

מסכת
 סוּפָה
 דף ג'

DAF YOMI⁴ Kids

Inside the Daf

What's the smallest house you've ever been in? However small it was, it probably wasn't less than 4 אַמּוֹת long by 4 אַמּוֹת wide! (4 אַמּוֹת is about 7 feet, or 216 centimeters). Would such a place even be called a "house?"

According to the גְּמָרָא, no. A "house" must be at least 4 אַמּוֹת by 4 אַמּוֹת. If it is not, rules in the Torah that apply to a "house" ("בַּיִת") do not apply to the building.

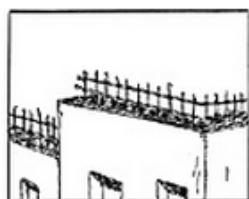
For example:

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מְזוּזָה The Torah says we must put מְזוּזוֹת on the doorposts of our "houses", (see דברים ו, ט, Deut. 6,9) since a building less than 4 אַמּוֹת by 4 אַמּוֹת is not a "house" it would not need a מְזוּזָה.

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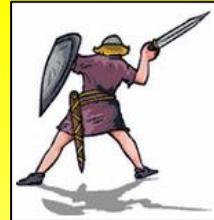
מַעֲקָה A מַעֲקָה (protective fence) must be built along the edge of the roof of one's "house." (see דברים כב, ח, Deut. 22,8) A house less than 4 אַמּוֹת squared is not a "house" so it does not need a מַעֲקָה.

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צִרְעַת בַּיִת מְנַגֵּעַ were stark green or red markings that would afflict a Jew's "house" for the sin of stinginess (see Lev. 14, 33-53). (see Deut. 17, 17-18). A house less than 4 אַמּוֹת by 4 אַמּוֹת cannot contract צִרְעַת (see Deut. 17, 17-18).

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מַעוֹרְכֵי הַמִּלְחָמָה Someone who has built a "house" but has not yet lived in it, does not have to go into battle (see Deut. 20, 5-9). If the house is less than 4 אַמּוֹת squared he *would* have to go to battle because it isn't a "house."

A מְדוּתָּה Moment

"When I grow up, I'm definitely going to be rich," said Jonah.

"Me too," agreed Asher. "Other things may be important too, but being very rich is most important. You can buy anything you want!"

"I disagree," said Steven. "In daf yomi we learn that a סוּפָה must be at least big enough to hold your head, most of your body and your table. This means you have to give

yourself over entirely to the experience of the סוּפָה, with your heart, soul and possessions. You have to understand that everything you have is just temporary."

"It's true," reconsidered Jonah. "I mean there's nothing wrong with being rich, but it shouldn't be the main focus of our lives."

(Based on שפת אמת, סוכות שנה תרנ"ג)

When Is a House Not a House?

On שַׁבָּת (the Sabbath) a person may not travel more than 2000 אַמּוֹת (about 0.7 mi, or 1 km) outside of his city. If a building is within about 70 אַמּוֹת (124 ft, or 38 m) of his city, it is considered part of his city. That means he can walk 2000 אַמּוֹת from that building.



בוֹרְגָנִין – Small Huts

In fact, there were small buildings called בוֹרְגָנִין used by watchmen or bird hunters (or according to some, as a rest stop for travelers or for storing produce). בוֹרְגָנִין are designed for one person to sleep at night. They were made of willow branches and reeds and are only temporary. These בוֹרְגָנִין count as being part of the city.

WORD OF THE DAY:
 מֵאֵן
 "WHO?"

Can a house less than 4 by 4 אַמּוֹת in size count as a building that would be part of the city? The גְּמָרָא says no. Why can בוֹרְגָנִין be part of the city while these small houses cannot? The גְּמָרָא answers,

because a house is built to be a place to always live in. A house that is less than 4 אַמּוֹת squared is not fit for that so it isn't linked to the city. בוֹרְגָנִין are built to be used for one person to sleep in overnight. Since they are fit for that purpose they join to the city.

Did You Know...
 א סוכָּה says a סוכָּה must be big enough to hold one's head, most of his body and his table.

Mystery Word

Use the clues from our daf to find the word in blue which is the name for small huts

הַמְלִיחָה

Part of the Talmud

House with צֶרֶת

Sabbath

Hut or booth

House

Who?

Games

Review Questions – סוכָּה דף ג'

- How small does a building have to be to no longer be a "house"?
- What was the name of the small huts built between cities?
- According to א סוכָּה what is the minimum size of a סוכָּה?