

## סוכה יב

It is אסור to use a bundle of branches, as we are worried that a person will place a bundle on top of the סוכה in order to dry it out, and then change his mind and leave it there for סכך. In order to prevent this from happening, the חכמים forbade bundles. If the bundle is untied (while on the סוכה) it is כשר סכך, unless it was initially placed there to dry out, in which case it must be lifted up. A bundle is considered twenty five or more branches, or whatever is contained in the bundle. If there are less than twenty five items, then the bundle may be used as סכך.

These bundles may be used as walls, as the walls may be made from anything (provided, notes the רמ"א, that it does not smell badly).

Arrowheads can be used as סכך, provided that they do not have a hole (in which the wood part of the arrow fits), because the hole makes them able to be מקבל טומאה.

Flax may be used as סכך provided that it was not crushed or combed. Many of the mats today are tied with cotton strings. רב רב מיקל on these strings. רב שלמה זלמן אוירבך and רב שמואל וזנר