

Meilah with People

Ref: Sefer Avodah, Hilchot Meilah, Chapters 7–8

SHALIACH (AGENT)

If a person inadvertently gave a consecrated article or consecrated money to a *shaliach* to use in ordinary way:

- If the agent carries out mission as instructed, then the principal is liable for *meilah*.
- If the agent does not carry out his mission as instructed, then the agent is liable for *meilah*.

If the consecrated item is meat that was to be offered on the *Mizbeach*, then only the person who partakes of them is liable for *meilah*.

If a consecrated coin became mixed with other coins, one can take an ordinary coin and say, 'wherever the consecrated coin is, its holiness should be transferred to this.' Now the store keeper is permitted to use all his money.

The rules of a *shaliach* extend also to situations of entrusting one's articles with other people.

WORKERS

- Workers working with consecrated orchards

Should be paid with money and not food. However, one can transfer the holiness of an animal or food to coins and then pay with these items.

- Workers building the *Bet Hamikdash*

Everything should initially be built from ordinary property, to prevent the workers benefiting inadvertently say from the shade of building, or by leaning on the stones etc.