

remaining for the husband in our morally and ethically corrupt culture is to withhold the Get. That, of course, can be abused. But each situation must be judged on its own merits. The honest Bet Din must make a thorough investigation to get the real facts. The Bet Din is forbidden to make a hasty decision. Only after the passage of several years when all efforts at reconciliation have failed, the Din Torah -Rabbinical trial will resolve who should bear the burden of support and how much should be paid, who gets custody and who gets visitation. If the wife refuses to comply the Bet Din should withdraw. If the husband refuses to attend or comply then the Bet Din should give a Get Ziku and annul the marriage after all social and legal measures have been tried to no avail. We are concerned at equity for both the wife and husband. We are not advocates of only one party. The four parts of the Shulchan Aruch are applied. Both parties must accept that or else we will not get involved.

IT MUST BE POINTED OUT AT THE OUTSET THAT MEN CAN NOT DIVORCE THEIR WIVES WITHOUT FULL AGREEMENT OF THE WIFE. THERE EXISTS A CHEREM OF RABENU GERSHON -1000 years ago-THAT WAS UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED BY ALL Jews ASHKENAZIM AND SEFARDIM. See Even Hoezer end of chapter 119;Aruch Hashulchon Even Hoezer 119: 11,15.

WHAT WE HAVE TODAY IS AN EPIDEMIC OF DIVORCE. MOST DIVORCES ARE INITIATED BY WOMEN. THEY WIN ALIMONY AND CHILD SUPPORT THAT CRIPPLE THE HUSBAND. THEN THEY RUN TO BET DIN TO ANNUL THEIR MARRIAGE. IN THAT WAY BET DIN BECOME AN ACCOMPLICE IN THE BREAKDOWN OF THE FAMILY, AT THE EXPENSE, ON MANY OCCASIONS, OF THE HUSBAND.

It is for this above mentioned fear that I have hesitated to make my writings freely available. I am afraid that the dispensations and methods described to annul marriages will be abused by the unscrupulous and I will be an accessory to destroy any hopes of husbands to save their marriages. Or I will have destroyed the last defenses of husbands from the possible financial hardship and or financial bankruptcy at the hands of wives aided by sharp attorneys - who care very little if they destroy their x mates and prevent them from remarrying. See Aruch Hashulchon Choshen Mishpot 386:3. However the true facts regarding both husband and wife must be investigated at a Din Torah. Discovery will be permitted for each spouse to determine the true facts regarding the financial situation of each spouse and their families. When family members counsel to one of the spouses to break up the marriage, those members will be held accountable, to pay for the consequences.

Before I got involved the overwhelming majority of couples were forced to work out their matrimonial issues. The husband possessed the ace card - only he had the power to grant a

Get. That forced the wife and her family to compromise. The laws of the Torah are condemned as unfair and favoring husbands , but marital disputes were resolved thanks to this balance of powers. I therefore have limited the issuance of this book only to those individuals that I am reasonably sure will not abuse this knowledge and cause harm . The dispensation can be used only for genuine agunot. This is something that only the Bet Din who have mastered and observe the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch after holding a Rabbinical trial must determine.

It is not only a question if annulments can technically be made ; but more important if they should be made?

When the Mehram Merotenberg and the Rosh questioned the Rambam's dispensation of coercing a husband to free his wife when she alleged that he disgusted her- mous allai - the Mehram Merutenberg Tur Even Hoezer 77:34,35,36,37,38 and Rosh ibid 77:21 Responsa Rosh klal # 43:8 stated as their reason that the consequences of granting the Rambam's dispensation will be that all Jewish wives will leave their husbands. See Tur on Even Hoezer chapter 77: 34,35,36,37,38 and 154 ; Bais Yosef and Bach Ibid. The Tur Even Hoezer chapter 77 :38 indicates that the Rabbis of France and Germany all concur with this ruling that the husband is not to be forced to give a Get when the wife pleads Mous alai -my husband disgusts me otherwise the institution of Halachic marriage will be destroyed. However the wife is not forced to return to the husband. Bais Yosef on Tur Even Hoezer 77:21 cites that Ramban concurs with the above ruling. It is of great interest to remember that a few pages earlier I cited Shita Mekubetzos that Reoh- the disciple of the Ramban cites Ramban that annulments are to be given . I reconciled the conflicting positions of Ramban from other citations that he is opposed to annulments. Here Bais Yosef cites Ramban that he is opposed to annulments. The answer is that before we consider if annulments can be given for all the technical questions previously discussed , we must first determine if annulments should be given. What are the social consequences of granting annulments ? What effect will annulments have on the children , the husband , the family and the institution of marriage? The Ramban comes out on the side of preserving the institution of marriage that will be destroyed if annulments are given . That is why Reoh cites Ramban that only in very isolated instances when all means have been exhausted to no avail , will we grant an annulment even if the husband opposes such annulment. That is what I describe that only a fraction of one % will we grant annulments. All others must be adjudicated by Bet Din.

In my ten years of experience of freeing agunot , many agunot after we annulled their marriage went to Bet Din with their husbands and the husband gave a Get voluntarily. In some cases once the husband saw that the wife was free without him -she received an annulment -he no longer was controlling her so he gave her a Get. Our Bet Din by giving the wife an annulment was responsible that the husband changed his mind . In other cases the other Rabbis convinced the husband to give a Get . Our annulment motivated the Bet Din to go

beyond the call of duty and turn heaven and earth to convince the husband to give a Get . In one instance the Bet Din raised thousands of dollars and bribed the husband to give a Get after we gave an annulment. The chief Rabbi of Great Britain swung into action after we freed an English agunah and I officiated at her new marriage . The husband finally gave a Get. Why wasn't all the effort done before we annulled the marriages? In some cases would we not have given an annulment , the couple would have resolved their differences with out us by themselves or through the good offices of Bet Din. It is very difficult to measure precisely what would have happened if we did not exist to annul marriages. However even our critics must admit that we had a constructive effect for agunot even if they vehemently condemn our annulments as being against Halacha and the children from man # 2 are Mamzarim-illegitimate- Rabbinically or Biblically. At the end the husband voluntarily gave a Get . The area of dispute between our critics and our Bet Din regards the fraction of one percent of all marital disputes that end up in a divorce. We will not annul any marriage in 99% plus of the time. I am one trillion % sure that in such cases to prevent the agunah from being condemned to eternal imprisonment an annulment is called for based on what I have written in all my books and recorded on tapes.

