

מסכת גיטין · דף י"ג ע"ב

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THE SUGYA

In this daf, we continue our deep dive into the mechanics of transferring money, specifically focusing on the differences between a loan and a deposit. The Gemara explores the opinions of Rav Pappa and Rav Zevid regarding whether the mishna's case of "piled money" refers to a healthy person or a shechiv mera (a person on his deathbed), bringing in a fascinating discussion about the unique halachic leniencies granted to a dying man when he gives instructions for a get.

We then transition to a fundamental sugya in Choshen Mishpat: the concept of ma'amad shelshatan (a transfer in the presence of all three parties). The Gemara analyzes the source and mechanism of this powerful form of kinyan, questioning whether it applies only to a physical deposit or even to an abstract loan, and how such an acquisition can halachically take effect.

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ANSWER

קסבר רב פפא, כי אמר רב – לא שניא במלוה, ולא שניא בפקדון.

The Gemara answers: **Rav Pappa holds** that **when Rav said** his law of a transfer in the presence of all three parties, he meant that there is **no difference in** the case of **a loan**, and there is **no difference in** the case of **a deposit**. Since it works even for a loan where there is no physical object, it works for a deposit even if the money is not piled up. Therefore, Rav Pappa had to explain that our Mishnah refers to piled-up money to avoid the concern of a buried hundred dinars.

QUESTION

רב זביד מאי טעמא לא אמר כרב פפא?

The Gemara asks: **What is the reason** that **Rav Zevid did not say** and explain the Mishnah like **Rav Pappa**, that it refers to a dying man?

ANSWER

לא מיתוקמא מתניתין בשכיב מרע.

The Gemara answers: Rav Zevid holds that **the Mishnah cannot be established** as referring to a dying man.

PROOF

ממאי? מדקתני: "האומר תנו גט זה לאשתי ושטר שחרור זה לעבדי", ומת – לא יתנו לאחר מיתה.

From where do we see this? From that which the Mishnah teaches: One who says, "Give this bill of divorce to my wife, or this bill of manumission to my slave," and then he dies, they should not give it to them after his death.

INFERENCE

טעמא דמת, הא מחיים – נותנין;

We can infer: **The reason** they do not give it is specifically **that he died**, but if he were still **during his life time**, they would give it.

INFERENCE

טעמא דאמר "תנו", הא לא אמר "תנו", אין נותנין;

And we can further infer: **The reason** they give it during his lifetime is specifically **that he said, "Give,"** but if he did not say, **"Give,"** but only said **"Write,"** they would not give it.

STATEMENT

ושכיב מרע – אף על גב דלא אמר "תנו", נותנין.

But in the case of a **dying man**, even though he did not say, **"Give,"** but only said **"Write,"** they do give it, because we assume his intention was to give it so she would not fall to yibum.

BRAISA

דתנו, בראשונה היו אומרים: היוצא בקולר, ואמר "כתבו גט לאשתי" – הרי אלו יכתבו ויתנו.

As we learned in a Mishnah: At first, they would say: One who is taken out in chains to be executed, and said, **"Write a bill of divorce for my wife,"** these people should write and give it to her, even though he did not explicitly say **"Give."**

BRAISA

תזרו לומר, אף המפרש והיוצא בשפיךא.

They then retracted to say: Even one who sets sail on a ship, and one who goes out in a caravan to a desert, who are also in danger, have the same law.

BRAISA

רבי שמעון שזורי אומר: אף המסוכן.

Rabbi Shimon Shezuri says: Even one who is **dangerously ill**, which is a dying man, has this law that we write and give even if he only said **"Write."** Thus, our Mishnah, which requires him to say **"Give,"** cannot be referring to a dying man.

OBJECTION

מתקיף לה רב אשי: ומאן נימא לן דמתניתין רבי שמעון שזורי היא? דלמא רבנן היא!

Rav Ashi challenges this: And who says to us that our Mishnah is in accordance with Rabbi Shimon Shezuri? Perhaps it is in accordance with **the Rabbis**, who argue with Rabbi Shimon Shezuri and hold that a **dangerously ill** person is not included in this rule, and therefore must say **"Give!"** If so, our Mishnah could indeed be speaking of a dying man.

STATEMENT

גופא – אמר רב הונא אמר רב: "מנה לי בידך, תנהו לו לפלוני", במעמד שלשתן – קנה.

The Gemara returns to analyze **the text itself**: Rav Huna said that Rav said: If one says to another, **"I have a maneh in your possession; give it to so-and-so,"** if this was said in the presence of all three of them, the third party has acquired the money.

STATEMENT

אמר רבא: מסתברא מילתיה דרב בפקדון, אכל במלוגה – לא.

