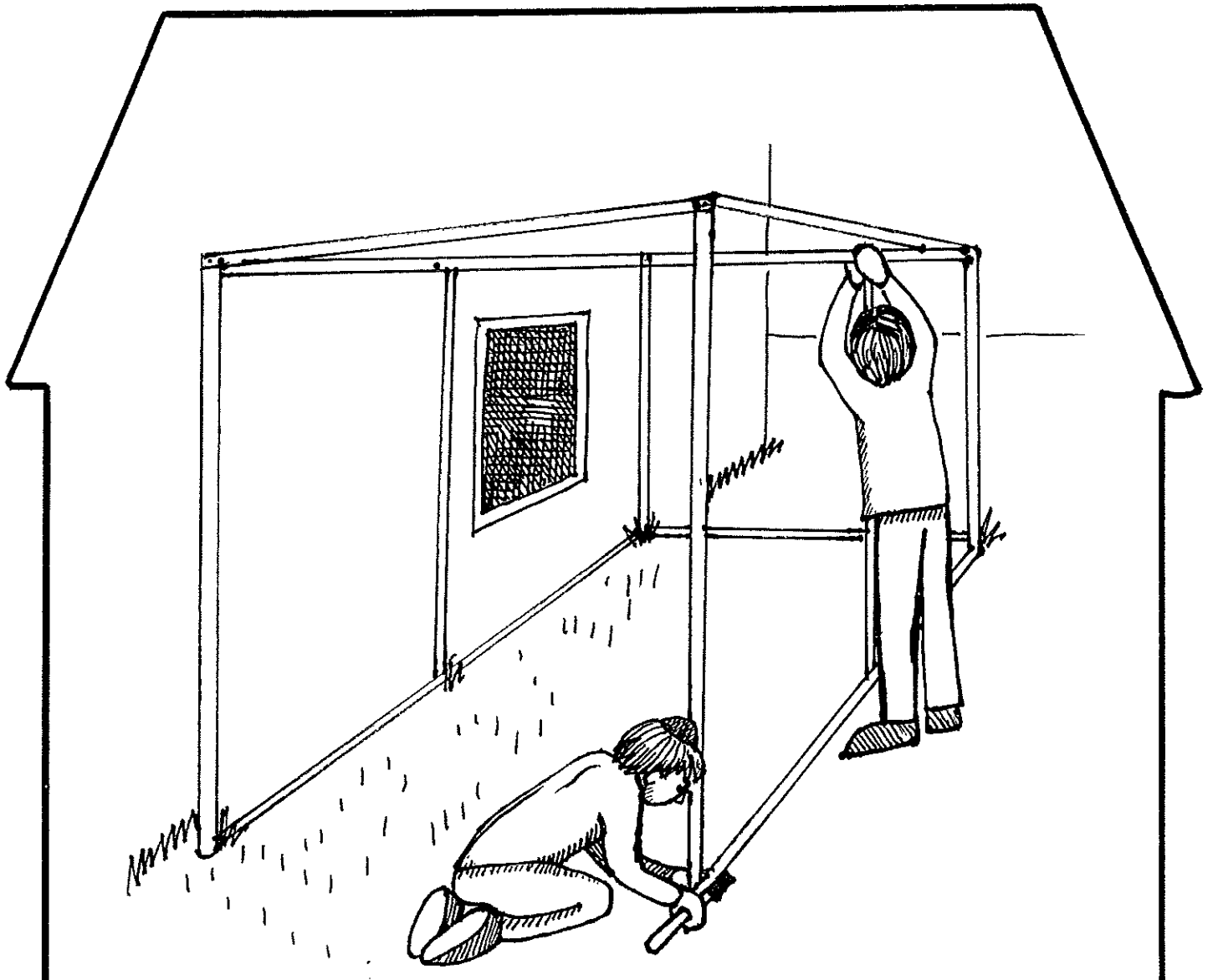




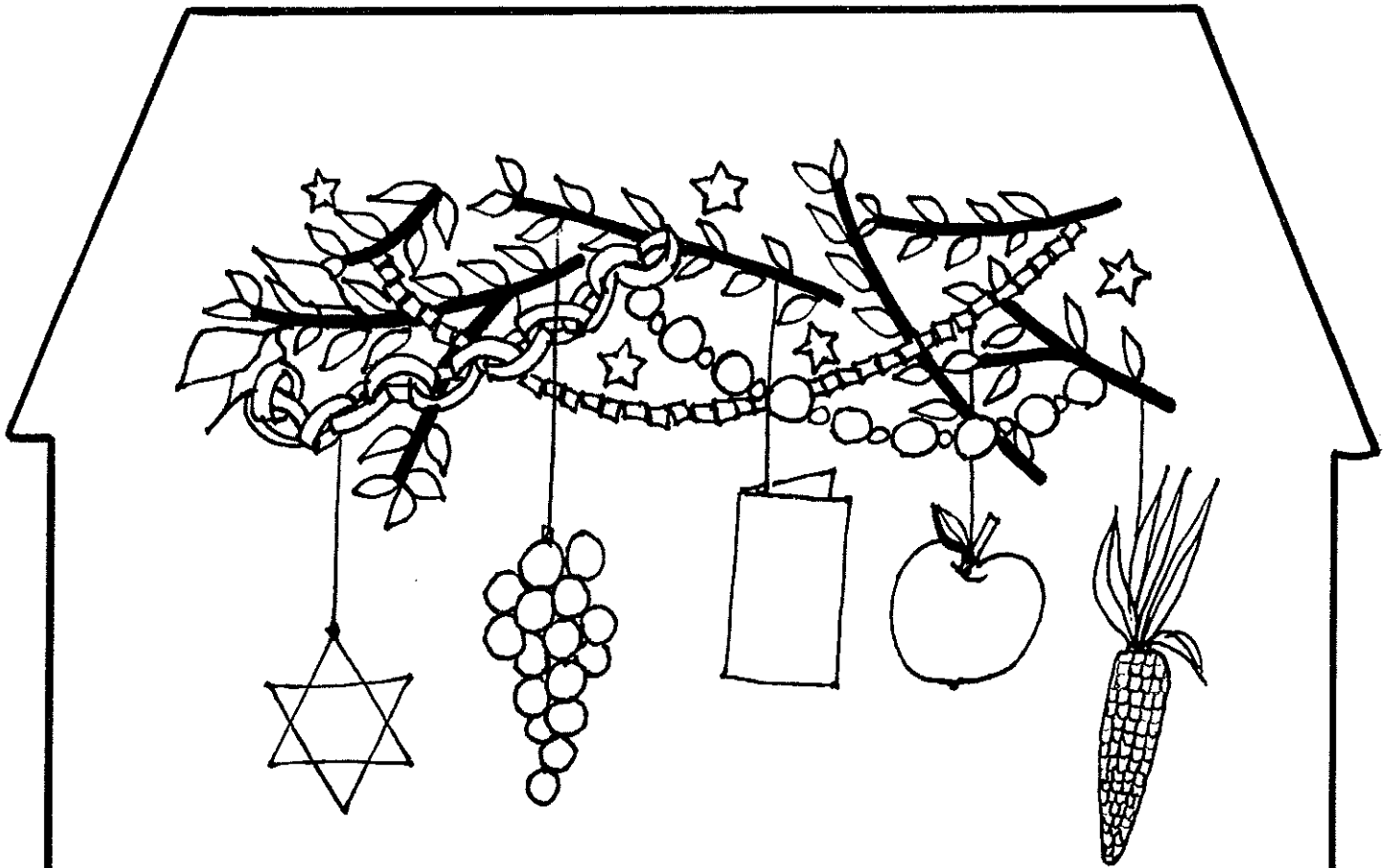
The holiday of *Sukkot* begins on 15 Tishri and lasts for seven days. The next day, the eighth day, is a holiday called *Shemini Atzeret*.



