Nedarim 8a

Making a Shevuah to Fulfill a Mitzvah

The daf starts with another statement from Rav Gidel in the name of Rav.

How do we know	ۻڐؚڔۯ
that we (can) make a shevuah (i.e. swear)	שָׁנִשְׁבָּעִין
to fulfill a mitzvah	לְקַיֵּים אֶת הַמִּצְוָה
(Tehillim	<u>שֶׁנֶאֱמ</u> ַר(119:106)
as it says	
"I swore and I will fulfill	נִשְׁ <u>בַּ</u> עְתִּי וָאֲקַיֵּמָה
to keep your righteous laws"	לִשְׁמֹר מִשְׁפְּטֵי צִדְ קֶד

The Ran explains that the Gemara understands that Rav Gidel was trying to say that the shevuah that a person makes to do a mitzvah is the same as any other shevuah that he makes (i.e., and if the person will break this shevuah, he will have to bring a korban chatas).

And on this the Gemara asks that:

But he is sworn and 'standing'	וַהֲלֹא מוּשְׁבָּע וְעוֹמֵד
from Har Sinai	מֵהַר סִינַי הוּא

The Gemara in meseches Shevuos (27a) tells us that since a person is already obligated to do a mitzvah (as the entire is Klal Yisroel stood by Har Sinai and accepted the Torah), if he makes a shevuah to do a mitzvah, he will not have to bring a korban if he violates this shevuah (see footnote). That is, since he already made a shevuah at Har Sinai, the shevuah that he now makes cannot be chal as a complete shevuah. If so, how could Rav Gidel say that he will be chayiv in a korban chatas if he violates this shevuah that was made to fulfill a mitzvah?

⁴⁶ What is and What is Not the Chiddush of Rav Gidel According to the Ran?

The Gemara answers:

Rather	אֶלָא
this comes to teach us	הָא קָא מַשְׁמַע לַן
that is it permitted for people (to make this type	דְּשָׁרֵי לֵיהּ לְאִינִיש
	of shevuah)
to 'encourage' himself	לְזָרוֹזֵי נַפְשֵׁיה <i>ּ</i>

The Ran explains that the Gemara always understood that a shevuah on a mitzvah is 'chal' (and if the person transgresses this shevuah, he will receive malkus). The change of the Gemara is that initially the Gemara thought that the chiddush of Rav Gidel was to say that the shevuah is chal even with regard to bringing a korban, and now the Gemara is saying that the chiddush is with regard to this that it is a good thing to make this type of shevuah (and even in the Gemara's answer, the shevuah is chal).

That is, although typically the righteous people would not make shevuos (as it is better to avoid making shevuos), if the reason that he is making a shevuah is in order to be מְוָרָא himself, then it is considered a good thing.

As to why the childush of R' Gidel can't be simply that the shevuah is 'chal' in the first place, see footnote. Also see footnote regarding the shitos that holds that this shevuah is indeed not 'chal' at all.⁴⁶

The Gemara continues:

And Rav Gidel said	וְאָמַר רַב גִּידֵּל
that Rav said	אָמַר רַב
one who says	הָאוֹמֵר
"I will get up and learn	אַשְׁכִּים וְאָשְׁנֶה
this perek"47	פֶּרֶק זֶה

The Shita of the Rosh in the Understanding of the Gemara

The Rosh explains the Gemara differently than the Ran. He explains that at first the Gemara thought that the chiddush of Rav Gidel was to say that one is allowed to make shevuah on a mitzvah and we don't say that it is assur to do so as he is running the risk of violating it.

And on this the Gemara asks that how we can say that the shevuah is 'chal' if the Gemara tells us that since Klal Yisroel already accepted all the mitzvohs at Har Sinai, one cannot make a shevuah on a mitzvah.

To which the Gemara answers that this is true, that this shevuah will not be 'chal' at all (i.e., not like the shita of the Ran), but a person is allowed to make it anyway. That is, the fact that the shevuah is not 'chal' does not make it as if he said Hashem's name in vain, as the reason why he said Hashem's name was for a constructive purpose (he is using Hashem's name to make this shevuah in order to encourage him to do the mitzvohs).