Feminists have slandered the Bet Din process as being dysfunctional. These accusations do not have one iota of truth. 99% of all Botei Din - Rabbinical Courts are one million percent honest , well organized and achieve equity for the wife and husband. All the feminists who slander the Bet Din process are not to be believed. Have they examined any Bet Din? Bet Din do not permit strangers to sit in at their sessions.

The couple must accommodate each other and work out a compromise. Or else they should go to Bet Din -not civil court- and let the Bet Din adjudicate all the matrimonial issues. .

The Rosh is joined by Rabbenu Tam Responsa Rosh # klal 43:8 ; Rashbo Responsa #1192 , Ran Simon #62; Mahrik Shoresch # 29 and Rivosh Responsa # 104; in their ruling negate the argument of Mous Alai. In effect all these authorities ban annulling marriages on the ground of Moaus alai -my husband disgusts me. All of them rule that bet Din is to take a back seat . Let the husband and wife settle their differences . We do not force the husband to give a Get ; neither do we force the wife to return . See Ramo Even Hoezer 77:3. Tur Even Hoezer 77:38. Aruch Hashulchon Even Hoezer 154 :61. Both parties must compromise. This method is successful in 99% plus of the time. It may take one or more or many years, but it has been time tested for over 700 years .

THIS METHOD PRESERVES MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY STRUCTURE . IT DOES NOT VIOLATE THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE LAWS. IT DISCOURAGES SPOUSES TO LEAVE THE MARRIAGE for an other lover or with the

expectation that they will soon meet another lover once they are free from the chains of halachic marriage. They are back to their dating days when they dropped their date at the drop of a hat.

ALL THIS IS GONE WHEN THE TRADITIONAL METHOD OF Bet Din refusing to get involved unless both parties the husband and wife are willing to abide by all the laws of the Shulchan Aruch. BOTH SIDES MUST COMPROMISE AND BE MOTIVATED TO GIVE A GET AND BE MOTIVATED TO FOLLOW TORAH LAW REGARDING CUSTODY, VISITATION, CHILD SUPPORT AND ALIMONY. ESPECIALLY IN OUR MODERN DAY AND AGE WHEN DIVORCE HAS BECOME AN EPIDEMIC AND CIVIL COURTS AS A RULE ENCOURAGE DIVORCE BY REWARDING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO WIVES AS ALIMONY AND CHILD SUPPORT. THE BET DIN CAN ACT AS A COUNTER WEIGHT TO ENABLE THE HUSBAND TO POSSIBLY SAVE HIS MARRIAGE. IF NOT, TO AT LEAST ENABLE JUSTICE TO BE DONE THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE CRIPPLED OR DESTROYED FINANCIALLY.

Feminists cry that Halachic marriage can be a trap to the bride. Since the agunah was not told what lay in store for her there does not exist proper disclosure. That feminists argue should be Mekach Tout-a mistake in the marriage and no Get should be necessary. No one cries that ALL marriage- Halachic or otherwise- can be a trap to the husband that he is enslaved with payment of child support fo 20 years plus and alimony forever or until the wife remarries. No one discloses to the husband what he is getting into. I still have to find any attorney who will argue in a civil court that since proper disclosure was not made to the husband grounds exist for an annulment of the civil marriage. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Ignorance of Halacha is also no excuse. Before getting married the bride and her parents should have investigated and inquired from the Rabbi what they are getting into. If they did not it is their fault. They can not change the laws of gravity if they jump off a roof with out looking. So too, the laws of the Torah can not be changed because they were negligent and did not inquire. Furthermore, the plight of agunot has been in the headlines of all newspapers for the last 25 years. Prior to that everyone knew what anguish agunot experienced. The statement that agunot do not have proper disclosure is not true. See my chapter 60 and my table of contents regarding this matter.

Feminists, do not hesitate to lie and slander Torah Judaism, and in the process expose their ignorance of Torah. Thus we read about another ground for annulments. The mechanics of marriage involves the bride being "acquired" by the groom. This is anathema for the feminists. Thus all marriages are null and void -according to their twisted logic-, since this fact is not disclosed to the brides. I have advised these feminists that "acquired" means that the bride pledges not to have sex with any man other than her husband. The husband pledges the same in the Ksubah. There exists nothing degrading of having a mutual pledge of sexual fidelity for both spouses; regardless if the wife pledges fidelity by accepting the ring

and the husband pledges fidelity in the Ksubah. . It is irrelevant what part of the marriage ceremony the husband pledges fidelity. The bottom line is that neither can cheat. See my chapter 60. Thus their concocted grounds for annulment is humbug.

