

סוכה כז

On the first night of סוכות, there is a חיוב to eat a כזית of bread in the סוכה (unlike the rest of סוכות, where the חיוב to eat in the סוכה is only if a person is קובע סעודה). While a person is eating the כזית (especially on the first night, but ideally every time he eats in the סוכה), he should have כונה that he is sitting in the סוכה זכר and ענני הכבוד זכר. If it rains on the first night, a person should wait to eat until the rain stops, and then eat in the סוכה (some אחרונים hold that a person should wait until חצות, while the פרי מגדים writes a person should wait a couple of hours). If the rain does not stop, קידוש is made in the סוכה and a כזית of פת is eaten, and the rest of the meal may be continued in the house. The ברכה of לישב בסוכה is not recited in such a case. At any other time on סוכות, one may begin the meal immediately if it is raining (on the second night of יום טוב [in חוץ לארץ] at the end of the meal, a כזית of פת should be eaten in the סוכה, and if it still raining, the ברכה of לישב בסוכה is not said).

Someone who did not build a סוכה before יום טוב may build a סוכה חול המעוד, though it is בדיעבד, and a person who has the opportunity, should build it before יום טוב (even if he will not be home the first days). There is no חיוב for a person to be exclusive to one סוכה, and a person may eat and sleep in different סוכות.

While a person must own the ארבע מינים in order to be מקיים the מצוה (on the first day), he does not need to own his סוכה.

A person should endeavor to visit his רבי on יום טוב.

If a person ate in the סוכה with the table totally in the house, he is not יוצא the מצוה of סוכה. If part of his table is in the סוכה and part in the house, the משנה ברורה writes that he is יוצא the מצוה.

קטן שאין צריך, עבדים, and נשים are פטור from the סוכה. A קטן שאין צריך is חייב to sit in the סוכה. This is considered to be from five or six years old.

A window shutter may be used to close the window on שבת even if it is not connected, provided it was designated before שבת as a shutter (mental designation is sufficient).