

Firstly, for רב הונא said, etc.

חדא דאמר רב הונא כולי –

OVERVIEW

Initially רב נחמן ruled that the gardener must give the מרי ארעא the five זוזים which he was committed to; later when he was told there was no extra money, ר"נ ruled that he is פטור. Our תוספות explains what ר"נ assumed initially, which caused him to rule that the gardener must pay the מרי ארעא.

רב נחמן סלקא דעתיה שהיה חוזר בו¹ ולא משום דלא פש גביה מידי:

רב נחמן initially thought that the gardener is retracting from the initial commitment to give the extra five זוזי to the מרי ארעא, but not because no extra money remained by the gardener. Therefore ר"נ ruled that he cannot retract since there was קנין and מעמ"ש.

SUMMARY

ר"נ did not realize initially that the gardener did not retain any extra money.

THINKING IT OVER

Seemingly רבא said this to ר"נ; 'is this man saying he does not want to give it; he is saying he does not have it'. What is תוספות adding to the words of רבא?²

2. When the gardener approached ר"נ (as the גמרא states דר"נ לקמיה דר"נ), what did the gardener tell him? In addition תוספות mentioned previously³ that the others were מודה or there were עדים; how is then possible to assume that ר"נ thought that the gardener was 'merely' חוזר בו?⁴

¹ He is retracting (for some [unknown] reason) even though he received the extra five זוזי. See תוה"ר who writes: משום שהיה אומר שלא נתחייבתי לך כלום. See 'Thinking it over' # 1.

² See footnote # 1.

³ בד"ה ולא.

⁴ See אמרי בינה לר"ש גארמיזאן.