Feminist and hedonistic philosophy is responsible for the over 50% divorce rate in the USA and the world that effects even religious Jews . This is the real reason that I hesitate to make freely available my writings regarding annulments, that could translate into more divorces and crippling husbands financially. It could increase the number of children from divorced homes with their crippling problems and obstacles as compared to children from homes that the parents are not divorced. We are faced not only with a problem of husbands not agreeing to give a Get ; but we must stop the epidemic of marital breakups and grand larceny perpetrated on husbands by scheming wives. What stops this social malady to infect many more marriages and cause more tragedy is the veto power exercised by the husband not to give a Get. This veto power must be strengthened , not weakened by granting annulments. Volumes must be published how marriages are to be saved; not how annulments are to be made. It is not a mistake to have written this book; but it would be unforgivable to let my writings fall into the wrong hands. Even though many individuals have written about this matter ; but no one of the caliber -who has mastered and observes the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch -like myself. To make this book available to the wrong people will give encouragement and possibly aid and abet those individuals who want to place the perversions of men and women for free sex and infidelity- above the preservation of the family. They change husbands and wives as they change their clothes , jewelry , perfumes , cosmetics , hairstyle , furniture and residences regardless of the suffering such an action can cause to their spouses and cripple their children . We are faced with a crises of what is important and what our priorities should be ? Some men and women live to work. Other men and women work to live. But what is living? Having free sex ? Cheating on your spouse? Is personal hedonistic lust more important than a spouse and children ? We have lost our balance and our Torah values. The pursuit of happiness is the goal of everyone. BUT WHAT IS HAPPINESS? - TORAH AND THE OBSERVANCE OF Mitzvot and raising a family and remaining married for life? Or is happiness engaging in lust -free sex , homosexuality and lesbianism ? We have millions of people dying from aids and other sexually transmitted diseases because people refuse to learn from our 3400 year Divinely given Torah . Our values are confused and corrupted . Ignorance of Jewish law is the rule, not the exception , even with the Orthodox. Idealism is an endangered species. Under such a climate that is unfortunately irreligious and corrupt responsible Rabbis must muzzle their mouths and put down their pens. Dispensations must be given only orally and not publicized. Anything written must be carefully guarded that such material not end up in the wrong hands. This is the strategy that both Rav Moshe Feinstein and Rav Henkin followed in their day. When one examines the responsa of Rav Feinstein they will find this attitude- “ we can not write about this subject , the person asking the question must visit or phone and response will be given orally”. Rav Ovadia Yoseph in Israel is very strict in this regard. I had personal experiences with Rav Moshe Feinstein and Rav Ovadia Yoseph and can testify to this fact. Both are 100% correct. In our generation

we certainly must emulate them. We must develop a group of scholars who will master the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch who will carry the Torah to future generations. I HAVE A FOUNDATION THAT IS ACCEPTED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE as tax exempt called Bais Meir Menachem Sender Latorah Vehoroaah , Inc. The mission of this organization is to give scholarships for kollel young men to enable them to master the four parts of the shulchan Aruch and to finance the expenses of publication of research in halacha . I received the approbations for this organization of the mission just related from Rav Moshe Feinstein , Rav Yaakov Kaminetzki and Rav Piekarski. Thus these young scholars will be given the secrets and dispensations to free agunot. They will then dispense this knowledge also orally. Just like the Oral Law was forbidden to be written and only orally transmitted , so too we must do the same. See Talmud Bava Metzia 92a -There always existed manuscripts that were called Megilot setorim- secret manuscripts. They were written down but not publicized , and only disclosed to a select few. This was before the time that the Rabbis decided to transcribe the Oral Torah into Mishnayot , Tosefta and Gemorah Otherwise the Talmud would be forgotten since the multitude of the Jewish people were exiled by Rome 2000 years ago to all corners of the globe. The process of editing all the manuscripts and then writing them down took 400 -500 years from the time of the Mishne by Rebi -Rabenu hakodesh Rav Yehudah Hanosi and the other Tanoyim to the time of Ravina and Ran Ashi the last Amoroyim . Then the period of the Gaonim followed for the next 500-600 years . Then the period of the Rishonim for the next 500-600 years . Now we have the period of the Achronim that was started by the Bais Yoseph and Ramo -the authors of the Shulchan Aruch. In all the periods new questions of laws were decided based on the precedent of prior laws . In many generations a select few scholars summarized all the new laws in anthologies. This task was done by the Levush and the first Lubavitzer Rebbi . The last great decisors to write anthologies and summaries of all prior decisions are the Mishne Bruroh the Chofetz Chaim who wrote on Orech Chaim and Aruch Hashulchon who summarized not only the laws of the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch , but also all the laws that will become operational when Jews settle Israel , the Messiah will come and we will rebuild the Holy Temple in Jerusalem . All other great Rabbis wrote commentaries on the four parts of the Shulchan Arch like the Bais Yosef , Ramo and Bach on the Tur. Gro , Shach ,Taz ,Bais Shmuel ,Chelkos M ehokek . and Mogen Avrohom on the Shulchan Aruch. and hundreds and thousands of others Other Rabbi wrote Responsa and Chidushim new insights on all the tractates of the Talmud. . We possess tens and hundreds of thousands of responsa and chidushim from the last 1600 years.

Since the Oral Torah was in fact always recorded on manuscripts from the time of Moses in the desert we can understand why the Torah is authentic and all of the Torah was never forgotten . The reason is because everything was written down in the manuscripts called megilot setorim See Chapter 5 of my book Halachic Perspective Bio Medical Ethics footnote 1. This is in addition , that Jews always practiced the Torah and even when Jews are scattered all over the globe everyone practices similar rites and share similar attitudes and philosophy. Non Jews can identify these traits and the anti Semites have guaranteed that no Jew forgets his heritage. No matter how far Jews stray anti Semites throw them back into the fold with their

blind hatred and racial prejudices. See what is happening today in Israel. What happened in the twentieth century in Europe when six million Jews were killed, many or most of them already assimilated . 500 years ago Spain and Portugal refused to permit any converted Jew to get a prominent position in the army , government or the clergy. If you could not prove that you possessed non Jewish blood for the last 5 or 10 generations you were out. The Nazis and Europeans in the twentieth century learned from them.

