

---

# מסכת מסכות

## TRACTATE MASEICHOT ('MASKS')

---

### פרק ראשון

### CHAPTER ONE

1. From what age is one obligated to wear a face-covering? From 11 years and above. But from one year before that, we educate the child in the laws of face-coverings so that they will become accustomed.
2. Rabbi Hancock says, "It is necessary that a face-covering should cover the mouth, so that the wearer's speech does not land on others." Rabbi Whitty says, "Also the nose, so that the wearer cannot sneeze on others." Rabbi Vallance says, "Also the vocal chords, so that the wearer cannot speak," though he said this only of Rabbi Hancock. Rabbi Trump says a face-covering is not necessary and violates the commandment that a man shall not lie with a man.
3. Most people wear face-coverings in the marketplace and on wagons. Those more pious also wear them on streets and in the field. The most pious wear them at every hour. Rabbi Keir asked, "Have they not learned the teaching of Rabbi Whitty that one does not need to wear a face-covering at every hour?" to which Rabbi Boris replied, "I am aware of that teaching."
4. One is not obligated to wear a face-covering in a sandwich shop: these are the words of Rabbi Gove. But Rabbi Sharma said, "This is the subject of a machAloket." (*Enough with the puns. -RYhN*)
5. Women and slaves are obligated to wear a face-covering. Those

---

פי' משמאלי גבריאל — Commentary of the MISMOLI GAVRIEL

CHAPTER ONE – 1. *We educate the child* This education takes the form of showing the child painted forms on the pavement: these painted forms should show two individuals less than 3 cubits apart, along with writing suggesting that they are in fact more than 3 cubits apart. 2. *The wearer's speech* Not his actual speech, rather the Mishnah means to say, droplets of his breath (Teshuvot ha-RaNDoM 34:2). *A man shall not lie with a man* As often, Rabbi Trump's words are difficult to interpret. 3. *Wagons* Even wagons that travel entirely beneath the ground (Sadiq Hu 2:12). *I am aware* That is to say, Rabbi Boris has not actually learned the teaching in question, but has heard others mention that the teaching exists (Peirush Cummings 1508). 4. *Sandwich shop* This refers to a market stall such as Machon Le-echol, Krum Elyon and Rakevet Tachtit, all of which are hilarious Hebrew jokes by the way. 5. *Women and slaves* Except for those who are aged