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**SHARE SUKKOT:
GROW THE VOTE!**

Ushpizin are exalted guests invited into the *sukkah* during *Sukkot*. Each guest's life teaches a unique lesson expressing the spirit of the day. For Share Sukkot: Grow The Vote, our honored guests include James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, murdered by members of the Ku Klux Klan in Neshoba County, Mississippi on 21 June 1964. The three young men were registering African Americans to vote as part of the Freedom Summer campaign. Chaney was from Meridian, MS, and Goodman and Schwerner were from New York City. In 2014, they were posthumously awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama. May their memories be a blessing to all who love freedom.



HEATHER BOOTH

Ushpizin are exalted guests invited into the *sukkah* during *Sukkot*. Each guest's life teaches a unique lesson expressing the spirit of the day. For Share Sukkot: Grow The Vote, our honored guests include Heather Booth, who has been a civil rights activist, feminist, and political strategist since her student days, joining the Congress of Racial Equality while still in high school, and traveling south to take part in Freedom Summer, registering African American voters in Mississippi. She organized some of the earliest consciousness-raising groups of the sixties women's movement, cofounding the Chicago Women's Liberation Collective in 1969. She organized the Jane Collective, making safe abortions available to women until the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in *Roe v. Wade* effectively legalized abortion. In 1973, she founded the Midwest Academy to train community organizers. She has worked on many progressive electoral campaigns and Get Out The Vote projects, and done groundbreaking work on financial reform. In 2016, a documentary film by Lilly Rivlin was released: *Heather Booth: Changing the World*. Her tireless work for a just and loving society is an inspiration to millions. Long may she flourish!

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**RABBI ABRAHAM
JOSHUA HESCHEL**

**DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.**

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RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Ushpizin are exalted guests invited into the *sukkah* during *Sukkot*. Each guest's life teaches a unique lesson expressing the spirit of the day. For Share Sukkot: Grow The Vote, our honored guests include Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Among many such accomplishments, she wrote the dissenting opinion in the 2013 Supreme Court case *Shelby County vs. Holder*, opposing the decision that eviscerated the Voting Rights Act of 1965. She attributed the decrease in discrimination in voting in the covered jurisdictions to the Act itself, which required federal "preclearance" of local voting laws to ensure that states or districts were not violating the law by denying voting rights. The majority said that preclearance was no longer needed. Justice Ginsburg pointed out that "Throwing out preclearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet." A 2018 film, *RBG*, documents this and many other actions she took to make democracy real. Her tireless work for a just and loving society is an inspiration to millions. Long may she flourish!

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