

TALMUD TORAH 7:6

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6. If someone was under *Nidui* for thirty days and did not ask to for the ban to be lifted, we declare a second *Nidui*. If he sat [in *Nidui*] for another thirty days and [still] did not ask for the ban to be lifted, we put him in *Herem*.

Q1: Why is the *Menudeh*'s lack of interest in getting the ban lifted cause for another ban?

HH: If he had repented, he would have asked for forgiveness.

YE: Just to add to Harald's words:

A component of the violation which led to *Nidui* was attitudinal - towards the sages and/or the community (see our posting at TT 6:14, Q8). If the *Menudeh* is unmoved by the ban, such that he doesn't care enough to be reintegrated into the community _and_ reaccepted by the sages - that is a continuation of the same negative and destructive attitude that led to the first *Nidui*.

Q2: If he is not concerned or moved by being in *Nidui* - how will a second *Nidui* or *Herem* be any different?

HH: Repentance needs time. Besides, the punishment of being cast out from the community becomes more and more painful as the separation lasts longer and longer.

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