We can not report every dispensation in writing , lest we will be overwhelmed by the unscrupulous. They can destroy the world . The border between annulments and perversion is a very fine line. Who will take the responsibility to publicize annulments that will open a pandora box and possibly can aid and abet in the breakup of more marriages ? Our annulments are as dangerous as the atomic bomb. THE PRECISE FORMULA OF MY DISPENSATIONS IF PUBLICIZED CAN POSSIBLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BROKEN MARRIAGES AND ALL THE SUFFERING THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH DIVORCE. THAT IS WHY I DECIDED TO LIMIT ACCESS OF THESE IDEAS TO ONLY THE RESPONSIBLE FEW RABBIS . ONLY WHEN ANNULMENTS ARE GIVEN DO I THEN GIVE OUT MY BOOKS TO SERVE THE PURPOSE OF SHOWING THAT THERE EXISTS A HALACHIC BASIS FOR ANNULMENTS. IF NO PURPOSE EXISTS I WILL NOT GIVE AWAY OR SELL MY BOOKS ALSO I AM NOT INTERESTED IN ENGAGING IN POLEMICS AND CONFRONTATION WITH DISHONEST INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A PERSONAL AGENDA WHO CAN HURT THE FEW GENUINE AGUNOT THAT WE ANNULLED THEIR MARRIAGES.

Just like the atom bomb was used to save lives by shortening the war with Japan; so too, this book can be used only by Rabbis who have mastered and observe the four parts of the Shulhan Aruch to save wives from eternal prison . They are imprisoned by husbands that have been found guilty at a Din Torah -Rabbinical trial of marriage offences reported in Even Hoezer chapters 77, 134 and 154 and not the whims of any feminist or unqualified rabbis ,who have not mastered and observe the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch. Would we have permission from the civil authorities we would coerce these husbands to give a Get . Since we are forbidden by the civil authorities we will annul the marriage.

Just like the atomic bomb can destroy the world in the hands of wrong individuals - terrorist regimes , so too is true in the case of annulments. As of 2006 annulments are not accepted -even though reluctantly- by the overwhelming number of Jews . Thank G-d , divorcing couples are forced to arbitrate their differences at a Din Torah and the marriage is dissolved only with a Get. I am not going to make my book available to the masses and G-d forbid change this attitude to the detriment of the children , wives and husbands.

I am , therefore , separating the general overview of this book that will be made available.

However , I will not reveal any secrets how annulments function. The technical makeup of an annulment and Halachic justification will be made available only to Rabbis who are responsible. ALL MY BOOKS ARE COPYRIGHTED AND NO PART OF WHAT I WRITE CAN BE COPIED OR USED WITHOUT MY WRITTEN PERMISSION.

The annulments oked by any one other than a Rabbi who has mastered and observes the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch are null and void. The children from such annulments could be unfortunately Mamzarim -illegitimate. It would take a Rabbi who has mastered and observes the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch to find a dispensation that such children and all their descendants not be stigmatized for life -and not be able to marry anyone except another Mamzer.

If in-laws or friends find fault with one of the spouses , let them find fault before the couple gets married. If they choose to find fault later and as a result break up the marriage , let them know that there will be a full accounting of all the damages, they caused that they will be forced to pay . When Bet Din calculates the monetary settlement child support and alimony , these individuals will be considered as part of the wife's family that they will be required to pay.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE MAN IS A WIFE BEATER , A DRUNK , A GAMBLER, A CONVICTED CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO MANY YEARS IN PRISON , A HOMOSEXUAL, OR CARRIER OF SEXUAL TRANSMITTED DISEASES , A DRUG ABUSER, OR HE ABANDONS THE WIFE AND CHILDREN ?

What happens if the husband is living with an other woman , but refuses to give his wife a Get, until she accedes to his demands? WHAT HAPPENS IF THE HUSBAND IS DEMANDING MONEY -HE IS EXTORTING MONEY FOR THE GET ?

The Bet Din procedure - previously described- can not be allowed to degenerate into a situation that enables the husband to extort money or engage in impossible behavior and flaunt Halacha by virtue of the fact that if the wife has sex before she receives the Get she will commit adultery and any child she has from that relationship is a Mamzer -tainted as illegitimate -unable forever to get married only to an other Mamzer. Of course the man -if he has a mistress before giving his wife a Get - is in violation of the Cherem of Rabbenu Gershon of 1000 years ago that prohibited a married man from having a mistress . See Aruch Hashulchon Even Hoezer 119:11,15. This is in addition to the violation that even one who is single can not have a mistress. See Chapter 12 of this book Vol I Even Hoezer and Shulchan Aruch Even Hoezer Chapter 26. He can not marry another woman while he is still married. See Ibid. Violation of these laws are grounds for the Bet Din forcing the husband to give a Get. See Aruch Hashulchon Even Hoezer Chapter 154:16. It is for these reasons that