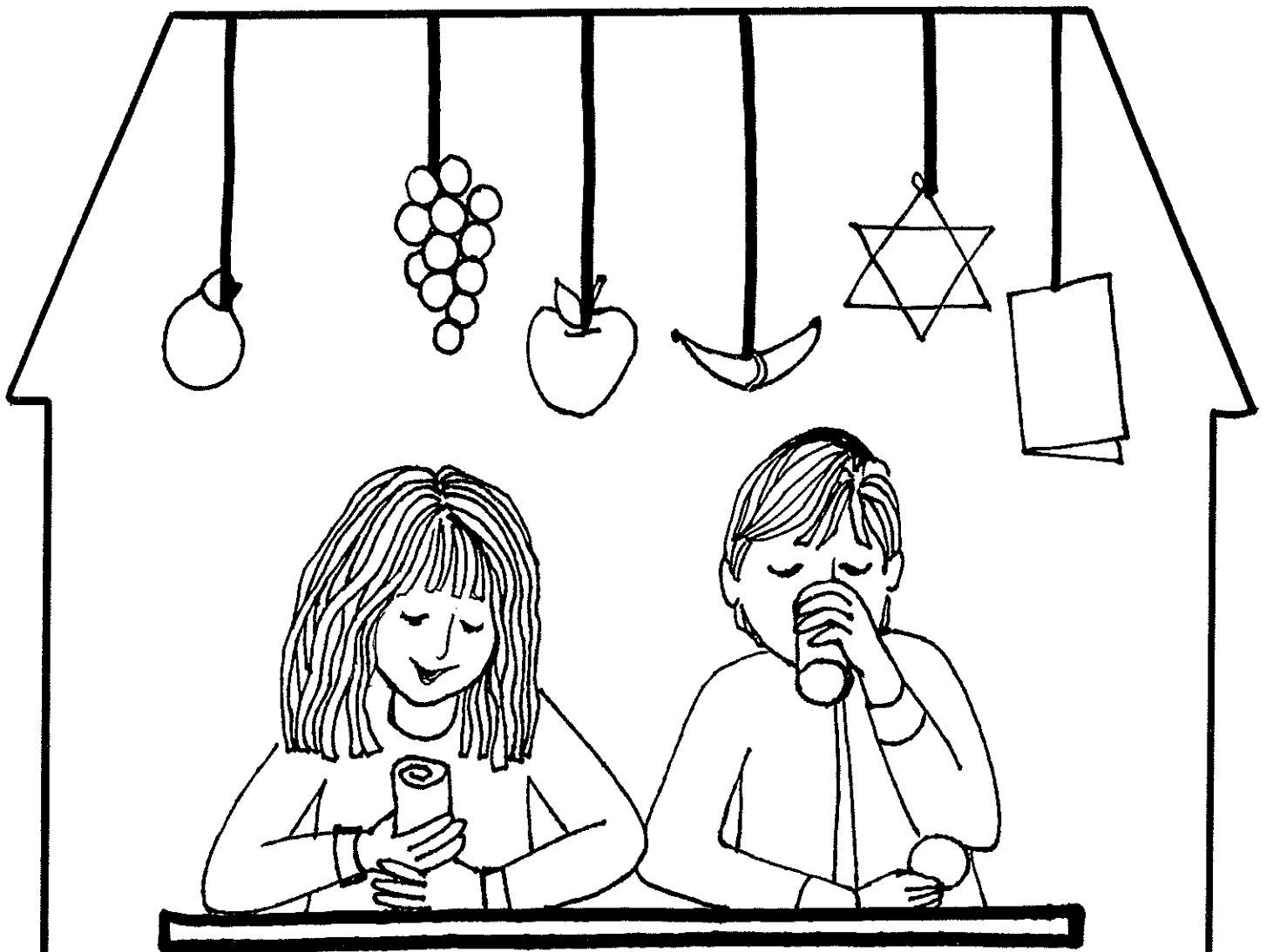
A long, long time ago after the people of Israel left the land of Egypt, they lived in huts in the desert. Later, when they lived in the land of Israel, they would come in from the fields at harvest time to rest in the same kind of huts. This kind of hut was called a *sukkah*.



Now, we put up a *sukkah* to remind us of the huts of our ancestors.



**There are certain rules about building a *sukkah*. The *sukkah* may not be too tall or too low. It must be made of only things that come from nature. Its roof is covered with branches so that you can see the stars through them at night. We hang fruits and vegetables and flowers from the roof. Some people also decorate their *sukkah* with Jewish New Year cards.**



We celebrate *Sukkot* by eating our meals in the *sukkah*. Some people even sleep in it at night. We say a special prayer in the *sukkah*.

