

# מסבת סופָה דריט

# DAF YOMI4 Kids

## Inside the Daf

Have you ever heard of a סופָה without any roof at all?

Believe it or not, our מְסָנָה discusses that topic. A סופָה built like a triangular hut, or סָכָךְ (סופָה covering) leaning against a wall like a triangle, is valid according to the חֲכָמִים (Sages) who hold a slanted wall counts as a roof. רַבִּי אֶלִיעֶזֶר disagrees and holds that these סופּוֹת would not be קְשֵׁר (valid) because they have no real roof.



The גְּמָרָא tells a story of אַבְיִי who visited רַב יוֹסֵף in his סופָה as he was sleeping under a tent. אַבְיִי thought that since the Sages rule that a slanted wall counts as a roof, רַב יוֹסֵף was sleeping under a tent roof and not under a סופָה!

When אַבְיִי mentioned this problem to רַב יוֹסֵף he responded that the Sages never said a slanted wall counts as a roof! The Sages really hold, רַב יוֹסֵף said, that a tent-like roof isn't a real roof and therefore being under a tent roof in a סופָה is just as good as being directly under a סופָה.

WORD OF THE DAY:

פְּלִיגִי

"THEY DISAGREE"

# All That "Mat"ters

In the days of the Talmud, reed mats were used as סִכָּךְ (covering) for סוכות. But סִכָּךְ may not be made from anything that can become טָמֵא (impure). Reed mats made to lie on (like a mattress) could become טָמֵא. If, however, it was made to be used as סִכָּךְ, then it cannot become טָמֵא and may be used as a סוכה covering.

What happens if a reed mat was made without any purpose in mind? Do we treat it like it was made to be lied upon? Or do we treat it as though it was made for סִכָּךְ?



## Did You Know...

If סִכָּךְ hangs over the back of a סוכה where there are three walls with an area of 7 טפחים by 7 טפחים (the minimum area of a valid סוכה, about 25 in or 63 cm), the back of the סוכה would be כָּשֵׁר (valid) to use even though there was no intention to make that space into a סוכה.

Since large reed mats were usually used for סוכה coverings, if they were made without any use in mind they may be used as סִכָּךְ.

תנא קמא and רבי אליעזר disagree about small mats. If they were made without any purpose in mind, תנא קמא says they may not be used as סִכָּךְ while רבי אליעזר allows them.

## A מְדוּת Moment

Best friends Tommy and Ethan were happy to be building Ethan's סוכה together. It wasn't long before Ethan's little brother followed them outside.

"Can I help?" asked Ethan's brother.

"Get lost," said Ethan. "This is for big kids only."

"Ethan," said Tommy, "don't you know by talking to your brother like that you're separating yourself from Hashem?"

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גמרא we are told we cannot sit under a tent that is under a סוכה. The tent represents the sins we do that separate us from our Creator and the סִכָּךְ represents Hashem. Our mission in life is to get as close to Hashem as possible. One way to do this is to act kindly towards others."

"It's true," admitted Ethan. "I can act annoying sometimes but Hashem is still kind to me. Tommy, Could you go into the house and get my brother back? Maybe he can help with the decorations."

(מקור חיים, עמ' 214)

## Games

Change the word ROOF into MATS by changing only one letter at a time. Follow the clues for help.

R O O F

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(slang for 'kangaroos')

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(smells bad!)

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(rodents)

M A T S

## Review Questions – סוכה דף י"ט

1. According to the Sages, may one use a סוכה with a sloping roof?  
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2. Give an example of a mat you cannot use for סִכָּךְ.  
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3. When would the back of a סוכה be valid to use?  
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