

# BLUE RIBBON KOSHER

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the Blue Ribbon of Quality has been awarded to:

### **The Sukkah Project, Chapel Hill, NC 27514**

and applies only to bamboo mats made for s'chach. All Blue Ribbon Kosher certified bamboo s'chach is held together with monofilament cord. This certificate is limited to only this type of mat and only when bearing the Blue Ribbon Kosher symbol.

When placing the s'chach mat on the Sukkah - The following guidelines must be followed:

- 1) Construction of the walls should be completed BEFORE placing mats on the roof.
- 2) Mats must be oriented so the bamboo slats of the mat run PERPENDICULAR to the roof supports on which they lie. It must be the roof slats—not the monofilament string—that provide the support for the bamboo mats. If one has a metal frame one should cover the frame with wooden slats and place the s'chach on top of the these slats. Mats should only touch the support slats and not the metal parts of the sukkah frame.
- 3) The roof support slats should be of material suitable for use as s'chach, such as untreated wood slats or bamboo poles that were not previously made or used for any other specific purpose. Unfinished boards that are less than 3 1/4" wide (i.e. 1x2 or 1x3 boards) can be used for supports.
- 4) Our bamboo s'chach mats are produced specifically for sukkah roof coverings, and they may be re-used as s'chach year after year. Their use at any time for any other purpose, however, would render them permanently invalid for use again as s'chach.
- 5) If you are afraid that the s'chach may slide off or be blown off by the wind and wish to tie the mats to the support slats in order to prevent damage, it is first necessary to add heavier s'chach (such as 2x4s or thick branches) on top of the mat to hold it against the support slats. Having done so, you may then tie the mat to the support slats to prevent damage from "exceptional winds". Try to tie with organic materials if possible, preferably with vegetation such as palm leaves or strips of natural raffia, but it is acceptable to use string or plastic cable ties since they serve only as a secondary support. Do not use anything metal. [To help prevent mat damage, connect only the THICKER bamboo mat slats to the support slats.]

This certificate is effective through June 30, 2011, and is subject to renewal at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Baruch Meir Clein  
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