Rava said: The words of Rav make sense when he is speaking of a **deposit**, where the actual money belongs to the depositor, **but in** the case of a **loan**, where the money has been spent and is just a personal debt, **no**, the transfer does not work.

STATEMENT

והאֵלֵהִים! אָמַר רַב: אֶפִּילוּ בְּמִלָּה.

Rava then retracted and swore: **But by God!** Rav said this law **even in** the case of a **loan**.

STATEMENT

אֶתְמַר נָמִי, אָמַר שְׁמוּאֵל מִשְׁמִיחַ דְּלֵוִי: "מִלָּה לִּי בְיָדְךָ, תִּנְהוּ לוֹ לְפָלוֹנִי", בְּמַעֲמַד שְׁלֹשָׁתָן – קָנָה.

It was also stated by other Amoraim: Shmuel said in the name of Levi: If one says, "I have a loan in your possession; give it to so-and-so," if this was said in the presence of all three of them, the third party has acquired it.

EXPLANATION

וְטַעְמָא מַאי? אָמַר אַמֵּימַר: נַעֲשֶׂה כְּאוֹמֵר לוֹ בְּשַׁעֲת מַתָּן מַעוֹת: שְׁעֵבְדָּנָא לָךְ לְדִידְךָ וּלְכָל דְּאָתוּ מִחֲמַתָּךְ.

The Gemara asks: **And what is the reason** for this? How does he acquire it without a formal kinyan? Ameimar said: **It is made as if the borrower said to the lender at the time of the giving of the money:** "I obligate myself to you and to anyone who comes from your power." Thus, the borrower agreed to this transfer from the very beginning.

OBJECTION

אָמַר לִיה רַב אֲשִׁי לְאַמֵּימַר: אֵלֶּא מַעֲתָה, הִקְנָה לְנוֹלָדִים – דִּלָּא הוּוּ בְּשַׁעֲת מַתָּן מַעוֹת, הֲכִי נָמִי דִּלָּא קִנּוּ?!

Rav Ashi said to Ameimar: If that is so, then if the lender transferred the loan in the presence of three to those who were born after the loan was made, who were not yet in existence at the time of the giving of the money, would they indeed not acquire it?

OBJECTION

דְּאֶפִּילוּ לְרַבִּי מֵאִיר, דְּאָמַר אָדָם מִקְנָה דְּבָר שְׁלֵא בָּא לְעוֹלָם, הֲנִי מִיָּלִי לְדָבָר שִׁישְׁנוּ בְּעוֹלָם, אֲבָל לְדָבָר שְׁאִינוּ בְּעוֹלָם – לֹא!

For even according to Rabbi Meir, who says that a person can transfer ownership of something that has not yet come into the world, that applies only when transferring a non-existent object to a person who is in the world, but transferring something to a person who is not yet in the world, even Rabbi Meir agrees that he cannot! Yet we know that a transfer in the presence of three works for anyone.

RESOLUTION

אֵלֶּא אָמַר רַב אֲשִׁי:

Rather, Rav Ashi said a different reason for this law:

SUMMARY

The Gemara begins by contrasting the approaches of Rav Pappa and Rav Zevid regarding the mishna's context, analyzing whether a shechiv mera must explicitly say "give" when instructing the writing of a get or a shtar shichrur. We then learn the

famous ruling of Rav in the name of Shmuel (and Levi) that ma'amad shelshatan is effective for both deposits and loans. To explain how this kinyan works, Ameimar suggests that the borrower is considered to have bound himself from the very beginning of the loan to anyone authorized by the lender. However, Rav Ashi challenges this, noting that if this were the case, the transfer would fail if the recipient was not yet born at the time of the original loan, leading the Gemara to seek a different explanation for this unique halachic mechanism.

למעשה WHAT TO TAKE HOME

The Gemara on our daf discusses the powerful concept of "Ma'amad Shloshtan"—where a transfer of a debt or deposit becomes instantly binding simply because all three parties are standing together in one place. When the lender, the borrower, and the new recipient gather, their shared presence creates a legal and spiritual reality that bypasses the usual complex transactions. There is a profound koach, a unique strength, when people come together face-to-face to settle matters.

In our daily lives, we often try to resolve misunderstandings, obligations, or delicate family and business matters through messengers, emails, or quick text messages. We avoid the face-to-face encounter because it feels uncomfortable or requires more effort. But the Torah teaches us that nothing compares to the power of "Ma'amad Shloshtan"—being physically present together. When you sit down in the same room with someone, the atmosphere changes, suspicion melts away, and a true, lasting connection or resolution can actually take hold.

Today, if you have a difficult issue to resolve, a debt to settle, or a misunderstanding to clear up with a friend, family member, or business associate, do not rely on a text or email. Pick up the phone to schedule an in-person meeting, or make the call directly, so you can speak face-to-face and let the power of personal presence bring peace and clarity.