I wrote all my books to show that equity can be achieved by Bet Din annulling those marriages where the husband is exploiting Halacha for his selfish and immoral ends when it is impossible to have him give a Get . All social and legal pressures have been tried to no avail. . Bet Din must adopt a flexible approach to serve equity for both sides. In VOLUME I AND II OF EVEN HOEZER CHOSHEN MISHPOT , I ELABORATE AT VERY GREAT LENGTH REGARDING THESE ISSUES. BET DIN MUST MAKE SURE THAT THE WIFE AND HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE NOT LYING AND INVENTING ALL THESE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE HUSBAND EVEN THOUGH THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY BASIS. Proof must be produced by the wife her family and friends to substantiate their allegations. . It is very possible that the wife and her family and friends are lying and hoping that they can get away with murder. When it comes to marital disputes not video taped or recorded , spouses have little to fear that they will get caught red handed with an outrageous lie condemning their prior spouse , especially where their freedom is involved to get a Get or annulment. They will be tempted to lie when great issues such as child support and alimony; as well as , custody and visitation rights are involved. They will not hesitate to encourage and intimidate their children to lie and falsify facts. See Aruch Hashulchon Even Hoezer 154:61 They will exploit the natural feelings of most young children to favor their mothers to testify against their fathers. Their testimony is not emphasized not believable in a halachic trial. It is up to the Bet Din to ascertain the truth . Bet Din if possible should interview all the people who testified in court. If it is not possible then all the court evidence may be taken -with a very large grain of salt- as circumstantial evidence. Every situation is different. Finding of "facts" by the civil courts may be integrated as part of circumstantial proof together with the reading of all transcripts of all evidence given in the civil courts by all litigants, witnesses, expert witnesses court appointed social workers , psychologists , psychiatrists, police reports , on all issues relating to this marital dispute. But Bet Din must be very vigilant that the wife and her friends lied to the court and to all the social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists. Bet Din MUST FOLLOW ALL THE LAWS OF THE FOUR PARTS OF THE SHULCHAN ARUCH TO ASCERTAIN THE TRUTH. What courts accept as truth and facts are not necessarily truth and facts according to Halacha. ONLY A RABBI WHO HAS MASTERED AND OBSERVES THE FOUR PARTS OF THE SHULCHAN ARUCH CAN PARTICIPATE. A Rabbi who does not possess these qualifications is forbidden to participate in a Rabbinical trial , or to adjudicate any question of Jewish law or to officiate at weddings or divorces, no matter how many law degrees from law schools he possesses . If he does participate circumstantial evidence exists that he violated some , many or most of the laws related to Giten and marriage, since all the laws are inter related. One who never mastered these laws , how does he know if he did or did not violate them ? He does not know that they exist. It is possible that what he did is null and void. I am not disqualifying any one. I am not saying that a woman who received a Get from them is still married.

See Ramo Even Hoezer 77:3 who agrees that in such instances as I explored above Bet Din can coerce the husband to give a Get , provided he did not inform the wife of these

mentioned allegations prior to the wedding. . This is the source that Rav Moshe Feinstein uses to annul marriage in Igros Moshe Even Hoezer Vol 1 # 79, 80. . Even though we rule that a wife can no longer argue mous alai -my husband disgusts me , but if the above mentioned allegations occur , the husband can be forced to give a Get. This is true if they occur soon after the marriage or even after the couple have several children. See Even Hoezer summary of position of Bais Shmuel 77{1} and Bach -in summary 77{4} end Chapter 77 . This is different than the position of Rav Moshe Feinstein. However , the above allegations must be proven to the satisfaction of Bet Din following all the rules of evidence in the Four Parts of the Shulchan Aruch , then the husband can be forced to give a Get. CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE CAN BE USED. See Ibid above and Aruch Hashulchon Choshen Mishpot 15:3,4; 35:13; 37:22; end. This is so since it is impossible to have kosher witnesses around to testify all details of a marital dispute. Bet Din must use common sense and use circumstantial evidence to ascertain the truth.

Today when we no longer can force the husband we will annul the marriage. See Bet Yoseph on Tur Even Hoezer 77 :23 that forcing the husband to give a Get is essentially an annulment. We however insist that a GET BE GIVEN , EVEN IF IT IS FORCED. WHEN WE CAN NOT FORCE A GET, WE WILL GIVE A GET ZIKU - WE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HUSBAND AND WRITE A GET FOR HIS BENEFIT . See Chapter 1 and 13. See summary of the position of Bais Shmuel and Chelkos Mechokek at end of Chapter 77 Even Hoezer for further substantiation of what I am writing- for many authorities who support this position. See Rav Meir, who holds that under such circumstances as I expore above we will force the husband to divorce his wife. Rav Meir is cited by Mekor Boruch # 17 at Chapter 77 of Even Hoezer with Rav Akiva Eiger Hasholom. See Bais Shmuel summary of his position Even Hoezer end Chapter 77 Summary end of [4] citing Mehram in Mordecai that if the wife substantiates and proves her allegation to the satisfaction of Bet Din , we will force the husband to give a Get - according to those authorities who rule like Rambam , Rashbam and Riff even today. According to Rav Ovadia Yoseph and Rav Eliezer Wladenberg citing Pische Tsuvah on Yoreh Dayoh who in turn cites Node Beyehudah that we in fact can rule like Rambam, Rashbam and Riff and will force husband to give a Get in case of wife alleging that her husband disgusts her. Today when we no longer can coerce the husband , we will annul the marriage. See Igros Moshe Even Hoezer vol 1# 79 end , See Rav Eliyohu Klotzkin Devar Eliyohu # 48 See Rav Moshe Tzeig Ohel Moshe Vol II # 123 , Rav Moshe Rosen , Rav Avrohom Aahron Yudelevitz Bais Ov vol 7 # 11. See Chsam Soffer Even Hoezer # 108 and # 109. I n all my books I prove that the Aruch Hashulchon in his vast writings rules that annulments can be used under the circumstances that I permit. I have listed the precise citations many times in my books. In my first 12 chapters of my book , I elaborate regarding the halachic basis of annulments. The other chapters and Vol II are case histories showing the application of these principles. When we can establish multiple grounds for coercing the husband to grant a Get even today many authorities will agree that we will force the husband to give a Get when the wife alleges mous alai -my husband disgusts me. Even Hoezer Chapter

