

מ"א דנרא -

OVERVIEW

The גמרא says that we need to examine the נ"י"ר with מ"א דנרא to verify whether it was written במי מילין or not. ר"ש explains that נרא is a dye called פוייל"י¹ and we spread the מ"א דנרא over the נ"י"ר. Our תוספות cites a different view.²

פירש רבינו חננאל מי קליפת רימון וכן בערוך³:

The ר"ח explained that מ"א דנרא is the extract of the bark of a pomegranate tree,⁴ and similarly in the ערוך it is also explained in this manner.

SUMMARY

קליפת רמון is נרא.

THINKING IT OVER

If we were בודק with the מ"א דנרא (according to ר"ש) and no writing appeared, what will be the ruling according to the ר"ח (if his מ"א דנרא is not available) or vice versa?⁵

¹ Some say that פוייל"י is a lemon See אוצר העזים.

² Others maintain that מ"א דנרא is violet colored liquid (נרא meaning the violet [flower/color]). See פ"י הערוך in the following footnote # 3.

³ In our ערוך in the נר ערך it states צמר ובגדים (it is the liquid dye of royal blue which is used in dyeing wool and clothes). It then adds that the ר"ח refers to נרא as מ"א דנרא.

⁴ Or it may mean from the peel of the pomegranate fruit.

⁵ [See (also) following ושמאל ד"ה תוספות.]