⁴⁷ A Person's Obligation to Learn

The Ran points out that although the Gemara says that a person can be yotzie his chiyuv to learn by saying Shema during Shacharis and Maariv, what he adds to this is considered something that he is not obligated in and that is why the shevuah is 'chal'.

The way the Ran understands the Gemara there are only two possibilities to explain the chiddush of Rav Gidel. Either he is coming to tell us that one who violates this shevuah is chayiv a korban, or the chiddush is that it is a proper thing to make this type of shevuah despite the fact that normally we try to stay away from making shevuos.

But why does the Gemara not simply hold that the chiddush of Rav Gidel is that the shevuah is 'chal' at all? That is, the chiddush could be, that despite the fact that the shevuah is not 'chal' with regard to bringing a korban it is 'chal' with regard to malkus.

The Ran answers that this could not be the chiddush of Rav Gidel because if it was, why did he not say so. That is, Rav Gidel should have said that despite the fact that a shevuah on a mitzvah does not obligate one in a korban, he will get malkus if he violates it? Why does he need to quote the posuk in Tehillim?

The Ran explains that initially the Gemara thought to say that the chiddush of Rav Gidel is that the shevuah is a complete shevuah, and the proof is from the posuk, as we see in the posuk that the shevuah is chal.

And the Gemara then says that the chiddush of Rav Gidel is not to say that this shevuah is a complete shevuah even with regard to bringing a korban but rather the chiddush is that it is a proper thing to make this type of shevuos, as this is seen from the fact that Dovid Hamelech made such a type of shevuah.

"I will learn this meshecta"	אֶשְׁנֶה מַסֶּכְתָּא זו
he has made a great neder	נֶדֶר גֶּדוֹל נָדַר ⁸⁸
to the G-d of Yisroel	לֵאלקֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל
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But on this the Gemara asks as it did before:

But he is sworn and 'standing'	וַהַלא מוּשְׁבָּע וְעוֹמֵד הוּא
and a shevuah is not 'chal'	וְאֵין שְׁבוּעָה חָלָה
on a shevuah'	עַל שְׁבוּעָה
(and if you are going to say) what	מַאי
is it coming to teach us	קָא מַשְׁמַע לַן
that even for	<u>ד</u> ַאֲפִילוּ
just motivation (one can make this shevua	h) זָרוֹזֵי בְּעָלְמָא
(but) this is	הַיְינוּ
the first (statement) of R' Gidel	דְּרַב גִּידֵל קַמַּיְיתָא

Rav Gidol already taught us that one can make a shevuah to motivated himself to do a mitzvah. If is, why would he have to repeat this idea and say that it is good to make a shevuah to learn?

The Gemara answers:

This comes to teach us	הָא קָא מַשְׁמַע לַן
(that) since	בּֿגוֿן
if he would want	דְאִי בָּעֵי
to patur (exempt) himself	<u>פַּטַר נַ</u> פְשֵׁיה
with Krias Shema	בקריַת שמַע
(of) Shacharis and Maariv	שַׁחֲרִית וְעַרְבִית
because of this	מִשׁוּם הָכִי
the shevuah is 'chal' on it	חָיֵיל שְׁבוּעָה עֲלֵיה

That Gemara had asked that since a person is obligated to learn, how can a person make a shevuah to finish a meshecta? This person is already obligated to learn, and if so, this new shevuah should not be 'chal'.

To which the Gemara answers that while it is true that a person is obligated to learn, he can fulfill this chiyuv by just saying Shema twice a day. Therefore, if this person goes ahead a makes a shevuah, he is adding to that which he is already obligated in, and as such, this is why the shevuah is 'chal'. Once again, the Ran points out that when the Gemara refers to the shevuah being 'chal' or not, this is not referring to the shevuah being 'chal' at all, but rather it refers to whether the shevuah will be 'chal' completely with regard to even bringing a korban if the person violates it. The Gemara was asking that since Rav Gidel says that this is a 'Great Neder' this implies that it is 'chal' completely, even with regard to bring a korban. And on this the Gemara asks how this could be true if the person is already obligated to learn.

To which the Gemara answers that since one can be yotzie his chiyuv to learn with saying Shema during Shacharis and Maariv, the shevuah that he makes on the 'added learning' is 'chal' completely, even with regard to bringing a korban.