77. Thus if we can establish that the wife was forced to marry someone against her will , this fact is another ground to force the husband to divorce her. Such a marriage does not constitute free will and consent of the bride to enter a marriage See Even Hoezer Chapter 42 ; Aruch Hshulchon Even Hoezer 42:1 .Or if the bride marries in order to get a green card to remain in the USA or to gain entrance into an other country , such marriage lacks consent and intent to have an Halachic marriage. See Responsa Ezras kohen by Rav Kook-First Chief Rabbi of Israel before the founding of the State of Israel; Igros Moshe Even Hoezer. Such deficiency coupled with Mous alai can be used to force the husband to divorce. This is translated in our day and age in the USA and all Western countries where we are not permitted to coerce the husband to give a Get - to annul the marriage. These authorities rule that it is a judgement call on the part of the Hallachic authorities in each generation to ascertain if we should or should not coerce the husband to give a Get ? By extension it means today should we or should we not annul marriages of such husbands whom we would have coerced if we were permitted by the civil authorities? How will society be better served-by Bet Din taking an active role and coercing the husband or taking a hands off approach and let the couple reach an agreement on their own after the lapse of years ? These grounds must be proven. This is the position of Node Beyehudoh , as cited In Piscei Tsvah Yoreh Dayo laws of swearing ; Responsa Tzitz Eliezer Rav Eliezer Waldenberg, and Rav Ovadia Yoseph in Responsa Yabia Omer. I cited precise citations in other sections of my books. Since we no longer can coerce the husband we will grant the wife a Get Ziku and annul the marriage as we explained in great detail through out all the chapters of all my books and tapes.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT WHEN WE TRY TO BE HONEST AND FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS OF BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE WE CAN NOT SATISFY ALL PARTIES AND ALL AGENDAS . WE WILL BE CONDEMNED BY BOTH SIDES. SUCH IS THE FATE OF HONEST ARBITERS. Nevertheless , I have decided not to let - ignorance , malice, condemnations, slander, libel ,chicanery and intimidation that have been used against me to force my silence -veto the publication of my books.. This is a very emotional topic and even discussing the area of annulments provokes the worst in individuals. My attitude toward my detractors is that I state - thank G-d that there exists people brave enough to condemn me and show that I am wrong. Some of my critics are great Talmudic scholars that I respect like the MOATZEI GEDOLEI HATORAH of the USA WHOM I RESPECT . RAV BLEICH AND RAV HERSCHEL SCHECTER ARE ALSO GREAT TALMUDIC SCHOLARS WHOM I RESPECT. OTHER CRITICS I IGNORE. My critics are answered from the various chapters of my books and tapes. . I reserved chapters 1:13, 29, 56, 57 and 58 for those critics whom I otherwise ignore . The chapters that I cite elaborate in great detail . All my critics will , nevertheless, act as a counter weight to offset certain individuals from exploiting and misusing what I write and use Halacha to destroy the institution of marriage and enslave husbands with court ordered child support and alimony. On the other hand , my writings will enable genuine agunot to start an other relationship with the blessings of Halacha. They will not have to wait for ever.

I have elaborated in all my writings that once all available options to convince the husband to grant a Get are exhausted with no results, the agunah and her family are ready and willing to observe their side of the ruling of Bet Din, we will then grant a Get Ziku and annul the marriage.

WHAT EVER IS DONE WILL NOT DESTROY THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE. RIGHT NOW THE AGUNAH IS FREE TO FLAUNT Jewish law . She can go to Reform Rabbis or else go to the Conservative Bet Din who will annul her marriage. She can go to the Bet Din sponsored by Agunah International and have her marriage annulled. She can read the volume by Rav Riskin or the very excellent book called Tears of the Oppressed by Aviad Hacoen . Rav Rackman gets all the credit for enabling the publication of this excellent source book about the sources for annulments. Professor Jackson from Great Britain , who is Orthodox , has contributed greatly in summarizing the issues involved in annulments. Naomi Ragen ,the Israeli novelists, has two articles on the web site where she describes the work done by Rav Rackman and myself to free agunot and the violent reception at the hands of the other Rabbis. She also published a letter that I addressed to her in the Jerusalem Post where I answer my critics. They are called the Great Agunah Debacle and the Great Agunah Debacle part II . Agunah International .Com has a web site where they cite many sources for annulments. Susan Aronoff describes the problems dilemmas and feelings of many agunot in their encounter with the Bet Din system and husbands who ruin their lives by refusing them a Get. Although I take issue with her in my chapter 60 that appear in my volume II of Even Hoezer. I have a great summary in my table of contents for chapter 60. She must be given credit for advocating the side of agunot and relating graphically the heart rendering problems involved that destroy their lives at the hands of immoral husbands and apathetic Botei Din . I take issue with what the women writing on the web site of Agunah International present as Halacha on many areas that I feel they have not accurately reported or interpreted the issues. That is why I split with Rav Rackman who permits these women to have a role at the Bet Din that I consider as being against Halacha. Rav Rackman, likewise, in a separate website on the internet states that we split because of disagreement regarding halacha-Jewish law. What I am writing now is no revelation. One merely has to type “agunah ”on the internet and their web site is revealed. The web cites of my critics , whom I otherwise ignore , are also revealed when one types “aguna” or “Rav Moshe Morgenstern” or “ Rav Emanuel Rackman ”. I answer these critics - without naming them - in Chapters 1:13 ; 29;56; 57: and 58. Even though my critics named me with the intention of embarrassing me, I am not interested in stooping to their level.

Thus I can not be an ostrich and hide my head in the sand . Therefore , what I am writing is not revealing anything that already has not been written and publicized. The institution of marriage has not been destroyed by such publications and will not be destroyed with my writings being made public. It will anger my critics who will resort to defame me further and try to isolate me and downplay what I write. I welcome all the debate and feel that

all scholarship will be constructive in achieving equity after a number of years for both the husband and wife. We are not living 700 years ago. We have new issues and new challenges that must be faced and answered within the parameters of Halacha. Or else we will become fossilized and irrelevant as a social and dynamic force for eternity. Only such scholarship will perpetuate Halachic Judaism. Torah Judaism was never afraid of diverse ideas. We were strengthened by adversity. Regardless how we feel about diversity the problem of divorce and wives leaving the marriage and requesting a Get and annulments when the husband refused is as ancient as the Torah that G-d gave at Sinai 3500 years ago. The RABBIS FOR THE LAST 3500 YEARS DEALT WITH THESE ISSUES AND WE MUST DO THE SAME, REGARDLESS OF THE OCEAN OF CONDEMNATION FOR ANY POSITION TAKEN OR COMPROMISE POSITION THAT I ESPOUSE. The Chofetz Chaim stated that if a Rabbi is condemned for doing what one honestly believes as being true that is the sign that he is honest and doing the Will of G-d. For if Rabbis would only do what people want they would NOT BE HONEST AND FULFILLING THE ROLE OF A LEADER.

