

Definition of Nazir

Ref: *Sefer Haflaah, Hilchot Nazir, Chapter 1, 2, 3*

- Belongs to vow type involving prohibitions (*Nidrei Issar*).

As mentioned there are 2 types of vows

- *Nidrei Issar* (causing something permitted to become prohibited)
- *Nidrei Hekdesh* (Obligates himself to bring a Sacrifice)

Even though the *Nazir* will eventually also bring a sacrifice, his vow is related to the prohibitions he takes on.

🔔 Reminder:

Definition of *Nedarim*. Ref: *Sefer Haflaah, Hilchot Nedarim, Chapter 1*.

Comparison between Oaths and *Nedarim*. Ref: *Sefer Haflaah*.

Punishment Pack for *Sefer Haflaah*



- Punishment if breaks vow – 2 sets of *malkot* (lashes)

One, because of general violation applying to all vows, and one because of *Nazir* itself.

- Achieves 3 positive *mitzvot* if he keeps his vow.

One because of general vows, one because of *Nazir* ('to let hair grow'), and one because of the sacrifice he will eventually bring.

- All aspects of vow must be kept. There is no such entity as partial *Nazir*



Let his hair grow long¹

No razor to come on his head.²

Not to drink wine or a mixture of wine³ (nor grapes⁴, nor raisins⁵, nor grape seeds⁶, nor grape peels⁷)

Nor to eat those products of a grape vine that Torah forbids him from eating.



Not to enter place of a corpse⁸

Not to become impure because of a corpse⁹

To shave hair at end of *nezirut*, together with his sacrifices¹⁰

A person's words will cause him to become a *Nazirite*. However, when there is a question whether a *Nazirite* vow takes effect or not, we rule leniently.

Law regarding minors, gentiles, women and servants.



Father may impose *Nazir* on minor son but mother cannot – *Mosheh Misinai*.

However, if child objected, he is not a *Nazir*.

Vow may be taken even when *Bet Hamikdash* not standing.

Therefore, in present times, vow must be kept forever, because the Sacrifices needed to conclude *nezirut*, cannot be offered.

Vow may be observed only in *Eretz Yisrael*.

Therefore, if a person takes vow to be *Nazir* in Diaspora, he is forced to emigrate to *Eretz Yisrael*.

⚠ | A *Nazirite* vow cannot be less than **30 days** – *al pi Hakabalah*.

If a specific period **greater than 30 days** is mentioned, then this period takes effect.

There is no concept of hours, only full days or years.

A *Nazirite* forever (*Nazir olam*) can shave his hair every **12 months**.

A *Nazirite* for a limited time (*Nazir lizman katzuv*) cuts his hair only at the end of the period.

⚠ | *Mipi Hakabalah*, a *Nazir olam* may cut his hair once every year. When he cuts his hair, he would have to bring his 3 sacrifices each time.

Samson was made a *Nazir olam* by an *angel* from birth. (I.e. he did not take *Nazir* vow himself.) He was forbidden to drink wine and cut his hair forever, but was permitted to incur impurity from the dead – *Mipi Hakabalah*.

Another unusual aspect about Samson's *Nazir* vow is that it was binding forever. It cannot be revoked.