The Halachos of One Who Suggests to His Friend that They Get Up Early to Learn

Rav Gidel said	אָמַר רַב גִּידֵּל
that Rav said	אָמַר רַב
one who says to his friend	הָאוֹמֵר לַחֲבֵירוֹ
let us get up and learn	נַשְׁכִּים וְנִשְׁנֶה
this perek	פֶּרֶק זֶה
(there is a chiyuv) upon him	עָלָיו
to get up (first)	לְהַשְׁבִּים
as it says (Yechezkel 3:22-23)	<u>שֶׁנְאֲמַר</u>
"And He said to me	וַיּאׁמֶר אֵלַי
get up and go out	(בֶּן אָדָם) קוּם צֵא
to the valley	אֶל הַבְּקְעָה
and there I will talk to you	וְשָׁם אֲדַבּּר אוֹתָדְ
And I went out to the valley	וַאֵצֵא אֶל הַבּּקְעָה
and behold	וְהָנֵּה
there	ψœ
the honor of Hashem was standing"	כְּבוֹד ה׳ עֹמֵד

person makes a shevuah to learn less than the amount that is explicit in the Torah, it will be 'chal'.

⁴⁸ How Can One Make a Neder to do an Action?

The Ran points out that although the Gemara calls this a great neder, in reality what this person did was to make a shevuah and not a neder. The Ran explains that this has to be the case as a neder is always with regard to forbidding an object and never about obligating yourself to do an action. The Ran explains that this is a common practice to call a shevuah with the term neder.

But the Ran says that this cannot be the minimum amount of learning that one needs to do. The Gemara in meseches Kiddushin tells us that a person has to know his learning so well, to the point that he can answer questions on his learning with the same clarity that he can answer if a person is mutur to marry his sister or not. To achieve this level of learning obviously takes a tremendous amount of time, and if so, how can the Gemara say that you can by yotzie your chiyuv with just saying Krias Shema?

The Ran answers, that the intent of the Gemara is to just say that this is the minimum amount of learning that is written explicitly in the Torah. And although with regard to bringing a korban, a person cannot make a shevuah on a mitzvah, this only refers to a mitzvah that is written explicitly in the Torah. Therefore, if a

In these pesukim, Yechezkel describes his meeting with Hashem. Yechezkel relates how Hashem told him to go out to the valley and Hashem would meet him there. And when Yechezkel went out to the valley, Hashem was already there to greet him.

From this posuk we see what Rav Gidel taught us. That if you are the one who tells your friend that you would like to meet with him, it is on you to be the first one there. And this is what we find in this posuk. That it was Hashem who suggested the meeting and that is why it was Hashem who arrived at the valley first.

The Halachos of One Who Was Put into Nidui While	
Dreaming	
Reb Yosef said	אָמַר רַב יוֹסֵף
if a person was put into nidui	17172
in a dream	בּחֲלוֹם
he needs ten people	צָרִידְ עֲשָׁרָה בְּנֵי אָדָם
to be matir it for him	לְהַתִּיר ל ו
and this referring	והוא
to people who learn	וָי תָנוּ
halacha (i.e. the Gemara, see the Ran) 49	הִלְכְתָא
but those who learn (Mishnayos)	אֲבָל מַתְנוּ
and do not learn (Gemara)	וְלָא תְּנוּ
no (they cannot be matir his nidui)	לָא
and if there are not	וְאִי לֵיכָּא
people who learn halacha	ן ּתָנוּ הִלְכְתָא
(then) even people who learn (Misnayos	אֲפִילוּ מַתְנוּ
but don't learn (Gemara) can be matir the	nidui וְלָא תָּנוּ
and if there aren't (even these people)	וְאִי לֵיכָּא
he should go and sit	לֵיזִיל וְלִיתֵּב
on the crossroads	אַפָּרָשַת דְּרָכִים
and give shalom (i.e. greet)	וְיָהֵיב שְׁלָמָא
to ten people	לְבֵי עַשְׂרָה
until it chances upon him	עד דמקלעי ליה
ten people who learn halacha	עַשְׂרָה דְּגָמְרִי הִלְכְתָּא

The Ran explains as follows. If a person is put into nidui in his dream, he has to be concerned that perhaps this was done at the direction of Hashem. Therefore, he needs ten people to be matir him, as when there are ten people gathered in one place, the Shechina resides among them.