It must be clearly understood that even the Rambam, the Gaonim and Rabonim Savoye who espouse the principle of Mous alai -my husband disgusts me as grounds to annul marriages do this only after physically forcing the husband to give a Get. Without the husband physically giving a Get, even these authorities agree that there exists no grounds to annul the marriage because of Mous alai- my husband disgusts me. Even the Tzitz Eliezer- Rav Eliezer Waldenberg and Rav Ovadia Yoseph who rule that Mous Alai -my husband disgusts me can nevertheless be employed as a strategy today to annul marriages agree that only if the husband physically can be forced to give a Get, then it can be used when there exists no other way for the Agunah to go free and she will be imprisoned for life. Rav Eliyohu Klotzkin devised the strategy of Get Ziku -WHEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FORCE THE HUSBAND TO GIVE A Get like is true in all western countries- that I discuss in my book See chapter 1 and 13. Our Bet Din substitutes for the husband and will give a Get for him -a Get Ziku. This I prove takes the place of the forced Get given by the husband. Thus according to those authorities that will sanction forcing husbands even today it is our position that a Get Ziku will substitute for a forced Get. However we will not annul any marriage more than a fraction of one percent of the number of marital disputes. We force both spouses to adjudicate their differences at a Bet Din. -Rabbinical trial.

In Israel they will jail the husband who refuses to obey the ruling of Bet Din to give his wife a Get after all efforts to convince him have failed. They will cancel his drivers license or professional license and in that way force the husband to give a Get. In the USA some judges will jail a husband. Women have been successful in suing their husbands for damages in civil court for denying them the right to a normal sex life -to get married and bear children by denying them a Get. But in all these instances a Get must be given. The Bais Yosf on the Tur rules from halachic authorities that refusing to ransom a husband from imprisonment because he refuses to give his wife a Get at the order of Bet Din can not be construed as a forced Get that will invalidate the Get.

The ruling that the general policy is that we no longer employ the ground of Mous alai -my

husband disgusts me even to force a husband to give a Get at the order of Bet Din is the accepted ruling of all Ashkenazic Jews in Europe Israel and the USA . The Bais Yosef in Tur Een Hoezer 77:22 cites Respona Mahrik # 57 citing Rav Shlomo ben Horav Rash bar Tzemech that any one who uses this ground of Mous alai to force the husband to give a Get in increasing mammzarim -illegitimate children . Rav Vidal Efraim stated that he concurred in this ruling. However, the Ran ruled that post facto that in those communities that still rule like the Rambam if a husband is forced to give a Get and the woman does remarry she is permitted to remain with her husband and post facto the children are not deemed mamzarim -illegitimate. But ab initio she is not permitted to remarry until such time that the husband gives another Get voluntarilly without any coercion . From all what I have written it is crystal clear that if the husband does not give any Get at all forced or voluntary the woman unfortunately remains unable to remarry. As mentioned we will give a Get Ziku that we rule substitutes for a forced Get.

The reason for the opposition to the concept of Mous alai -my husband disgusts me is that women have changed and such a dispensation will provide a pandora box to destroy the entire institution of marriage. 500- 700 years ago at the time of the Rosh and the other authorities cited women did not receive alimony or child support when they abandoned the marital home. Today when they do receive alimony and child support there exists a thousand more reasons to oppose annulments on the ground that women and their families will break up marriages since they do not lose anything financially. See Ramo Even Hoezer 17:2; 154:7 ; Tur Even Hoezer 77: 22-34 with commentary of Bais Yoseph and Bach; Even Hoezer 77 and Bais Shmuel and Chelkos Mechokek Ibid . Obviously ,when we have circumstantial evidence that the husband is an individual whom we will force to give a Get as described in Even Hoezer 77 and 154 we will force the husband to give a Get. See Ibid Even Hoezer 17 :2 and 154:7 See Bach in Tur Even Hoezer and Bais Shmuel Ibid Chapter 17:4 citing Bach ; Pischei Tsvah Even Hoezer 17:9 citing Bais Meir. In our day and age when we no longer can coerce the husband we will annul the marriage after a Bet Din trial . The Bet din must be composed of Rabbis who have mastered and observe the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch. This is done after all legal and social venues to convince the husband have been EXHAUSTED to no avail. BUT ALL THE ANNULMENTS SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN A FRACTION OF ONE PERCENT OF ALL DIVORCES.

THE HUSBAND SUBSIDES THE WIFE'S LEAVING THE MARRIAGE, REGARDLESS TO THE COST FINANCIALLY TO THE HUSBAND AND DETRIMENT TO HIS MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. ANYONE COUNSELING THE WIFE TO BREAK UP THE MARRIAGE OR THE WIFE HERSELF WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO PAY FOR ALL THE DAMAGES THAT THEY CAUSED. THIS MATTER WILL BE ADJUDICATED AT A DIN TORAH -RABBINICAL TRIAL THAT WILL DEAL AS A PACKAGE DEAL THE GIVING OF THE GET THE QUESTION OF CUSTODY , VISITATION , SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN AND ALIMONY. THE

SAME PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED IF THE HUSBAND INITIATED THE DIVORCE AND BROKE UP THE MARRIAGE. WE WILL DEAL WITH THOSE WHO ADVISED HIM TO BREAK UP THE MARRIAGE IN THE SAME WAY AS WE DEAL WITH THOSE WHO COUNSEL THE WIFE.

