

מסכת
 סוֹפָה
 דף י"ז

DAF YOMI 4 Kids

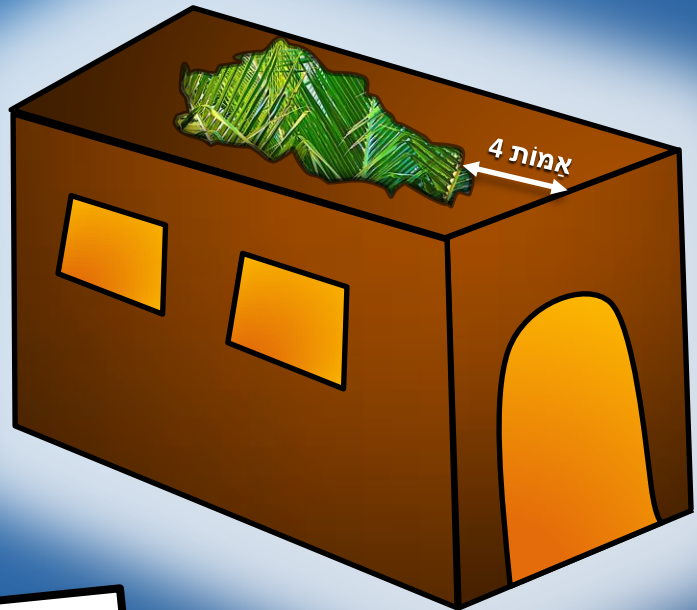
Inside the Daf

The **מְשָׁנָה** this page introduces the concept of **דוֹפָן עֲקוּמָה** – the crooked wall. This is a wall that reaches the top of a **סוֹפָה** and has invalid **סָכָךְ** (covering) touching it (for example, a solid roof). If the invalid **סָכָךְ** is less than 4 **אַמּוֹת** (cubits, about 7 ft, or 216 cm) wide, the **סוֹפָה** is still **כָּשֵׁר** (valid) because we consider the invalid **סָכָךְ** to be part of the wall. Thus, the **סָכָךְ** creates a "crooked wall" (see image, right).

Our **מְשָׁנָה** gives some examples of **דוֹפָן עֲקוּמָה**:

1

If the middle of a house's roof caves in, and someone places **סָכָךְ** over the opening, if there is a distance of 4 **אַמּוֹת** from the remaining roof to the **סָכָךְ** – the **סוֹפָה** is invalid. If there is *less* than 4 **אַמּוֹת** of distance, the **סוֹפָה** is **כָּשֵׁר** because of "**דוֹפָן עֲקוּמָה**."



2

A courtyard surrounded by porches over which **סָכָךְ** is placed, if the porches extend out by 4 **אַמּוֹת**, the courtyard may not be used as a **סוֹפָה**. IF the porches are less than 4 **אַמּוֹת** wide, the courtyard may be used as a **סוֹפָה** because of "**דוֹפָן עֲקוּמָה**."



Did You Know...

