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Questions
for Your
Shabbos
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בת שבע רחל
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I Know That Sound

I was packing my shopping bags into my trunk when I noticed someone backing into a narrow parking space. Unfortunately, he didn't quite get it right. I didn't see a collision, but I heard a thud and assumed that he had bumped the car behind him. It so happens that the car he bumped into belongs to my friend Josh. It didn't seem

that the driver realized his mistake, because he just kept maneuvering to get his car into the space, and then he went into the store. I wanted to confront the driver, but I had to get home right away. Can I tell Josh who dented his car?

—Moishy

To'eles
Condition
#2 of 7



What's the Psak?

Do you know the halachah?

A No,
Moishy cannot say anything because he does not know for certain that the driver is guilty.

B Yes,
Moishy can help Josh recover his loss.

C Moishy can tell Josh
that he heard a bump but had not seen the actual collision.

The halachah is **C**. Moishy can only report what he heard.

Don't Say What You Didn't See

If a person suffers a loss because of someone else, it is *l'to'eles* to help the person recover what he lost.¹ So, if Josh's car is dented, Moishy might think he can and should tell him that he knows who is responsible. But he can't do that because he doesn't meet **the second condition of to'eles**, which is that **a person has to know for certain that the other person was guilty.**² He can't jump to conclusions³ even if his conclusion seems likely to be true.

So Moishy can't say, "This man dented your car." Even if the dent is where the other car was heading when the driver backed into the space, it doesn't prove that the driver created the dent. It could have already been there.

However, Moishy can tell Josh that he saw a car backing up into the space, heard a thud, and saw who was driving the car. Josh must not believe that this man dented his car, but he can ask the man about it without mentioning that Moishy gave him the information.



Note: For the **seven rules of to'eles**, see the Aderaba table card or visit cchf.global/toeles.

Reviewed by Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Lowy

Rav Pam, zt"l, advised great caution when presenting halachic scenarios to the public, as each situation is unique. This *shailah* is for discussion only; actual halachic decisions should be made by a rav or halachic expert on a case-by-case basis.

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Be the
good
Pursue
Peace

Suddenly, Gershon's world collapsed. For years, he had been a successful freelance journalist with a steady income from one main client, a newspaper owned by his good friend, Dovid.

Then one day, Dovid delivered his own shocking news: "I'm sorry, but we won't be needing your services anymore."

"What are you saying?" Gershon asked in disbelief.

"Things changed. Nothing personal," Dovid mumbled. "*Hatzlachah*."

Gershon descended into a long, agonizing period of financial struggle, and he blamed Dovid. Gershon ignored Dovid on the street, avoided *simchos* that Dovid would

be attending, and even switched shuls. How could he stand to watch people smiling and chatting with this heartless traitor?

What's Your Feud Worth?

On **Tishah B'Av**, Gershon viewed a **Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation** presentation on shalom. One message struck him hard: Someone who hurts another person is acting as Hashem's agent. While the victim should try to resolve the issue, he should forgive the person who hurt him. That forgiveness can be a powerful merit to help someone who needs a *yeshuah*.

Two days later, Gershon's close friend Eliezer shared how difficult it was for the family, and how much it pained him that his wonderful 30-year-

old daughter was still single. "Would you daven her on Tu B'Av?" he asked.

Gershon answered, "I'll do better. I'll make peace with someone I've been angry at, and daven that in this *zechus*, Hashem should bring your daughter her *shidduch* by Chanukah."

Gershon went to war against his hatred, and he triumphed! Then he waited for Dovid outside his shul. Face to face with his former friend, Gershon said, "I want peace. Let's lay this thing to rest as a *zechus* for an unmarried 30-year-old girl in the community whose father's heart is breaking for her. I forgive you." Dovid apologized sincerely for having hurt Gershon. The day before Chanukah, Eliezer called Gershon with wonderful news: His daughter was a *kallah*!

Sometimes, the key to someone else's yeshuah ... is in your hands.

What are you holding onto that might be holding something else back?



True story with names changed

See the
good
What's the
Real
Story?

After a nice Shabbos with her parents, Kaila and her husband Yaakov were getting ready for the drive home with their two-month old, their first child.

"Let's get everything ready to go," Kaila suggested. "It's so hot out there! I don't want to have the baby out in the sun for one extra second!"

"Right," agreed Yaakov. "I'll get everything set up and then you can just hop in with the baby and we'll be on our way."

Kaila was still enough of a newlywed to enjoy a moment of pride in her husband. He was always so considerate.

While Kaila dressed the baby, Yaakov brought the luggage and the car seat out to the car. As she was saying good-bye to her parents, Yaakov came

in to get the last suitcase. Then Kaila opened the door to take her little girl out to the car; she felt as though the heat could suffocate her.

Don't Get Overheated

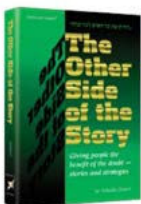
"Quick!" she thought. "Let me get the baby into her seat and out of the sun!"

But when she bent into the back seat to place the baby, she saw that Yaakov had tossed the car seat in backwards! How could he be so thoughtless? Now she would have to fumble with the car seat with one hand while holding the baby in the other.

Why didn't Yaakov bother to set up the car seat, especially when they had just talked about trying to keep the baby out of the heat?

Can you **Crack** the case?

Just then, Yaakov appeared with the last suitcase. He hurried over to help Kaila. "It's terribly hot out here!" he commented. "That's why I put the car seat in backwards, away from the sun. The buckle could heat up in minutes and burn her!"



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