

His cloak

כסותו –

OVERVIEW

The **כסותו** included in the items a **שוכר** may load on the donkey. There is a differing reading of the text.

רבינו חננאל גריס **כסותו** **כסת** שמניח מראשותיו¹ **דכסת** הוא הקטן² ו**כר** הוא הגדול -

The text of ר"ח read **כסתו**, a pillow that one places underneath his head, for a **כסת** (pillow) is the smaller, and a **כר** (quilt) is the larger of the two -

כדתנן³ **במסכת [כלים]** (פרק כ"ח משנה ה) **כר** שעשאו⁴ **סדין** ו**כסת** שעשאה מטפחת:

As we learnt in a משנה in [כלים]; **מסכת** **כר** which he made it into a sheet and a **כסת** which he made it into a kerchief.

SUMMARY

The **שוכר** may load a pillow (but not a quilt [or an extra cloak]) according to the ר"ח.

THINKING IT OVER

Why does the ר"ח prefer his גירסא⁵?

¹ Presumably it can also be used as a seat cushion while riding the donkey.

² The **שוכר** is only permitted to load the smaller **כסת**; not the larger **כר**.

³ תוספות is citing the משנה in כלים to prove that a **כר** is larger than the **כסת** (see footnote # 4).

⁴ He removed the stuffing of the quilt and it became a sheet (large), or he removed the stuffing from the pillow and it became a kerchief (smaller).

⁵ See תוס' ע"ז סה, א ד"ה ה"ג.