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אדר א' תשע"ד

מסכת סוכה דף כז

DAF YOMI⁴ Kids

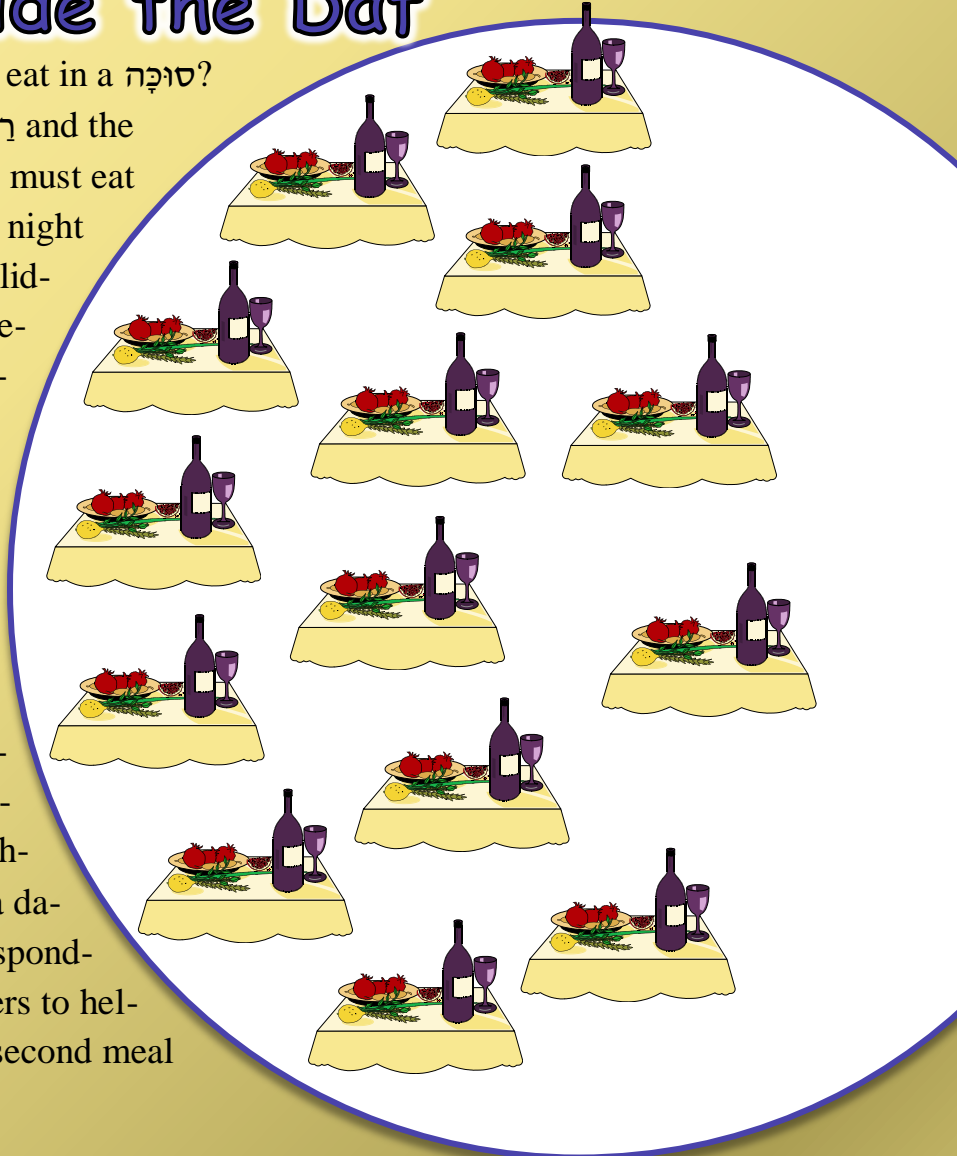
Inside the Daf

How many meals does one have to eat in a סוכה?

This is a dispute between רבי אליעזר and the חכמים (Sages). רבי אליעזר says one must eat one meal in the daytime and one at night each and every day of the סוכות holiday for a total of 14 meals. This is because the Torah requires us to dwell in a סוכה the same way we dwell in our houses during the year ("תִּשְׁבוּ כְּעֵין תְּדוּרוֹ"). In the time of the Talmud people ate two meals a day in their houses, so two meals a day must be eaten in the סוכה.

