

## A peg<sup>1</sup>

## מגוד –

### OVERVIEW

The גמרא cites a ברייתא that if a person takes home a lost object (in order to return it to its owner) he should not spread it out on his bed or on a מגוד for his (the finder's) need.<sup>2</sup> There is a dispute between רש"י and תוספות as to the translation of מגוד.

פירש רבינו תם כמו נגוד ליה גלימא<sup>3</sup> (עירובין דף צד, א):

The ר"ת explained that the word מגוד should be understood like (the phrase) 'spread out a garment for it'. (The noun) מגוד is similar to (the verb) נגוד.

### SUMMARY

מגוד is used for spreading things out

### THINKING IT OVER

What are the relative advantages of רש"י and תוס' respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> This seems to be the translation according to רש"י.

<sup>2</sup> It makes the bed look nicer.

<sup>3</sup> In our גמרא (there) the text reads שקולו גלימא נגידו בה. See רש"י there who explains מחיצה שם להיות אותה שם לפרסו ופרסו אותה שם להיות מחיצה. Therefore מגוד would be an item upon which things were placed to spread them out.