

מסכת סוּפָה דף י"א

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Inside the Daf

Our משנה teaches the basic rules about the materials that may be used for the סוּפָה's roof, or "סָכָךְ."

- 1) סָכָךְ must be made from something that grew from the ground (for example, branches).
- 2) It cannot have the ability to become טָמֵא (impure). Generally speaking, vessels and food can become טָמֵא. (For example, a wooden spoon, or apples).
- 3) Even though סָכָךְ must come from the ground, it may not be attached to the ground when it is being used for סָכָךְ. For this reason, a grapevine or ivy may not be used as סָכָךְ while they are still attached to their roots.

What is the source for these requirements? ריש לקיש says that we sit in a סוּפָה to remind ourselves of the Clouds of Honor (עַנְנֵי הַכְבוֹד) in which the Israelites dwelled in the desert. The Torah describes clouds as "וְיָאֵד יַעֲלֶה מִן הָאָרֶץ", "[And] a mist [that] rises from the earth" (בראשית ב', ו), Gen. 2,6). Just as mist rises up (or "grows") from the earth and cannot become טָמֵא, so too סָכָךְ must grow from the ground and not become טָמֵא.

Rules of סָכָךְ:

1. Ground



2. Never טָמֵא



3. Detached



Did You Know...

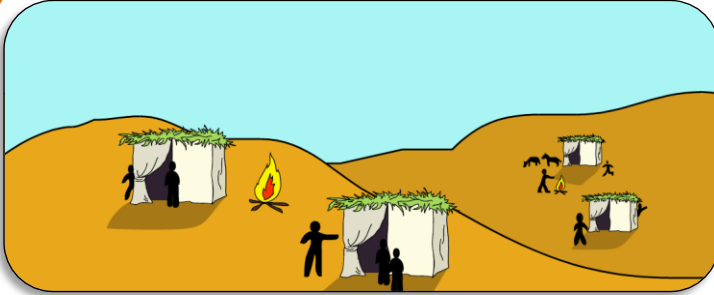
If a vine is growing over your סוּפָה and you want to use it as סָכָךְ, it is not enough to merely cut the vine and leave it resting on the roof of the סוּפָה רב says you must shake the branches a bit to show you are laying it down for the purpose of shade.

WORD OF THE DAY:

זֶה הַכֶּלֶל

"THIS IS THE RULE"

Clouds or Booths?



The Torah tells us that when the Jewish people were in the desert, "בְּסֻכּוֹת הוֹשְׁבֵתִי אֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל", "... I [Hashem] caused the children of Israel to dwell in סֻכּוֹת" (ויקרא כג, מג, Lev. 23:43).

The question is, in what type of סֻכּוֹת did the Israelites dwell in the desert?

The answer to this question is the subject of debate between רַבֵּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר and רַבֵּי עֲקִיבָא.

רַבֵּי עֲקִיבָא says the "סֻכּוֹת" were in fact the עֲנַנֵי הַקְּבוֹד, or Clouds of Honor that surrounded the Israelites.

רַבֵּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר says the Israelites dwelled in actual booth-like סֻכּוֹת to protect themselves from the sun as they camped.

A מְדוּת Moment

"It's not fair!" whined Yossi. "I really really wanted the Sharp-One Super Speed bike for my birthday but my parents wouldn't get it for me! Now I'll just have to make do with my old bike I got a whole year ago! So unfair!"

"Yossi, quit whining," said his fed-up brother Gershon. "Don't you realize how fortunate you are to have everything you have? You don't only have food, water and shelter, but you have so many other things that aren't absolutely necessary for survival! You should be thankful and count your blessings."

Yossi sunk his head down and marched out of the room.

Little did Gershon know his father was in the next room and heard the whole thing. He was impressed.

"Gershon," he said, "that was excellent, and just what your brother needed to hear. What made you think of what to say?"

"It was something I learned in daf yomi about Hashem giving us the Clouds of Honor as our 'סֻכּוֹת', said Gershon simply. "We should recognize all the good Hashem does for us. We can start by recognizing all the good others do for us. Hashem did not have to give us clouds to guard us at night. The clouds were given for our honor which is not an absolute necessity like food and water. This is like giving a starving man food, water and an expensive suit! How generous! Let us recognize Hashem's immense generosity in giving us all the 'extras' in life, the things we don't need but nevertheless have!"

(להורות נתן, ח"ב (מועדים), עמ' תקי"א אות ה)

Games

Below is a list of items Yoni found for making סֻכָּה.
Circle the ones he may use.

Leather straps, palm leaves, cement, branches, apples, wood beams, wooden stepladder, wooden spoon, bamboo, metal bars, pine needles, grass, pottery, paper, cotton wool, animal hide, tree, tree bark, twigs, paper towels, wooden chopsticks, grape vine, branches still on a tree, thin wooden beams

Review Questions – סוכה דף י"א

1. What are the 2 rules for valid סֻכָּה?

2. What are the 2 opinions of what the סֻכּוֹת were in the desert?

3. If a vine is growing over my סֻכָּה, may I use it as סֻכָּה? Explain.