

מסכת
סוּפָה
 דף יב

DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside the Daf

We have learned that any טָמֵא (impure) that can become טָמֵא (impure) may not be used for a סוּפָה covering. This applies to processed materials. For example, רַבָּה בַר חֲנָה (in the name of רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן) that combed flax cannot be used as סָבָד, since the process has begun to turn it into linen. Raw flax, however, can be used as סָבָד since it grows from the ground and has not been processed to be made into material.

Foods can also become טָמֵא and therefore may not be used as סָבָד. רַב יְהוּדָה says that ferns and artemisia herbs may be used as סָבָד since they are foods not fit to be eaten.

אַבְיִי warns against using artemisia because it has a very foul smell that will cause people to leave the סוּפָה entirely!



שוּפִי – Fern



שׁוּפְרִי – Artemisia



Flax Flowers

Steps to Making Flax



Retting: Soaking flax stems to loosen the fibers



Scutching: Beating the stems to separate the fibers from the stem



Spinning: The long soft fibers that remain are spun into linen thread



Hackling: Fibers are combed to remove the remaining stem bits and to separate the long fibers from the short ones

A Moment - מְדוּת

Bundles of סָכָךְ

The "Wood"-Be-סָכָךְ

"Hi, Doniel," said his best friend Stuart, "did you study for today's הלכה (Jewish law) test?"

"Pfff. I don't need to do that," said Doniel as he leaned back and put his arms behind his head. "My father is a rabbi. I just go to him with any question I have. Why bother studying?"

"You can't just rely on your family's prominence or Torah knowledge," said Stuart. "That's an explanation of an expression in today's daf yomi, תַּעֲשֶׂה וְלֹא מִן הָעֲשׂוּי, meaning, – you should study Torah yourself, – ולא מן הָעֲשׂוּי – and not rely on the Torah that has already been studied that you had no part in."

"Hmmm, maybe you're right," admitted Doniel. "Besides, my father won't be here to help me during the test anyway!"

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Did You Know...

If you dig out a hole in a haystack it would not be a valid סוּכָה. This is because סָכָךְ must be placed intentionally on top of the סוּכָה and not come about "automatically."

WORD OF THE DAY:



"DECREE/REGULATION"



Even though straw, wood and stalks are valid as סָכָךְ, they cannot be used when they are bundled together.

At times, workers returning from the field would carry

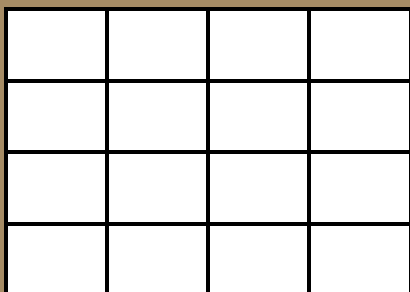
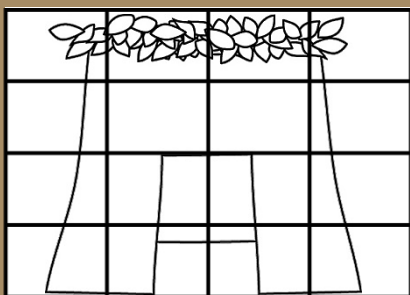
bundles of wood or straw on their shoulders. When they got home they would put these bundles on top of their huts to dry. When the holiday of סוּכּוֹת would arrive, these workers would enter their huts and rely on these bundles to act as סָכָךְ.

This would be a problem. Remember: סָכָךְ must be put atop a סוּכָה to provide shade. These workers put the bundles on top of their huts to dry – not to act as shade. Anyone who would sit in these huts wouldn't be sitting in a valid סוּכָה!

To avoid this mistake, the חֲכָמִים (Sages) outlawed all types of bundles from being used as סָכָךְ. That way, no one would even think to sit in a סוּכָה with a bundle of wood or straw as its roof.

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Games

Review Questions - סוּכָה דָף י"ב

1. Why does אַבְיֵי disallow using artemisia for סָכָךְ?

2. When would otherwise valid סָכָךְ be invalid?

3. Would digging a hole in a haystack create a valid סוּכָה?