Once, King Agrippas' custodian asked רבי אליעזר whether he was allowed to eat only one meal a day in the סוכה since he only ate one meal a day the rest of the year. רבי אליעזר responded that he should eat some appetizers to help him develop an appetite to eat a second meal in the סוכה for Hashem's honor.

The חכמים say that, apart from the first night of סוכות, one does not have to eat at all. Just like we don't have to eat when we are in our houses during the rest of the year, so too we do not have to eat in a סוכה during the סוכות holiday. On the first night of סוכות, however, the חכמים agree that we must eat inside a סוכה. This is because סוכות is connected to the Passover holiday. Just like on Passover we must eat a meal on the first night, so too on סוכות we must eat inside the סוכה on the first night.



Did You Know...

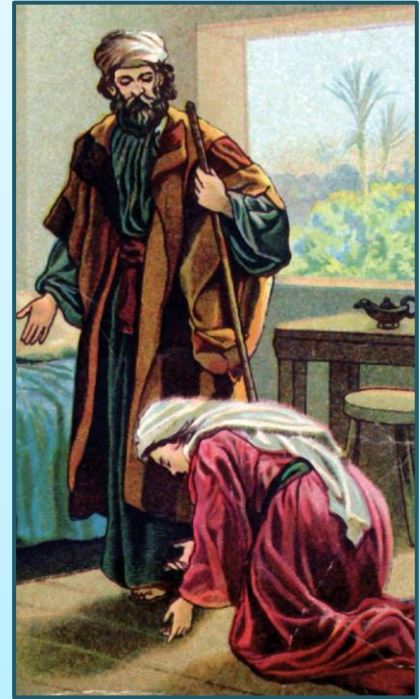
Every tribe of Israel produced prophets but only the tribes of יהודה and בנימין produced kings who were also anointed by prophets: שאול (from the tribe of בנימין) and דוד (from the tribe of יהודה) were anointed by שמואל the prophet.

To Visit or not to Visit?

רבי אלעאי once travelled to the city of Lod to spend the first day of סוכות with his teacher, רבי אליעזר.

When רבי אלעאי saw him, he told רבי אליעזר that he wasn't resting on the Festival the way he should be. רבי אליעזר was of the opinion that people should rest during the holidays by staying at home to spend the festivals with their wives. This is what the Torah demands when it says, "וְשִׂמְחֵת אֶתְּהָ וּבֵיתְךָ", "you and your household shall rejoice," (דברים יד, כו, Deut. 14,26) meaning, you should rejoice with your household on the holiday.

רבי אליעזר agrees, however, that when one can visit his teacher on the festival and return home to spend the day with his wife, that one may do both. In fact, visiting one's teacher on a holiday is an ancient Jewish practice. In The book of מלכים ב' (II Kings) we read about a Shunemite woman who was asked why she was visiting the prophet Elisha on a day that was not the Sabbath or the New Moon. We see from here it was normal to visit one's teacher on special occasions such as the Sabbath, the New Moon, and holidays.



A Moment - מְדוּת

The Isenberg family were once again trying to decide whom to invite to their סוכה for the first night of the holiday. The name of their next door neighbor came out.

"What?" exclaimed ten-year-old Gamliel. "Why would our neighbor want to be invited to our סוכה? His group of Jews don't even believe in following the Torah!"

"Gamliel," his father said, "the Talmud today says, 'it is fitting for all Israel to be inside one סוכה.' We see from this that the סוכה binds all the Jewish people together. If the Jewish people could all feel that we are together as one, our love for each other would increase, we would help each other more, and even our day-to-day 'material' lives would improve! So next time you want to put down another group of Jews, think about how dividing us apart hurts us all."

"I see," said Gamliel. "Even when we don't agree with other Jews, we must love each other, help each other and bind ourselves together."

(שם משמואל, סוכות תרע"ב)

Games

WORD OF THE DAY:
כְּעִין
"LIKE/AS"

Review Questions – סוכה דף כ"ז

1. How many meals must one eat inside the סוכה according to רבי אליעזר?

2. In רבי אליעזר's opinion, where should one spend the festivals?

3. Which two tribes were the only ones to have kings anointed by prophets?

MATCH UP

Match the pictures