In the best-case scenario, he should get ten people who have learned Gemara to be the ones that are matir his nidui. And if he cannot find ten people who learn Gemara, then he can rely on ten people who learn Mishnayos to be matir this nidui. And if he cannot find even that, then he should go to the crossroads and greet everyone with the word 'Shalom'. By doing so, the people who pass by will respond with their greeting of shalom and this will protect him from harm until he is able to find ten people to be matir his nidui.

Ravina said to Rav Ashi	אֲמַר לֵיהּ רָבִינָא לְרַב אָשֵׁי
if he knows	יָדַע
who put him into nidui	מַאן שַמְתֵּיה
what is the halacha	<u>מ</u> הוּ
regarding this person being matir him	ײַ לִישְׁרֵי לֵיהּ

Normally a person that puts a person into nidui has the power to take him out of nidui. What is the halacha in our case? If a man dreams of a particular person putting him into nidui, is that person allowed to be matir him without the need for ten people?

He said (back) to him	אֲמַר לֵיה <i>ּ</i>
to put him into nidui	לְשַׁמּוֹתֵיה
he (this person in the dream) was made into	שַׁוִיוּה
a shliach	שָׁלִיחַ
(but) to be matir him	לְמִישְׁרֵי לֵיה <i>ּ</i>
he was not made into a shliach	לָא שַׁוְיוּה שָׁלִיחַ

We previously learned that the reason you need ten people to be matir a nidui that was made during a dream is because we are concerned the nidui was made at the request of Hashem.

Therefore, even if this person had a dream that a particular person put him into nidui, we will need ten people to be matir it. This is because although it was a person who put him into nidui, since this happened during a dream, we are concerned that perhaps that person was the shliach of Hashem.

Although one could have argued and said that if it is really true that this person is the shliach of Hashem, then the same way this person was able to make the nidui, he should be able to take it off as well, the Gemara says not this way.

The Gemara explains that it could be that the person in the dream who made the nidui was only the shliach of Hashem with

⁴⁹ The Ran's Girsa in the Gemara

According to our girsa (version) of the Gemara, the Gemara differentiates between a person who learns halacha and one who learns just Mishnayos. This

is the second girsa that the Ran has. In the Ran's first girsa, the Gemara differentiates between those who teach Gemara to others and those that just learn it themselves.

regard to the putting on the nidui but not with regard to taking it off.

Therefore, since it could be that the person who made the nidui was the shliach of Hashem, you would need Hashem (so to speak) to be matir, and as such, we would need a minyan of people to do so.

Rav Acha said	אֲמַר לֵיהּ רַב אַחָא
to Rav Ashi	לְרַב אָשֵׁי
(if in the dream) he was put into nidui	שַׁמְּתִיה
and they were matir him	ושרו ליה

in the dream	ב ְּטֶלְמֵיה <i>ּ</i>	
What (is the halacha)	מַאי	
Can we say that the same way he wa	as put in nidui, he was	
taken out of nidui, and as such, there wou	ıld be no problem?	
The Gemara answers:		
They said to him	אֲמַר לֵיהּ	
the same way it is impossible	פְּשֵׁם שֶׁאִי אֶפְשָׁר	
(to have) grain without straw	לַבָּר בִּלא תַּבֵן	

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⁵⁰ The 'Consolation for One Who Makes Typos As with any written work, there are bound to be typos in this edition of the Gemara. And although every author would like if there were no mistakes in his

work, many bring this Gemara as a consolation for those who might feel bad at the 'imperfect work'. They say that the same way there is no grain without straw, so too there is no sefer without mistakes!

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So too it is impossible	כָּדְ אִי אֶפְשָׁר
for a dream	לַחֲלוֹם
not to have meaningless things	בְּלא דְּבָרִים בְּטֵלִים

The Gemara is telling us that just because they were matir him in his dream, this is not a reason to say that he is not still in nidui, as in every dream there are meaningless things. Therefore, we have to be concerned that perhaps what he dreamt with regard to being put into nidui was real, and this that they were matir him was only part of the devorim bataylim (meaningless things) that are included in every dream.

When and How Can a Husband be a Shliach to be Matir His Wife's Nedarim!