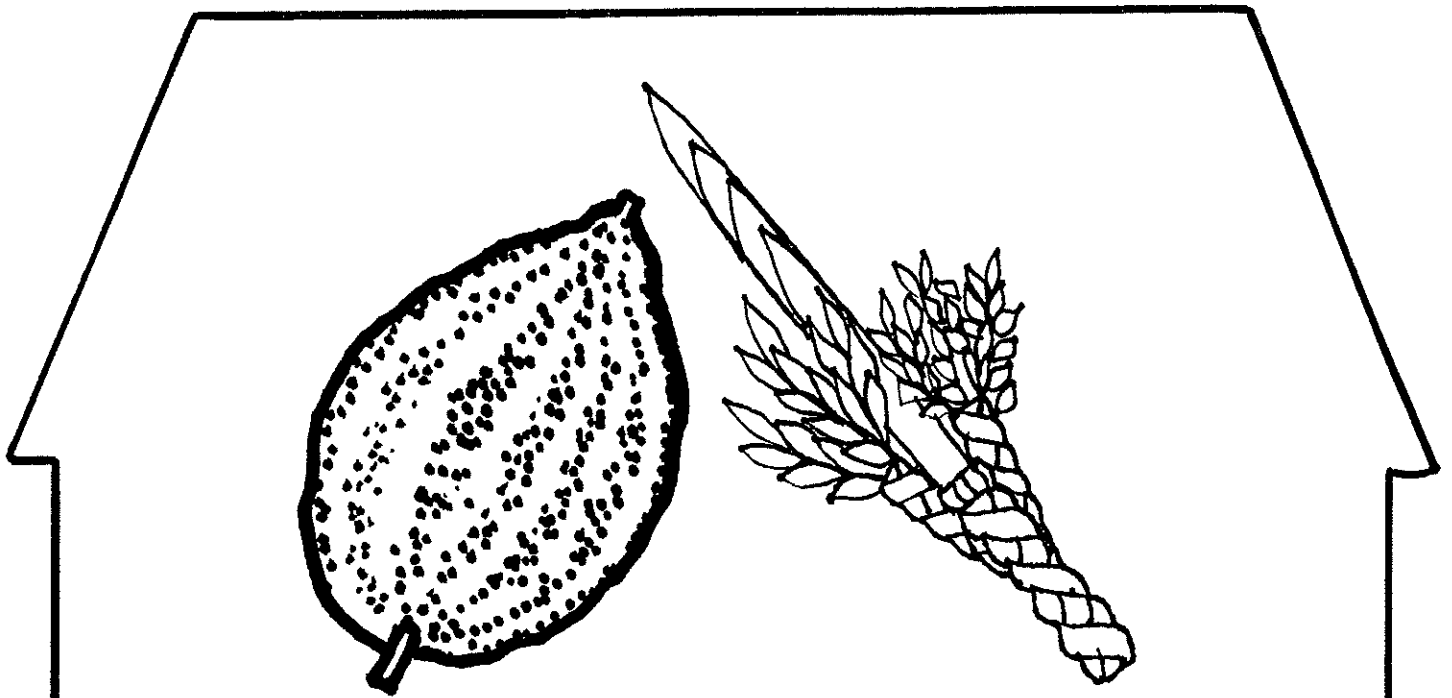
To be said in the *sukkah*:

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הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
וְצִוָּנוּ לֵישֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ  
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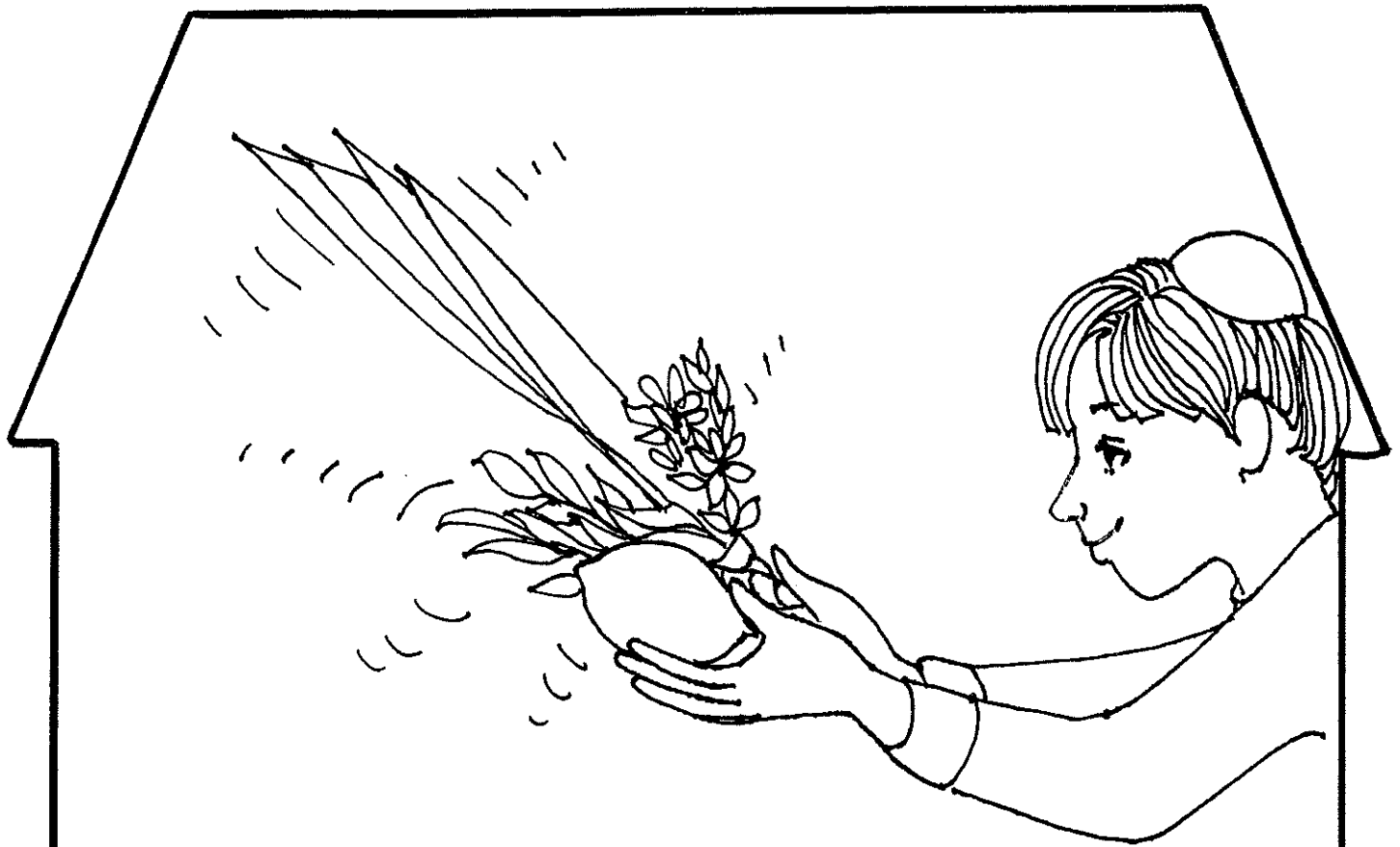
I praise God Who is Lord and King over all,  
For teaching us with His commandments,  
To dwell in the *sukkah*.

I praise God Who is Lord and King over all,  
For keeping us well to reach this season.



There are four different growing things that we use in celebrating the festival of *Sukkot*. The *lulav* has three parts. One part is the palm branch. It is tied with twigs of myrtle and willow which are the second and third parts. The fourth growing thing is the *etrog*. It is a citrus fruit that looks and smells a little like a big lemon.





We hold the *lulav* with the myrtle and willow leaves in our right hand; we hold the *etrog* in our left hand. Then we wave them together, pointing them in all directions.

We also say a special prayer while we wave the *lulav* and *etrog*.

