

מִצְוֹת
עֲשֵׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Seitzei: (דברים כג:)

מוֹצֵא שְׂפִתְךָ תִּשְׁמֵר וְעֲשִׂיתָ

Today's *mitzvah* is that if we say we are going to do something, we have to do it!

The *posuk* we learn this from means “The words of your mouth you should guard and keep.”

So if someone says he will give *tzedakah*, bring a *korban*, or makes a *shevuah* or a *neder*, he has a *mitzvah* to keep his word. (That’s why we are careful to say “*bli neder*,” so that we will not do this *aveira*.)

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Many places in Mesechta Shevuos and Mesechta Nedarim,
end of Mesechta Menachos, Mesechta Kinim

Rambam: Hilchos Nedarim

PEREK ALEF

There are two different kinds of *Neder*. One of them is deciding that something will be *asur* for you. For example, if someone makes a *neder* not to eat bananas, bananas become *asur* for him. The second kind is promising to give something to Hashem, like promising to bring a *korban*.

There are certain words that need to be used when making a *neder*.

PEREK BEIS

There are special *halachos* if someone makes a *Neder* for another person, and then that person answers *amen*. A person can also make a *neder* with a condition — he says he will only do it IF something happens. At the end of the *perek*, the Rambam explains that making something *hefker* (saying that it doesn’t belong to anyone right now) is like a *Neder*, and you can’t change your mind.

PEREK GIMMEL

The Rambam explains what is different about a *Shevuah* and a *Neder*, and the *halachos* that are different for each kind.