

1) ג' שבועות – The Three Oaths:

- 1) **The Biblical Oath:** “I swear that my statement is true, and that the item is not in my possession.”
- 2) **A Rabbinic Oath:** “I swear that I was not negligent, and that I executed the regular standards of guardianship”.
- 3) **A Rabbinic Oath:** “I swear that I did not appropriate – ‘lay my hand upon’ – the item for my personal use.”

2) Summary of the Mishnah:

Case: An owner deposits his watch with a guardian for safekeeping. The item is then stolen from the guardian’s possession. Later, the thief is apprehended, and is obliged to pay the thief’s double-fine. To whom shall the extra money be given:

- a) If the guardian opts to repay the value of the item to the owner (and not make an oath that could exempt himself from payment)?
- b) If the guardian swears that he is not liable for the theft?

3) Commentaries’ analysis of the Mishnah:

- a) “...or the item was lost”. How does this fit in with the Mishnah? (Tosafos)
- b) If the unpaid guardian was negligent, would the ruling of the Mishnah still apply? (Tosafos)

4) Talmud: Part 1 – Precision in the examples of the Mishnah

Animals, Utensils:

If the Mishnah would have only mentioned:	And would not have mentioned:	I would have assumed:
Animals	Utensils	
Utensils	Animals	