Ravina's wife had a neder ⁵¹	ָרְבִינָא הֲזָה לַהּ נִדְרָא לִדְבֵיתְהוּ		
(so) he (Ravina) came before Rav As	shi אַתָא לְקַמֵּיה דְּרַב אָשֵׁי		
(and) he said (asked) him	אָמַר לֵיהּ		
"A husband	בַּעַל		
what is the halacha	<u>מ</u> הוּ		
with regard to him becoming	<u>שֶׁי</u> ּעָשֶׂ ה		
a shliach	שָׁלִיחַ		
for the 'regret' of his wife"	לַחֲרָטַת אִשְׁתּוֹ		

If a person makes a neder and then at a later point he has charatah (regret) that he made the neder, he can go before a Bais Din of three people, explain to them why he has charatah, and ask them to be matir his neder. But about a woman that makes a neder, does she have to go herself to the Bais din, or can her husband go as her shliach?

The Ran in the name of the Rambam says that the Gemara is assuming that normally a person cannot make a shliach and the Gemara is asking that perhaps a wife is different as אשתו "A wife is body", that is, in many aspects a man and his wife are considered as one, and if so, even though the wife would not be able to make a 'regular' shliach, her husband would be able to go for her. The Ran then brings Tosefos who explain the Gemara in the opposite manner. The Gemara assumes that a regular person (this women included) could make a shliach and the Gemara is asking that perhaps a husband should be worse. That is, perhaps we should say that since the wife's nedarim affect him, this will lead him to add on to his wife's reasons why she no longer wants the neder, and as such, the Chachamim will end up being matir her nedarim based on inaccurate information.

He said to him	אֲמַר לֵיהּ
if they (the three people who form the Bais Din) a	are אִי מְכַנְּפִין
alrea	dy gathered
yes (he could be her shliach)	אָין
but if not (i.e. they are not yet gathered)	אִי לָא
no (he cannot become a shliach)	לַא

The Ran explains the Gemara as follows. According to the Rambam that the Gemara was asking if the husband is better than a regular shliach, the Gemara says that it depends on if the Bais Din is already gathered or not. If the Bais Din is already there, then we allow the husband to be maykil and to be his wife's shliach. But if there is no Bais Din in place, then he will not be allowed to gather them together.

In other words, this this halacha that a husband is allowed to be his wife's' shliach is only a kula, we only allow the kula if not that much has to be done, i.e., there is no need to now gather the Bais din together. But to extend the kula to allow him to now put the Bais Din together, this is something the Chachamim were not willing to permit.

The Ran continues and explains that according to Tosefos, that explains that the Gemara was asking that perhaps the husband is worse than a regular shliach, the Gemara's answer is as follows. If the Bais Din is already in place and he does not have to go through the trouble of gathering them together, then we are not concerned that the husband will exaggerate the wife's reason to be matir her neder (despite the fact that he suffers from them).

⁵¹ Why Wasn't Ravina Just Mayfer His Wife's Neder?

The Gemara describes how Ravina wanted to be a shliach to be matir his wife's neder. But seemingly there was another option that he could have done. He could have just been mayfer (uproot) his wife's neder. As we previously learned, a husband/father has the right to be mayfer his wife's/daughter's neder, and if so, why didn't he just do that? Tosefos and the Rosh both answer that it could be that this neder was not one of עינוי נפש, a neder that would cause him pain, and as such, he would not have the right to be mayfer it (a

husband can only be mayfer those nedarim that would cause him pain or discomfort).

The second possibility they say is that it could be that he was already מקיים the neder. If a husband hears about his wife's neder and is not mayfer it, this is considered as if he 'approved' of it and as such, he would no longer be able to be mafir it. If that was the case, then the only option left in order to revoke the neder would be to go before a Bais Din and to express regret for making the neder.

