For it is similar to one who betroths his sister - מידי דהוה אמקדש אחותו

Overview

יובל ruled that if one sold his field during the יובל year the sale is not valid. רב ענן was not sure whether the buyer receives back the money or not. The גמרא explained that even though אינה מכורה it does not necessarily mean that the money goes back, because this case may be similar to one who is שמואל where שמואל rules that the money remains as a gift for the woman.

- יודע כמו במקדש אחותו² And according to the truth that מוכר שדהו ביובל (by מעות מוכר שדהו ביובל), we can differentiate, because there (by יובל) it is not that applicable to say that a person knows that one cannot sell his field on יובל, as it is plausible to say that by מקדש אחותו. where everyone knows that one cannot be מקדש אחותו.

דהא רב קאמר דמכורה³ ויוצאה¹:

For בה maintains that it is a sale, but it goes out from the buyer to the seller, so obviously there is no universal agreement that a field cannot be sold on יובל.

Summary

People (even according to שמואל) are more aware that אין קידושין תופסין באחותו than being aware that a field cannot be sold on יובל.

Thinking it over

Since even according to רב the field returns to the owner, 5 so all the buyers know (even according to רב) that the sale will be reversed (just as the שידושין will not take effect) so (according to שמואל) he is giving the money מקדש just like by מקדש לשם מתנה what is the difference?! 6

¹ The גמרא resolved the issue from a ברייתא that in the case of המוכר שדהו the ruling of מעות הוזרין. The question is why is this case different from מקדש אחותו, where מעות החודרין, but not מעות החודרין.

 $^{^2}$ Therefore by מעות מקדש it is understood why שמואל maintains מעות מתנה, because everyone knows that one cannot be מקדש his sister.

³ Therefore שמואל can maintain that even though he personally maintains אינה מכורה however there is an opinion (of אכורה) that it is מכורה, and therefore the person who sold it on יובל can claim he was not aware that it may not be sold, and therefore he is entitled to receive his money back.

⁴ See 'Thinking it over'.

⁵ See footnote # 4.

⁶ See מהר"ם.