

מסכת  
 סוֹפָה  
 דף טו

# DAF YOMI4 Kids

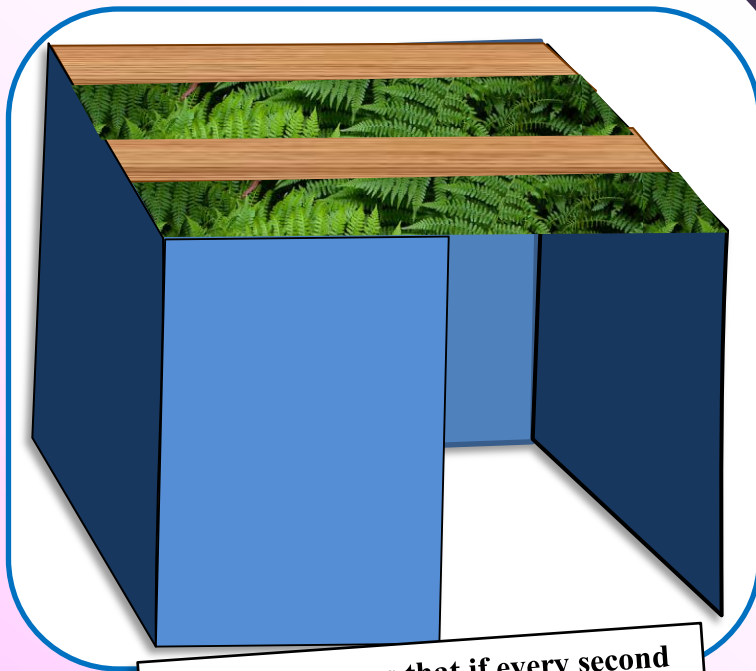
## Inside the Daf

Wooden planks are not appropriate for סָכָךְ (covering). But may one convert a building into a סוֹפָה if it has wooden planks for its ceiling?

בית שמיאי say as long as the planks have not yet been covered with plaster (which may not be used for סָכָךְ since it doesn't grow from the ground) one may loosen all the planks from their nails and remove every second plank. This way, the person shows that you cannot fulfill the סוֹפָה commandment by sitting in a house with a real roof. Real סָכָךְ is then placed in the spaces left by the removed planks.

בית הלל disagree. They say one may make the סוֹפָה valid by *either* loosening all the planks *or* by removing every second one, but one does not need to do both as בית שמיאי claim.

רב רבי מאיר's opinion is also brought. He says one must remove every other board and it doesn't help to loosen the boards.



Everyone agrees that if every second plank is removed and replaced with סָכָךְ the סוֹפָה is valid. בית שמיאי say the planks must be loosened, too.

### A מְדוּת Moment

There was nothing the class liked more than relaxing on a Friday morning listening to Rabbi Rubenstein read stories about the sages of yesteryear.

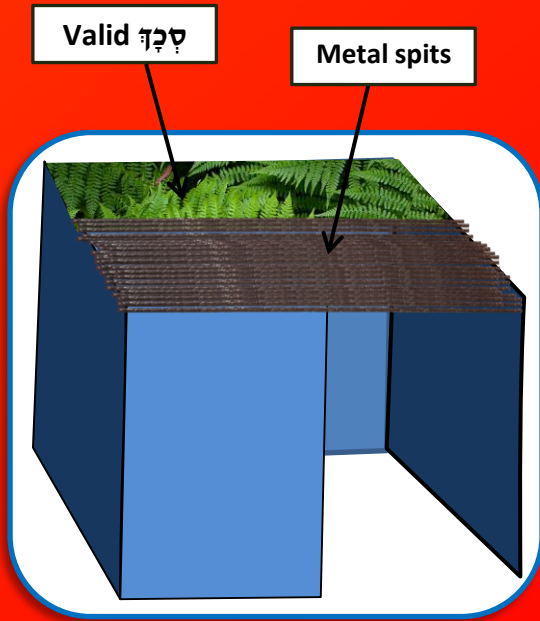
At recess Colin and Mitchell were discussing some of the stories.

"Those stories are pretty impressive," said Mitchell. "I wonder if I will ever be as great as those sages..."

"I figure," said Colin, "I'll just sit back, relax and eventually I'll become a righteous person."

"I don't think it works that way," said Mitchell. "We learn that if you dig a hole in a haystack large enough to be a סוֹפָה, you still may not use it as a סוֹפָה. No person who dug the hole did no real 'building'; the סוֹפָה was 'built' by whoever laid down the haystack. This teaches us we cannot rely on others to make us great; we must do it by ourselves."

(נועם אלימלך, פרשת וישלח)



# "Spitting" in the סוכה

What happens if some of the סכך on your סוכה is כָּשֵׁר and some is not?

The משנה and גמרא rule that if someone covers his סוכה with metal spits or with a bed frame (both of which are not כָּשֵׁר for סכך) if he removes more than half of these materials and replaces them with valid סכך so that the סכך takes up more space than the materials, the סוכה is כָּשֵׁר (valid).

אבא explains that even if someone removes only *half* of the materials and lays valid סכך crossing over the invalid סכך, the סוכה would be כָּשֵׁר. This would make the majority of the סוכה covering כָּשֵׁר, making the סוכה valid.



## Did You Know...

Objects that can become טָמֵא (impure) may not be used for a סוכה covering. But what if those objects wear out and can no longer become טָמֵא? May they be used for סכך? רבי אמי בר טביומי says no in case someone comes to use them before they wear out.

WORD OF THE DAY:

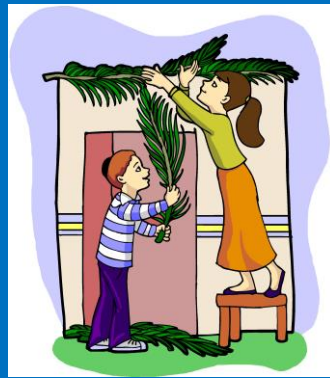
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"LOGIC"

## Games

### Same Pictures

Which 2 pictures are exactly the same?



### Review Questions – סוכה דף ט"ו

1. According to הלל how can a סוכה with planks become כָּשֵׁר?  
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2. Name a way to make a סוכה valid if its roof is made from metal spits.  
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3. May one use invalid סכך that has worn out?  
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