

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
ב' אדר ב' תשע"ד

מסכת
סוּפָה
דף כ"ט

DAF YOMI⁴ KIDS

Inside the Daf

Everyone knows rain can spoil a picnic but it can also spoil a meal in the סוּפָה.

If you are eating in a סוּפָה and it starts to rain hard enough to ruin a meal of porridge, you can leave and finish your meal indoors. Even if the rain stops while you are eating inside, you do not have to return to the סוּפָה to finish your meal (Note: These rules may not apply to the meal eaten on the first night of the festival).

Similarly, if someone is sleeping in a סוּפָה and it starts to rain, he may leave the סוּפָה and sleep indoors. Even if the rain stops in the middle of the night and he wakes up, he doesn't need to return to the סוּפָה to continue sleeping.

The גְּמָרָא explains that when it rains during the סוּפּוֹת holiday, it is similar to a servant who brings his master a pitcher of water and the master throws the water in his servant's face saying, "I don't want you to serve me!" Similarly, the Jewish people (the "servants") are showing Hashem we want to sit in a סוּפָה but Hashem (the "master") causes it to rain ("throws the water in the servant's face").

A מְדוּת Moment

All year long Dovid had been saving up his money to buy a new bicycle. Today was the day he would finally buy one! As he waiting in the synagogue lobby for his Abba to pick him up from his *bar mitzvah* lesson, a poster caught his eye:

HELP THE NEEDY OF ISRAEL! GIVE \$18 TODAY AND FEED A NEEDY FAMILY!

Dovid heard the car honk and ran out.

"So," said his Abba, "ready to go?"

"Well I was," Dovid said uneasily. "But I saw this poster in the shul about feeding

poor families in Israel for just \$18. I feel really sad for those hungry people. But if I give \$18 of my money, I won't be able to get the bike I wanted!"

"Hmm, that's quite the dilemma," his Abba sympathized. "Let me tell you something the great sage, the Chofetz Chaim said. Today's *daf yomi* tells us that there are four reasons why someone loses money. Doing a מְצוּוָה is not one of them. You will never lose out by spending money to do a מְצוּוָה. Sure, you may have less money for a while, but Hashem will make

sure you haven't 'lost' it forever. You will be able to buy the bike you wanted if Hashem would have let you buy it before."

"That makes me feel better about making the decision," Dovid said. "Maybe we should hold off on our trip to the bike store...for at least a little while longer!"

(אהבת חסד פרק יט)

The לולב

The first מִשְׁנָה of the third chapter of tractate סוכה teaches us the conditions that disqualify a לולב (palm branch) from use:

יבש (Dry)



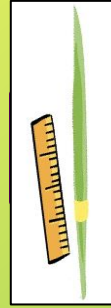
A dried-out לולב is not קָשֶׁר (valid) because the Torah commands that it be "beautiful."

נקטם ראשו (Cut Top)



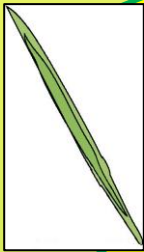
A לולב whose top has been cut off is not "beautiful" as the Torah commands.

שלושה טפחים (Three Handbreadths)



A לולב less than 4 טפחים (handbreadths) tall (about 14 in, or 36 cm) is not valid. This is to allow 3 טפחים for the לולב itself and an extra טפח (handbreadth) that can be shaken when it is used.

נפרצו עליו (Detached Leaves)



A לולב whose leaves have fallen off and can only reattach if they are tied to the לולב, is not "beautiful" and therefore cannot be used.

אשרה (Worshipped Tree)



A לולב taken from an אשרה tree (a tree that has been worshipped) may not be used.

WORD OF THE DAY:

סִימָן

"A SIGN"



Did You Know...

There are four reasons why the property of Jewish homeowners lose their value: 1. The homeowners didn't pay their workers on time, 2. They stole their workers' pay, 3. They leave their responsibilities to others, 4. They are arrogant and place themselves above their brethren because of their wealth.

Games

Review Questions

סוכה דף כ"ט

1. What is rain during סוכות compared to?

2. Name two things that make a לולב not valid.

3. Give a reason why homeowners' property loses value.

MATCH UP

Match the words with their pictures

יבש נקטם ראשו שלשה טפחים אשרה נפרצו עליו

