# **SUKKA: OVERHANGS**

## Sukka: Overhangs: Vines/Trees

Vines or tree branches that overhang even a small part of a <u>sukka</u> may make it not <u>kosher</u>. A tree that overhangs a large part of the <u>sukka</u> invalidates the portion below the tree and may invalidate an entire side or even more. Consult a <u>rabbi</u>.

## **Sukka: Overhangs: Wood Structures**

You may not normally use a <u>sukka</u> that has any wood structure such as a pergola/gazebo above the <u>schach</u>, but there are exceptions: ask a <u>rabbi</u>.

#### Sukka: Overhangs: Balconies

A sukka built under a balcony, even if the balcony is many stories above the sukka, is not kosher.

#### **SITUATION**

Only part of a sukka is under the balcony.

#### **STATUS**

To be *kosher*, the *sukka* must have a footprint at least 7 by 7 *tefachim* and must have at least three walls that are not under the balcony.

NOTE If you have only two walls with the overhanging balcony, consult a rabbi.

## Sukka: Overhangs: Women and Children

Women and children of either gender may sit under an invalidated part of the <u>sukka</u> since they are not required to sit in the <u>sukka</u> at all. However, if they wish to say the blessing leisheiv baSukka, they must sit under a valid part of the <u>sukka</u> while they say the blessing. They must also eat at least 1.9 fl. oz. of bread or <u>mezonot</u> while under the valid part.

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