But if he does go through the trouble of getting together a Bais Din, then the desire to make sure he didn't waste his time by getting the Bais Din together, combined with his discomfit from his wife's nedarim will motivate him to make sure the Bais Din is matir her nedarim, i.e., he will exaggerate what she said.⁵²

From this psak (Rabbinical ruling) the Gemara says:

We learn three things 7	שְׁמַע מִינַּה תְּלָ
we see	שְׁמַע מִינַּה
a husband can become a shliach 🔊	בַּעַל נַעֲשֶׂה שָׁל
for the 'regret' of his wife	לַחֲרָטַת אִשְׁתוֹ
and see	וּשְׁמַע מִינַה
one is not permitted	לָא שְׁרֵי
to be matir a neder	לְמִישְׁרֵי נְדְרָא
in the place of his Rebbi (teacher)	<u>בּאַתְרָא דְרַבּ</u> יה
and we see from here	ושמַע מִינַה
when they are gathered together	כּי מְכַנְפִין
it is good (i.e., a husband can be his wife's shliach)	. שַׁפּיר דָּמֵי

Although the Gemara is discussing gathering together a Bais Din of three people in order to be matir the neder, in reality even a single talmid chacham has the ability to be matir it. But if so, why didn't Ravina just be matir his wife's neder? The Gemara concludes that it must be that although Ravina certainly had the ability to be matir nedarim, he could not do so as he was in the town of Rav Ashi. And as such, from the previous story we learn three things. We learn that husband can be his wife's shliach to be matir her nedarim, but only if the Bais Din is already gathered together, and that a talmid chacham cannot be matir nedarim in the town of his Rebbi.⁵³

Who and How Can Someone Put Someone else in Nidui?

⁵³ Why Could Ravina be Matir His Wife's Nedarim if the Mishna in Meseches Negaim Says the A Husband Can Not Be Matir His Wife's Neder?

The Mishna in meseches Negaim brings the shita of R' Yehuda that a person cannot be matir his wife's nedarim. If so, what is the proof that one

And with regard to Nidui	וְשַׁמְתָּא
even in the place of his Rebbi	אַפִּילּוּ בְּאַתְרָא דְרַבֵּיה
an individual who is an expert	וְיָחִיד מוּמְחֶה
	שָׁרֵי
can permit nidui	שַׁמְתָּא

Even though with regard to nedarim we said that a person cannot be matir someone's nedarim in the place of his Rebbi, with regard to nidui he could.

Tosefos explains that we want to remove nidui from a person as quickly as possible and therefore we always allow the talmid chacham to be matir it (i.e., we can't wait for his Rebbi because perhaps he will be busy or unavailable). With regard to nedarim however there is no such concern as there is no problem if a person remains with his neder for an extra amount of time.

Although the Gemara says that to be matir nidui a Bais Din of three people is not needed and a Talmid Chacham would suffice, the Rishonim point out that this is not to the exclusion of being matir nedarim. With regard to being matir nedarim as well, a single talmid Chachamim would be enough.

The Power of the Sun to Heal Those Who are Careful Not to Say the Name of Hashem in Vain

R' Shimon bar Z'vid said			אָמַר רַבִּי שִׁמְעוֹן בַּר זְבִיד	
(that)	R'	Yitzchok	bar	Tavla אָמַר רַבִּי יִצְחָק בַּר טַבְלָא
				said
(that) R	' Chiy	va Aricha saio	ł	אָמַר רַבִּי חִיָּיא אֲרִיכָא
of the Y	eshiva	a of R' Acha		<u>דְּבֵי רַבְּי אַ</u> חָא
(that) R	' Zayı	a said		אָמַר רַבִּי זֵירָא
(that) R	' Elaz	ar said		אָמַר רַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר

cannot be matir nedarim in the place of his Rebbi? Maybe Ravina would have been matir nedarim there despite the fact that his Rebbi lived there, but the reason why he did not do so was because a husband cannot be matir his wife's nedarim.

The Ran answers that although this is true that we hold like the shita of R' Yehuda that one cannot be matir his wife's nedarim, but this is only true if he is being matir them himself. But if he joins up with others, he would be allowed to do so. If so, why did he gather together three other people? Why didn't he just join up with two other people? The Gemara concludes that it must be that one cannot be matir nedarim in the town of his Rebbi.

The Ran continues and says that even if one would want to say that in this case there would be no possibility of Ravina being matir his wife's nedarim (as אשתו כגופו). The question was, why didn't Ravina just get three of his talmidim to be matir his wife's nedarim. And the conclusion of the Gemara is that it must be that he didn't do so as one should not be matir nedarim in the location of his Rebbi.

