



Gifts to an Aino-Yehudi – Introduction

When discussing the conquering of Eretz Yisrael, the Torah *(Devarim 7:2)* lists several prohibitions aimed at separating the Yidden from the nations and their *avodah zarah* (idolatry). One of these prohibitions is "*Lo sechaneim*".

(See Sefer HaChinuch Mitzvah 426)

The Gemara *(Avodah Zarah 20a)* explains that *Lo sechaneim* encompasses several prohibitions, one of which is that one may not give a *matnas chinam*, something for free (i.e., "*b'chinam*"), to an aino-Yehudi.

The Gemara derives this from another *pasuk* as well. The *pasuk* *(Devarim 14:21)* states, "*Lo sochlu chol neveilah, lager asher bisharecha titnenah va'achalah,* ***o machor l'nachri***." We derive from this *pasuk* that while one may *give* something (for free) to a *ger* [*toshav*], **one may only *sell* it (for money) to an aino-Yehudi**.