



# Inside the Daf

Have your parents ever told you to do a task and while you were in the middle of doing it – they asked you to do something else?

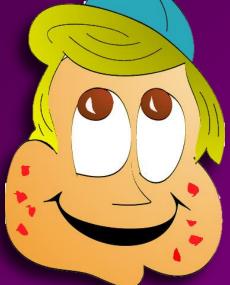


What happens if you are doing a מְצְוָה (commandment) and then *another* מִצְוָה comes up?

Do you drop the first one to do the second?



Our מְצְנָה talks about
people who are on a "מְצְנָה mission," for example, they
are travelling to study
Torah, to greet their Torah
teacher or to rescue a
captive. Even when they
come to rest at night they







do not need to sleep in a סובָה since they are busy thinking about doing their first מִצְוָה properly.

This rule – that someone involved in one מִצְנַה does not



drop it in order to do another – is called "הָעוֹסֵק בְּמִצְוָה פָּטוּר מִן הַמִּצְוָה", or, "one who is occupied doing a מִצְוָה is exempt from another מִצְוָה."

## ourner in a hand



A mourner (someone experiencing the death of a loved one) still has to perform the מצוה of living in a סובה. Even though someone who is suffering does not have to live in a סוכה, this is the case when the person is suffering

A אור Moment

Avidani and his older brother Shemarya had been carrying סוכה boards all morning.

"Come on, Avidani," said Shemarya, "we're almost done."

"I know," whined Avidani. "But it's so hagaard."

"Hashem doesn't give us commandments to be a burden for us, but rather for good and for harmony. That's why someone does not have to sit in a סוכה that will make him suffer. Think about this when you think about how difficult a מָצְוָה is -Hashem is giving us that commandment for good, not to make us suffer."

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because of the סוּכַּה (for example, the סוּכַּה is extremely hot or cold or smelly). A mourner, although he is suffering, is not suffering because of the סופה but because of his grief over the death of a loved one.

In fact, the גְמַרָא quotes רָבִּי אָבַא בַּר זַבְדַא (in the name of כב) who says a mourner must keep all the Torah commandments except for תְּפָלִין (phylacteries). This is known from Hashem telling the prophet יְחֵיָקֵאל (Ezekiel) to wear תְּפָלִץ while he is mourning unlike other mourners. A mourner does not wear תַּבְלִין on his first day of mourning.

## **Games**

### Did You Know...

The רְבִּי זֵירָא tells us when רַבִּי זֵירָא got married the day before the סוכות holiday, he rejoiced greatly at the opportunity to perform two commandments: that of eating in a סוּכָּה and that of marriage.

#### Oוֹכַה דַּף כ"ה – Review Questions

- 1. According to the מָשְׁנָה, do people on a מָצְוָה mission have to sleep in a סוּכָּה?
- 2. What commandment does a mourner not have to perform on the first day of mourning?
- 3. Which two מְצִוֹת did רַבִּי זֵירָא have an opportunity to perform at the same time?

Cross out every second letter to see the hidden expression. Do you know what it means?

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