

מסכת סוּפָה דף כ"ד

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Inside the Daf

Yesterday we learned that רַבִּי מְאִיר holds an animal may not act as a wall for a סוּפָה.

In today's גְּמָרָא, גְּמָרָא, רַב אֶחָא בְרַי יַעֲקֹב, gives two reasons for רַבִּי מְאִיר's opinion.

The first reason is that רַבִּי מְאִיר holds that any wall that is held up by air (like breath) is not a valid wall. Rashi explains that this is because the wall isn't standing by its own strength but rather by something with no substance. Since an animal exists by virtue of its breath, it would not be a valid סוּפָה wall.

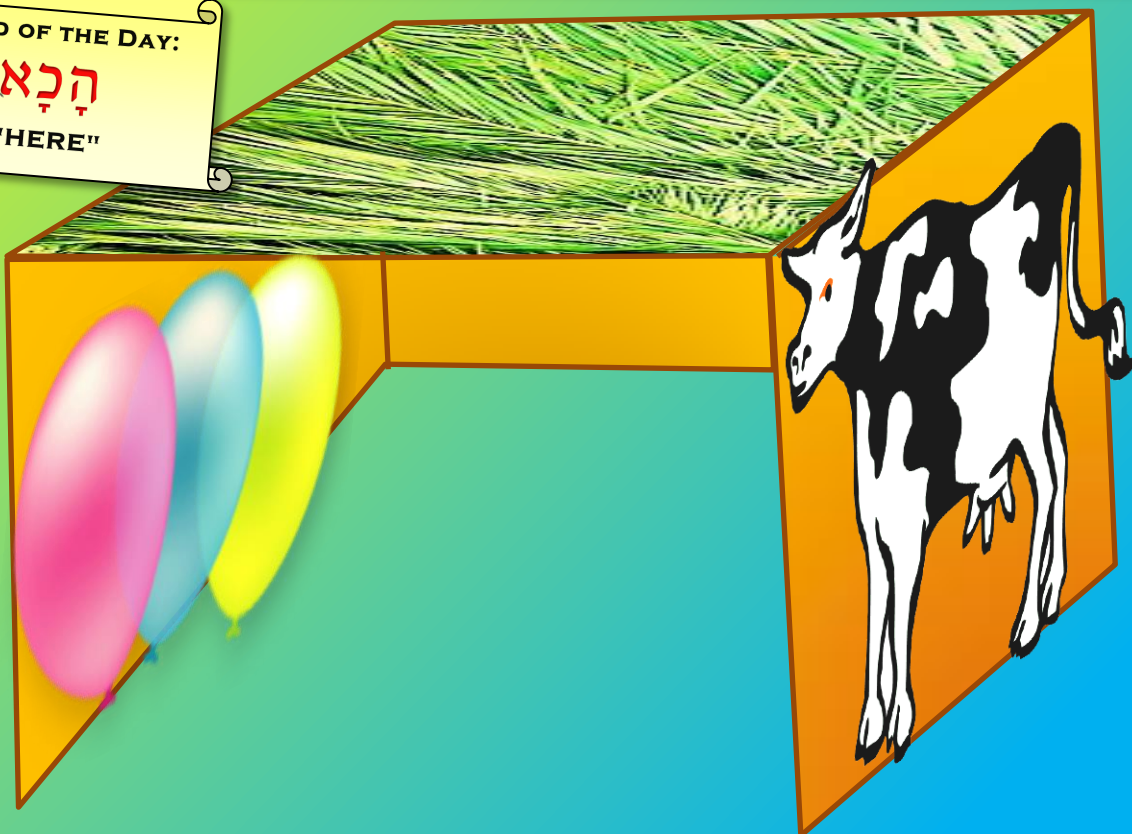
רַב אֶחָא בְרַי יַעֲקֹב's second reason is that a סוּפָה wall must be man-made. Animals are not man-made and so may not form a סוּפָה wall.

The difference between רַב אֶחָא בְרַי יַעֲקֹב's explanations can be seen if a balloon is used as a סוּפָה wall. According to the first reason (a סוּפָה wall can't be held up by air) the wall would not be כָּשֵׁר (valid). According to the second reason (סוּפָה walls must be man-made) the balloon wall would be valid since it was blown up by a man.

WORD OF THE DAY:

הֵכָּא

"HERE"



A Moment - מְדוּת

Sammy's mom was very upset.

"What were you thinking, Sammy? Throwing baseballs at passing cars! Don't you see how dangerous that is?!"

"I'm sorry," said Sammy looking down. "It's those other boys I was with who got me to do it. You know I wouldn't do something like that by myself!"

"That's no excuse," said his mother. "I don't care if the whole world was throwing those baseballs. You should have known better."

When Sammy's dad got home he had a talk with his son about the day's events.

"Sokva walls can't be made out of material that sways in the wind," his dad began. "That's why trees cannot be used unless they are firmly bound. Man is compared to a tree in the Torah. This is because we 'sway' easily toward evil. The lesson of the sokva walls is how we must stand firm and not sway back and forth in directions we shouldn't be going in."

"I know," said Sammy. "Next time I won't 'sway' so easily!"

(Based on מקור חיים עמ' 168)

No Swaying



Our משנה teaches that trees may be used as סוכה walls.

In the גמרא, רב אחא בר יעקב, גמרא warns that sokva walls must be able to endure a normal wind without swaying back and forth. The גמרא asks how then can we allow trees to be walls? Don't they sway back and forth in the wind? The גמרא answers that we must be allowing only tree trunks that are stiff to be a sokva wall. These trunks don't sway in the wind.

The גמרא still questions this allowance. After all, even if we use a tree trunk as a wall don't its branches sway back and forth? The גמרא answers that we must weave the branches together with branches of palm and bay trees. The weaving will prevent the branches from swaying.



Did You Know...

Even though רבי יהודה is not worried that an animal being used as a sokva wall might die, we find he is worried that the wife the High Priest (High Priest) may die right before יום כפור.

Games



Unscramble the words from our דף

KNRTU

ETRE

WLAL

AMIALN

NBAOLLO

WAYS

Review Questions - סוכה דף כ"ד

1. Give one of רב אחא בר יעקב's reasons why an animal cannot be used as a sokva wall.

2. What is the problem with using trees as sokva walls?

3. Whose death does רבי יהודה worry about?