

# מסכת סוכה

# DAF YOMI<sup>4</sup> KIDS

## Inside the Daf

Many people decorate a סוכה to beautify it for the holiday. Maybe

you have made pictures, or colorful chains to adorn a סוכה.



You may be surprised to learn that this is a very ancient custom.



The גמרא lists different decorations that were used at that time to beautify a סוכה: Colored cloths and embroidered linens with embossed designs. Hanging nuts, almonds, peaches and pomegranates. Clusters

of grapes and bundles of grain ears. Glass bottles of oil, wine, fine flour.



If the decorations hang lower than 4

רב חסדא from the roof (about 14 in, or 36 cm), רב הונא and רבה בר רב הונא say it is like the person sitting

underneath is sitting under a tent and not a סוכה. He therefore would not fulfill the מצוה of sitting in a סוכה.

רב נחמן says you would still fulfill your obligation to sit in a סוכה because anything hung for decoration isn't like a tent covering.

### A Moment - מילות

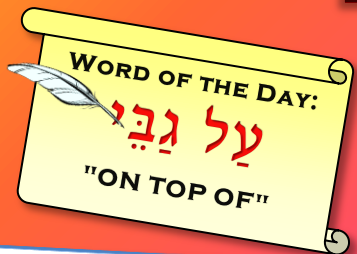
Sammy rolled his eyes and groaned. Not another school video on proper manners... like he needed to learn about how to be polite, how to deal kindly and avoid conflict... what did all this have to do with school anyway?!

This time, Sammy voiced his opinion to his teacher.

"Learning how to behave properly from people who conduct themselves impeccably is one of the most important things in the world!" his teacher emphasized. "Today we learned how רב חסדא and רב הונא visited the head of the Jewish community on סוכות. They didn't have to participate in the מצוה of sitting in a סוכה because they were too busy with the מצוה of visiting this great person. Didn't they have just a few minutes to sit and eat in a סוכה? Did they really have to spend every minute learning from this rabbi's conduct? The answer is: Absolutely! It is so important to learn proper behaviour that you can't even spare a minute away from someone who can teach you this."

The teacher concluded, "Whenever you have a chance to observe how a refined person behaves, take every opportunity to learn from their actions."

(Based on דברי תורה ח"ד, הובא בספר 'מרגליות הים')



### Did You Know...

People involved in doing a מצוה are not required to eat inside a סוכה at the same time. (This is true only when it would be impossible to do both – תוספות)

# Tent vs. Canopy

Is one allowed to sleep inside a tent that is inside a סוכה?

The משנה says that one who sleeps in a canopied bed that is underneath a סוכה hasn't sat inside the סוכה. Rather, it is like the person is sitting under a tent in which case he isn't fulfilling the מצוה of sitting in a סוכה. If the bed is within 10 טפחים from the ground (about 3 ft or 1 m), it is not like a tent, and one who sits inside it is considered to be sitting inside a proper סוכה.

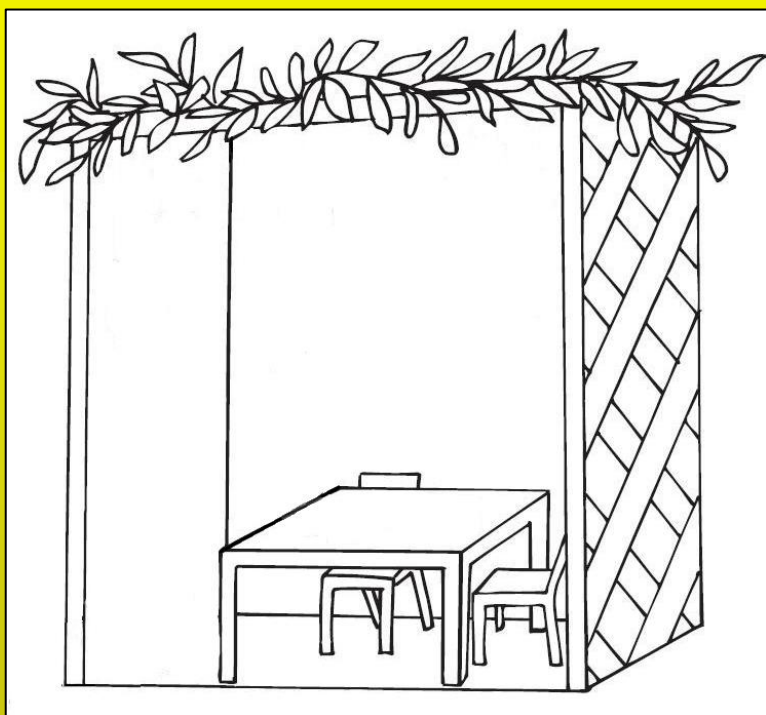


What if someone sits inside a tent-like bed that is under a סוכה? The משנה says that it is as though the person is sitting inside the סוכה. Rashi explains that this is because the tent peak is not really a "roof", but rather, like extra walls. Only a tent with a "roof", that is, a covering at least one טפה wide (3.5 in/9 cm), is a structure that would be independent of the סוכה overhead. One who sits in such a structure is not considered to be sitting in a סוכה.



## Games

Decorate the blank סוכה with as many items as possible from "Inside the Daf." How many could you fit in?



### Review Questions – סוכה דף י'

1. According to רב הונא and רב חסדא, how low may סוכה decorations hang?

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2. What sort of bed may one not sit upon under a סוכה?

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3. When does one not have to participate in the מצוה of סוכה?

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