⁵² The Shita of R' Shimshon that Bais Din Can Be Matir a Neder Without the Person's Knowledge

The Ran brought the machlokes between the Rambam and Tosefos if a person can make a shliach to go to Bais Din and to have them be matir his nedarim, the Rambam holds that he cannot and Tosefos hold he could. The Ran brings a third shita of R' Shimshon that holds that a person does not even need to make a shliach to go to Bais Din in order for the Bais Din to have the ability to be matir the neder. That is, even if the person would write his reasons for his charatah on a piece of paper and then sent it to the Bais Din, this would be good enough. This is because Bais Din has the ability to be matir a person's nedarim without his knowledge. That is, as long as the Bais Din knows that the person has charatah, this would be good enough, similar to a husband that is mayfer his wife's nedarim without her knowledge.

that R' Chanina said	אָמַר רַבִּי חֲנִינָא
that R' Meyasha said	אָמַר רַבִּי מְיָאשָׁה
in the name of R' Yehuda Bar Ilai בַּר אִילְעַאי	מִשְׁמֵיה דְּרַבִּי יְהוּדָה
what (is the meaning)	מַאי
of this that is written (Malachi 3:20)	דְּכְתִיב
"And it should shine	<u>וַזָּר</u> ְטָה
for you those who fear my name	לָכֶם יִרְאֵי שְׁמִי
'a sun of righteousness' "	(שֶׁמֶשׁ צְדָקָה וְגוֹ׳)
these are the people	אֵלּוּ בְּנֵי אָדָם
that they afraid	שֶׁהֵן יְרַאִין
to say (lit. to let out)	להוציא
the name of Hashem in vain	שֵׁם שְׁמַיִם לְבַשָּׁלָה

The 'people who fear my name' that are mentioned in the posuk are understood to be the people who are afraid to say the name of Hashem in vain. These are the people who will be healed by the sun.

The Gemara explains the term 'a sun of righteousness':

A sun	שָׁמֶשׁ
of righteousness and that heals	צְדָקָה וּמַרְפֵּא
Abaye said	אָמַר אַבָּיֵי
we see from here	שְׁמַע מִינַּה <i></i>
the 'dust of the day' heals	חִרְגָּא דְיוֹמָא מַפּי

The Ran explains that the dust of the day refers to the particles that are seen in the sunlight as it streams through a window. Abaye is telling us that it is these particles that heal those people who are afraid to mention Hashem's in vain.⁵⁴

The ריא"ף on the Ain Yaakov explains that while it is true that the sun heals, the chiddush of Abaye is that that even the 'sun dust' can heal those who are afraid of saying Hashem's name in vain רותר בזה.

The Sun	as a	Reward	tor	the	Tzaddikim	and	as a
	Pur	nishment	for	the	Reshayim		

And this (what Abaye said) argues	וּפְלִיגָא
with R' Shimon ben Lakish	דְּרַבִּי שִׁמְעוֹן בָּן לָקִישׁ
that he said	<u>דְ</u> אָמַר
there is no gehinnom	אֵין גֵּיהָנָם
in Olam Habah ⁵⁵	לָעוֹלָם הַבָּא
rather Hashem	אֶלָא הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּדָ הוּא
will take out the sun	מוֹצִיא חַמָּה
from its case (sheath)	מַנּּרְתִּיקָה
(and the) tzaddikim	צַדְּיקִים
will be healed with it	מִתְרַפְּאִין בָּה
and the reshayim	וּרְשָׁעִים
will be judged with it	נּידּוֹנִין ב ָּה
as it says (i.e., the posuk that Abaye broug	çht) שֶׁנֶאֲמֵר (
"And it will shine for you	וְזָרְחָה לָכֶם
(those) who fear my name	יִרְאֵי שְׁמֵי
the sun etc."	שֶׁמֶשׁ וְגוֹ׳
and not only that but	וְלא עוֹד אֶלָא
they will take pleasure in it	שֶׁמִּתְעַדְּנִין בָּה <i>ּ</i>
as it says (the end of that posuk)	שֶׁנְאֲמַר
"And you will go out	וִיצָאתֶם
and you will spread out	וּפִשְׁתֶּם
like calves (being fattened) in the stall"	<i>פְּ</i> עֶגְלֵי מַרְבֵּק
and the reshayim	ןָ <i>הָ</i> רְשָׁעִים
will be judged with it	נִידּוֹנִין בָּה
as it says (ibid. 19)	שְׁנְאֱמֵר
"Behold the day is coming	הִנֵּה הַיּוֹם בָּא

sun's healing powers to the sun itself, that is, they will say that the sun has godly power. And indeed, we find that there were many civilizations that worshiped the sun.