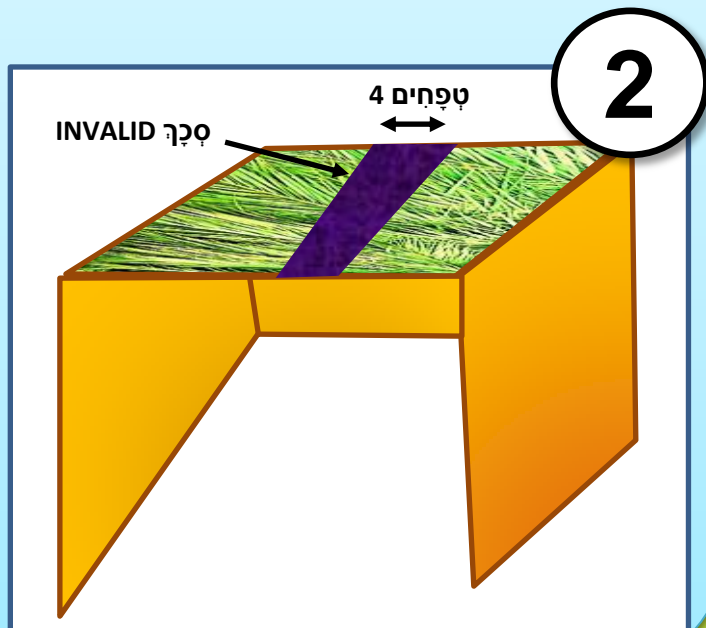
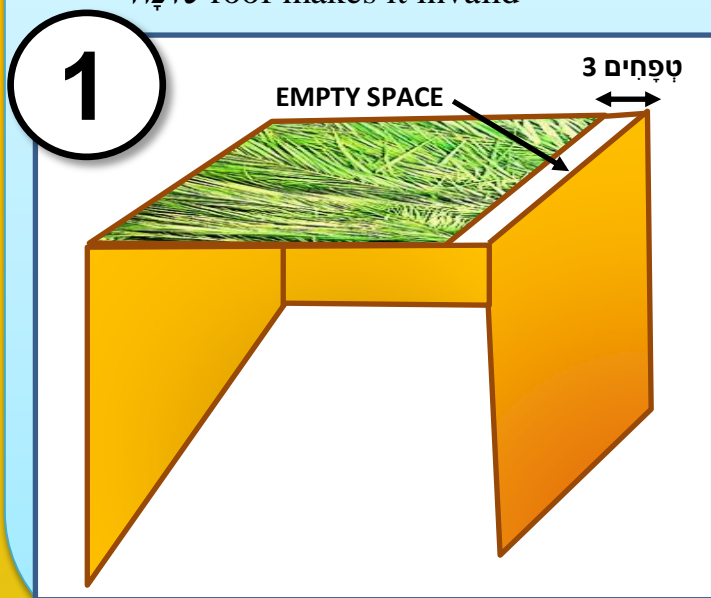
In the time of the Talmud, a patch of cloth one **טֶפַח** long by one **טֶפַח** wide (about 3.5 in, or 9 cm) was used as a patch for donkey saddles.

Empty and Full

WORD OF THE DAY:
הֵנִי
 "THESE"

In addition to teaching us about דוֹפָן עֲקוּמָה (see "Inside the Daf") the מְשֻׁנָּה and גְּמָרָא also teach us:

- 1) A gap of 3 טְפָחִים or more (about 10 inches, or 27 cm) next to a wall makes the entire סוּכָה invalid (sometimes, a gap this size in the *middle* of a סוּכָה can make it invalid);
- 2) A strip of 4 טְפָחִים (about 14 in, or 28 cm) of invalid סְכָךְ that runs through the entire סוּכָה roof makes it invalid



A מְדוּתָה Moment

"Alright, Joseph, what are you planning on doing on your week off from school?"
 "Nothin'," Joseph said. "Just hanging around."
 "Joseph, I understand you wanting to relax a bit and there's nothing wrong with that. But doing nothing with your time is worse than doing a harmless activity like playing ball or reading a novel. That's why the גְּמָרָא tells us a סוּכָה becomes invalid with an empty space of 3 טְפָחִים, but with a used space of 4 טְפָחִים. We see it is easier to make something not כְּשׁוֹר by leaving it empty. The same is true of people: it is easier to make them 'not כְּשׁוֹר' by leaving them with idle time!"
 "Maybe I'll go swimming then, after I relax a little bit," said Joseph. "Let me call some friends to join me!"
 (מרגליות הש"ס, תשסב)

Games

WHO AM I?

- 1) I am "crooked" but I'm not a criminal.

- 2) I can give you a "hand" ... and I don't mean "help"! _____
- 3) If I'm 3 טְפָחִים wide and next to a wall, the סוּכָה is not כְּשׁוֹר
- 4) A strip of me 4 טְפָחִים wide will make a סוּכָה not כְּשׁוֹר
- 5) I am the size of a piece of cloth used for donkey saddles

Review Questions – סוּכָה דָף י"ז

1. What does "דוֹפָן עֲקוּמָה" mean?

2. How wide does a strip of invalid סְכָךְ have to be to make a סוּכָה unusable?

3. What can a one טַפַּח by one טַפַּח piece of cloth be used for?
