

השף בין העמודים בשבת חייב –

One who rubs between the pillars on *Shabbos* is liable

OVERVIEW

ruled that one who rubs between the pillars is liable on account of ממהק (smoothing). There is a dispute between רש"י and תוספות as to the meaning of השף בין העמודים.

פירש רבינו חננאל דשף העור על העמוד כדי להחליקו וכן משמע בירושלמי¹ -

The ר"ח explained that he rubbed the hide on the pillar to smoothen it out, and so it also seems in תלמוד ירושלמי -

ורש"י פירש ששף קרקעית שבין עמודי חלונות² ולא³ נהירא:

And רש"י explained it to mean that he rubbed the ground which is between the pillars of the windows, but it does not appear to תוספות that this is correct.

SUMMARY

means smoothing out the leather on the pillars (ר"ח), or smoothing the ground between the pillars (רש"י).

THINKING IT OVER

What are the relative advantages of פירש"י and פר"ח?

¹ פ"ז ה"ב.

² See רש"י ד"ה השף that we are referring to the pillars of an אכסדרא (a porch like structure) which has many window-like openings.

³ See ר"ן (on the ר"ף) who asks if he smoothed it in a house it is בונה and if it is in the field it is חורש, עיי"ש, חורש. See אור החמה.