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# SUKKAT SHALOM
## Family *Schmooze* # 4

**In the evening worship service, there is a blessing called *Hashkiveinu*. It's here that we find a line where we ask God to spread over us a "*sukkah* of peace," the basis of exploration in the *Sukkat Shalom* module.**

In Jewish tradition, humans are often referred to as God's partners. We challenge your family to consider how YOU might spread a shelter of peace over someone else. You might do something physical – for example, contribute to a local food bank so those who are not safe from hunger may eat. You might focus on emotional safety and discover a new member of your community who might like to be enveloped in your family's friendship.

So this week's question is, **how can your family spread a *sukkat shalom*, a shelter of peace over others?**
(Note: If you have younger children, the adult(s) in the household might want to brainstorm a few ideas in advance of a schmooze. If your children are older, the full brainstorming process could be interesting and empowering.)

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**A San Francisco organization called, Shalom Bayit ("peace in the home") posted this on its website:**

On this holiday [of *Sukkot*] we keep in mind people who today don't have a protective roof over their head:

- People who are homeless
- Those who are losing their homes because of the economic crisis
- People who live in substandard housing
- Those who live in environmentally unsafe communities
- Women and children who are abused and unsafe in their own homes

We have all felt vulnerable in our lives. We have all longed at some point for greater safety, shelter and protection ... Let us all work together to create protective structures where they don't exist. We can help those in need find safety, healing and wholeness. We can provide a "shelter of peace" (*sukkat shalom*) for those who are most vulnerable in our society — a network of support and caring we build for ourselves and one another.

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