Therefore, in order to avoid this, they would not want to stand in the sunlight in order not to give anyone the impression that they sun has any godly power. But if so, they would lose out as they would not be able to heal themselves.

Therefore, in order to reward them for their deep concern with regard to Hashem's honor, they are healed even with the 'sun dust' that comes through their windows, i.e., they will be able to be healed even when they are inside their homes and not in view of anyone who might make a mistake with regard to the true source of his healing.

⁵⁵ The Gehinnom that the Gemara is Referring to

Although the Gemara says that there is no gehinnom in olam haba, the Ran explains that of course when a rasha dies there will be gehinnom. And what the Gemara is referring to is what will happen at the time of Techias Hamaisim (the resurrection of the dead), that at that point the reshayim will not be judged (punished) with gehinnom but rather with the sun that Hashem will remove from its cover in order to reward the tzadikkim.

⁵⁴ Why Does Abaya Not Just Say that it is the Sun Itself that Heals (why does this particular type of tzaddik get this reward)?

The Rosh asks why Abaya does not just say that it is the sun that heals? Why does he need to say that it is the sun dust that has these healing properties?

The mefarshim give many answers to this question. See the Maharsha, Keren Orah, etc.

But what still needs explanation is why this reward is designated not to the tzadikkim in general, but to specifically those who are afraid to mention Hashem's name in vain.

And what needs further explanation is what exactly the advantage with this healing is. That is, if one can be healed by the sun itself, why would one need to be healed with this 'sun dust' as well (unless there is some healing property that is found in the 'sun dust' that is not found in regular sunlight)?

Perhaps we can explain as follows. The tzadikkim we are discussing are those people who are extremely careful not to say the name of Hashem is vain. In other words, they are careful not to do anything that might bring disrespect to the honor of Hashem. If so, perhaps they would be concerned to stand in the sunlight, as by doing so, there might be those who would attribute the

burning like an oven" etc.

בּעֵר כַּתַּנּוּר וְגוֹ

The pesukim there describe how the tzaddikim will not only be healed through the sun, but they will enjoy it as well. And with regard to the reshayim, they will be burned with this very same sun, i.e., the same sun that is used to reward the tzaddikim will be used to punish the reshayim.^{56 57}

57 How Can One Thing Bring Both Reward and Punishment

The Mefarshim give many different explanations into how the sun will both reward the tzaddikim and punish the reshayim.

The Maharsha (Avodah Zora 3:) explains that the same way heat affects different things differently, for example, salt congeals and wax melts, to too with regard to the tzaddikim and reshayim. The sun will affect them differently; the tzadikkim will be enjoy it and the reshayim will suffer from it. The Maharsha explains that this is the comparison to an oven. The same way the 'main job' of the oven is to benefit mankind, i.e., to bake bread, it can also burn the straw that is in it, so too it will be with Hashem's taking out of the sun. The main objective will be to benefit the tzadikkim, but a side result of Hashem's action will be the punishment of the reshayim.

⁵⁶ The Complete Pesukim in Sefer Malachi

To better understand the drashos of the Gemara, we bring the complete pesukim that the Gemara quotes.

יט כִּי הְנָה הֵיוֹם בָּא בַעָר בַתַּנּוּר וְהָיוּ כַל זֵדִים וְכָל עַשָּׁה רְשָׁעָה קֵשׁ וְלֹהֵט אָתָם הֵיּוֹם הָבָּא אָמָר ה׳ צָבְקוֹת אַשֶּׁר לא יַעֵּוֹב לָהֶם שׁרֶשׁ וְעָנָף: כ וְזָרְחָה לָכֶם יִרְאֵי שְׁמִי שֶׁמֶש צְדָקָה וּמַרְפָּא בִּכְנָפֶיה וִיצָאתֶם וּפִשְׁתֶּם כְּעֵּגְלַי מִרְבֵּק: