



Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah - Oct 13-15

The holiday of Sukkot is followed by an independent holiday called **Shemini Atzeret**. In Israel, this is a one-day holiday; in the Diaspora it is a two-day holiday, and the second day is known as **Simchat Torah**. This holiday is characterized by utterly unbridled joy, which reaches its climax on [Simchat Torah](#), when we celebrate the conclusion—and restart—of the annual Torah-reading cycle. This year, it starts in the evening of October 13, and concludes after nightfall of October 15, 2024.