

דף יומי הלכה שבת קנד

If a person is travelling with a donkey bearing a load and שבת comes in, he may unload the things he needs for שבת and the bundles that contain מוקצה may be untied allowing the items to fall to the ground. If there are delicate objects in the bundle, such as glass, he may place pillows or blankets to break their fall provided that he can pull away the pillows or blankets so as not to negate a כלי from its permissible use on שבת. In such a case, he may remove them and should not leave them on the בהמה as that would be צער בעלי חיים (this is true of any heavy load that would cause the animal pain; the גר"א learns that the גר"א seems to imply that if he cannot unload a heavy item by himself, in such a case he may untie the load and allow it to fall onto pillows and blankets, even though the pillows and blankets will now be unusable throughout the rest of שבת, in order to prevent צער בעלי חיים).

Since a tree is attached to the ground, it cannot be used as a wall for the סוכה or as סכך. If the tree would be removed and the סוכה or סכך would still be כשר, the סוכה may be used (but if it is a סוכה that one needs to climb a ladder to enter, he may not lean the ladder on the tree).