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עֲשֵׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Seitzei: (דברים כ"ד:א)

וְכָתַב לָהּ סֵפֶר כְּרִיתָת
וְנָתַן בְּיָדָהּ

Today's *Sefer Hamitzvos* is that if *chas veshalom* a man and woman can't be married anymore, the husband has to give his wife a *get*. (A *get* is a paper that shows that they are not married anymore.)



The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Gitin

Rambam: Hilchos Girushin

PERAKIM ALEF, BEIS, AND GIMMEL

In today's Rambam, we learn many *halachos* about a *get*. There are many details in writing and giving a *get* in a kosher way.

One interesting *halacha* is that there needs to be witnesses, people that see that the husband is writing a *get*. They have to sign their names on the *get*. But what if they don't know how to write? We can write their names with water on the paper, and they can trace over it. Usually this isn't a kosher way for *eidim* (witnesses) to sign, but it is OK for a *get* because we want to make sure that the woman can get married again.

Another very important *halacha* is that a man needs to WANT to give the *get*. If he doesn't want to, but he needs to, the *Beis Din* is allowed to hit him until he says "I want to!"

But if you hit someone until they say yes, they don't really want it!

The Rambam tells us that really EVERY Yid wants to do all the *mitzvos*. Sometimes our *Yetzer Haras* trick us and tries to get us not to do the right thing, but really we DO want to do the right things. When the *Beis Din* hits the man, his *Yetzer Hara* becomes weak, and the Yid realizes that he DOES want to do it.