**Blessing for the *lulav* and *etrog*:**

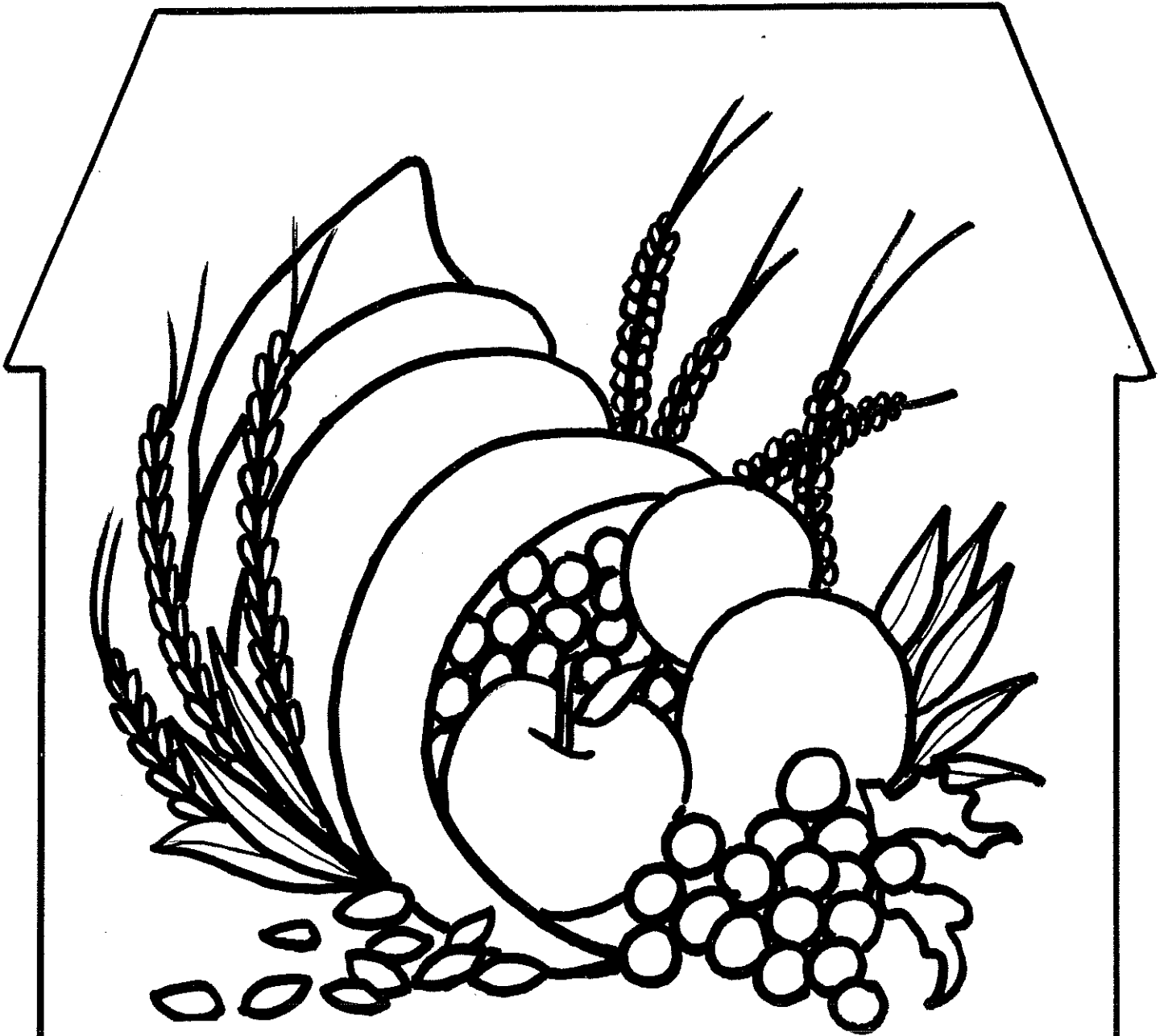
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לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

**I praise God Who is Lord and King over all,  
For teaching us with His commandments,  
To take the *lulav*.**

**I praise God Who is Lord and King over all,  
For keeping us well to reach this season.**

*The latter blessing is said only on the first day of the festival. Should the first day fall on Sabbath, however, it is said on the second day.*



**We do all this to give thanks for all the good things that grow and to remind us that God's goodness is everywhere.**