

Hakhel During Shmitah

Ref: *Sefer Korbanot, Hilchot Chagigah, Chapter 3*

📖 | *Hakhel* (to assemble) the people together during *Sukot* at the end of the *shmitah* (7th year).⁶

🔔 Reminder

Pack on *Eretz Yisrael*



To gather all the Jewish People together in the Sabbatical year (end of 7-year period), and read to them passages from Torah, encourage the performance of *mitzvot* and strengthen their faith.

🔔 Reminder

Jubilee in *Eretz Yisrael*. Ref: *Sefer Zeraim, Hilchot Shmitah Veyovel, Chapter 10*.



- Those exempt from *Reiyah* are exempt from *Hakhel*, except women, children and uncircumcised.
- Reading of Torah takes place on second day of *Sukot*
- Read by King
- Takes place in *Ezrat Nashim* (Women's Courtyard)
- Trumpets are sounded throughout *Yerushalayim* to gather the people
- King was set up on a large wooden platform around which the people gathered.
- Torah was handed one to another through a number of dignitaries to the King.
- King says *brachot* before and after Reading and also an additional 7 blessings.

Everyone is obligated to listen attentively with great concentration and awe as if he was now receiving it from Hashem, because the King is an agent to make known the word of Hashem.