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ב' אדר א' תשע"ד

מסכת סוכה דף ט

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Inside the Daf

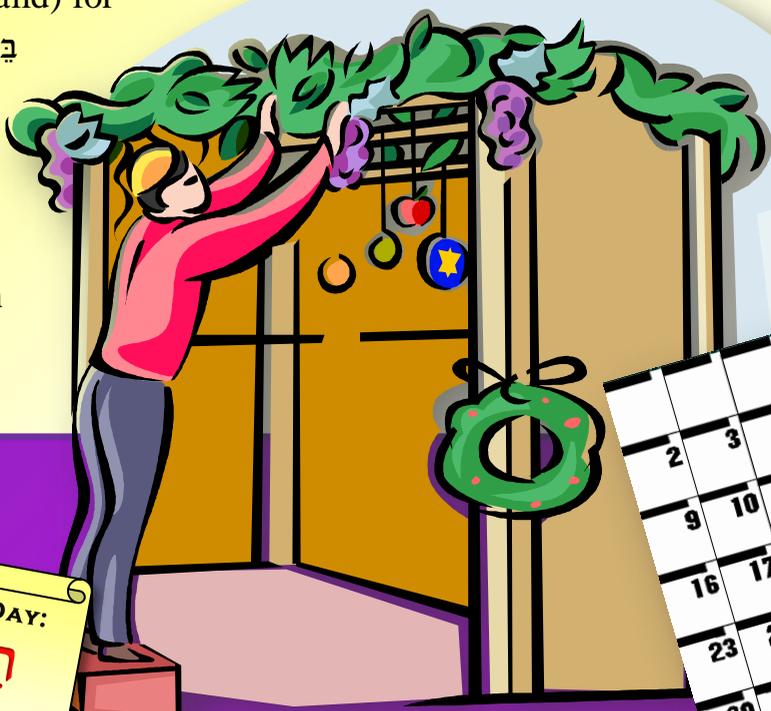
How "old" is "old"? Most people would say something that is 30 days old isn't "old" (unless it's a carton of milk!) After all, have you ever heard someone call a 30-day-old baby, "old"? Would you call a computer you bought a month ago, "old"?

Nevertheless when it comes to a סוכה, one that was built 30 days before the holiday of סוכות is called "old" by our מִשְׁנָה. Rashi explains that this means the סִכּוּךְ (covering) was put on top of the סוכה 30 days or more before the holiday.

בית הלל rule that even an "old" סוכה is כָּשֵׁר (valid) for the holiday. בית שמאי on the other hand rule that it is not. בית שמאי hold that when one builds a

סוכה he must *have in mind* that he is building it for the סוכות holiday. We assume that a סוכה that was built 30 days or more before the holiday was not built for the holiday, but rather for shade or for some other purpose. (בית שמאי would agree that if one built a סוכה even a *whole year* before סוכות and had in mind for it to be for the holiday, it would be כָּשֵׁר.)

בית הלל rule an "old" סוכה to be valid because they don't require the builder to have in mind that he is building a סוכה for the holiday. Therefore, even though a סוכה built more than 30 days before the holiday was probably not built for סוכות, it is still valid.



WORD OF THE DAY:
הִיכִי דָמִי
"HOW IS THIS SO?"

A Tree Grows Over the סוכה

We know that leaves and branches may be used for a סוכה's סִכּוֹף (covering), but what if they are still attached to a tree?



Our מְשֻׁנָּה says if a tree hangs over a סוכה providing it with shade, the סוכה is not כָּשֵׁר.



The מְשֻׁנָּה goes on to say that if a סוכה is built on top of another סוכה, the top סוכה is כָּשֵׁר and the bottom one is not. The reason for this is because the Torah commands us to live only in "סִכַּת" (plural for סוכה), and not in a סוכה underneath

another סוכה.

רב נחמן בר יצחק explains that since the Torah spells the plural of סוכה as "סִכַּת" instead of "סוכות" (with the letter ו), it looks like the Torah is really writing the word "סִכַּת" which means "one סוכה" (Remember: a Torah scroll has no vowels!) This teaches that we may sit in only one סוכה and not in a סוכה underneath a סוכה.

A מדות Moment

Taking a walk one day with his father, Shmuly saw a yellow swish zoom by. To anyone not paying attention, it would have been impossible to exactly identify. But not to Shmuly.

"Check it out!" the boy exclaimed. "That's a Lamborghini Gallardo!"

"You don't see that every day, do you Shmuly?" asked his dad.

"Yeah, I sure love fast cars...probably more than anything!" said Shmuly.

"Not so 'fast', Shmuly," said his father. "There's nothing wrong with finding fast cars interesting, or even very interesting. But be careful about what you say you 'love'."

"Why, Abba?" asked Shmuly.

"If you love something you shouldn't, you are 'stealing' that love from the place it should be. So, let's say you love something like fast cars, you have stolen that love from where it should really be." That's why in today's גְּמָרָא we learn that you cannot use a stolen סוכה. If you steal a סוכה you put your love in a place it shouldn't be and have 'stolen' your love from where it should be – in your own סוכה."

"I know Lamborghinis and fast cars aren't the most important things in the world. I just mean I find them really interesting...and I would never really love them!"

(שם משמואל, סוכות תרע"ג)



Did You Know...

Threads left over at the corner of a garment after it is woven cannot count for the מְצִנָּה (commandment) to wear צִיצִית (fringes). This is because they were just left over and were not put there for the purpose of the מְצִנָּה.

Games

REBUS FUN!

Sound out the pictures to find the words



Review Questions – סוכה דף ט'

1. According to the מְשֻׁנָּה, how "old" is an old סוכה?

2. Name a סוכה covering that the מְשֻׁנָּה says is invalid

3. Why may threads left over from the corner of a garment not be used for the מְצִנָּה of צִיצִית?