Even if the women will leave anyway , as most feminists argue today, but the husband still has the veto power of not granting a Get until his interests are satisfied. What right do we have to destroy the husband's last line of defense? This is a very serious question that the honest and scrupulous Bet Din must resolve. The Bet Din must also resolve to rescue from eternal imprisonment the genuine agunah. See Aruch Hashulchon Choshen Mishpot 386:11 The Bet Din must make sure that they are not sued or physically hurt by the losing party. An attorney who is an expert in divorce and tort law must be consulted before the bet din does anything that can be challenged in civil court -that effects any party. Sometimes the prudent course is not to get involved and let others be the heroes and brave being sued or hurt. In this area the overwhelming majority of divorce cases are resolved by the traditional procedure without using any dispensations. Not only does one avoid the very grave issues involved with annulments ; but more important the Bet Din is not an accessory of imprisoning the husband who is now the agun. He can not remarry because of the heavy burden he is forced to carry by the civil authorities. Divorce carries a price for the wife and her family who had a hand in the break up of the marriage as well as the husband and his family. Breaking up a marriage has very grave consequences.

What these authorities opposed annulments on the grounds of Mous Alai -my husband disgusts me applies equally as well to all the other grounds mentioned in all my books and tapes in Hebrew or in English. They apply as well to the dispensation that I discuss later in this book that we can not prove that the witnesses are competent in accordance to Hallacha. I state that unless proof exists that the witnesses have not violated any law between man and man or man and G-d or that the witnesses are saints there does not occur any marriage post facto . This law can not be applied in the overwhelming percentage of all divorces-99% plus - that come to Bet Din. Otherwise you have the same outcome to the institution of marriage -it will be destroyed. The same fears expressed before are existing regarding this method and all the other methods I write about of annulling a marriage. I have written all my books and recorded tapes to be used by Rabbis who will not use these methods other than only a fraction of one % of the time. Only in very isolated cases where every conceivable method to free the agunah has been tried to no avail , social sanctions and civil court sanctions have not moved the husband to give a Get , the agunah and her family are willing to obey all the rulings of Bet Din regarding alimony child support custody and visitation rights and , nevertheless , the husband refuses to give a Get, then and only then does the Bet Din have the authority to use the annulments explained in this book. It is then a question of rescuing an a genuine agunah from eternal imprisonment.

If there exists individuals who will abuse the information I provided and not meet all the requirements that I am stating , I bear no responsibility. They presently are free to go to the internet and type “agunah”, and they will see a whole group of individuals who are not religious- Reform Conservative and feminists .The non Orthodox will bombard them with their ideas why the agunah should flaunt accepted Halacha. It is a symptom of the degeneration of our generation that lay people who have never studied Halacha hold themselves out to give opinions and promulgate Halachic rulings. It normally takes 10 years of intensive study to qualify for ordination of Smicha and a lifetime of study to master and observe the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch. Only one who has attained this stage of learning is qualified to rule on agunah matters.

NO ONE WOULD DARE GIVE OPINIONS HOW TO PERFORM BRAIN SURGERY UNLESS HE OR SHE IS QUALIFIED AND HAS ALL THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE. BUT ALL THESE FEMINISTS AND DO GOODERS BY OSMOSES HAVE BECOME EXPERTS IN HALACHA REGARDING AGUNOT. AND HOW TO ANNUL MARRIAGES. Rabbi Riskin wants the Israeli government to pass legislation annulling marriages. This suggestion is opposed by all Halachic authorities.

Rashi on Chumosh -Pentateuch- Berashis explains the verses that uses the plural when referring to G-d before creating man. Isn't the Torah afraid that people will begin to believe that G-d has partners and there is not a pure monotheism ? Rashi answers that G-d consulted with the angels before creating man -that is the reason the plural is referred to G-d -to teach people modesty that even if you know what has to be done you ,nevertheless , consult with others out of respect to them. Rashi adds that if people will want to err and interpret this verse that G-d has partners and there is not pure monotheism , let them err. The Torah does not have to be edited to prevent misinterpretation. This thesis has been applied each time a book is printed that contains dispensations in any area of Jewish Law. There always exists the danger that people will abuse the dispensations and misuse them. But because of this contingency they can not be allowed to have a veto power not to permit the publication of annulments for genuine purposes . In this case we will not be paralyzed and let these annulments die and genuine agunot remain imprisoned to eternity because of the unscrupulous. The unscrupulous do not need any dispensations. They will have sex with other men while they are still married , certainly once they receive a civil divorce. We do not speak to them or have to be concerned about them . This was the ruling of the Tur citing his father Rosh and Mehram Merutenberg regarding not using the ground of Mous Alai -my husband disgusts me. If the unscrupulous agunot will have sex any way it is not our concern See Tur Even Hoezer 77: 34,35,36,37,38. I am applying the same concept to state when annulments are not permitted -99% plus of the time ; and when they are allowed a fraction of 1% . It is a choice of not abandoning the genuine agunot and publishing these dispensations; or being afraid of the unscrupulous misusing this information and let this information die. We choose to let this information live and we will take our chances regarding the unscrupulous.

Not every one will be provided with a copy of my book. I control the publication and the marketing and sales of this book. Only those individuals who will not abuse and misuse what I write will receive a copy. Rav Moshe Feinstein and Rav Henkin had a similar policy. This always has been the attitude regarding truth and Torah is the absolute truth. Lies and those individuals who distort truth are always exposed.

ANYONE WHO WILL ANNUL MARRIAGES WITH OUT MEETING ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ANNULMENT SHOULD KNOW THAT ALL SUCH ANNULMENTS ARE NULL AND VOID. IF THE AGUNAH REMARRIES BASED ON SUCH ANNULMENT SHE WILL BE COMMITTING ADULTERY AND ANY CHILDREN WILL BE MAMZARIM -ILLEGITIMATE. See Aruch Hashulchon Even Hoezer 134:1. ALL OUR ANNULMENTS ARE BASED ON THE THEORY THAT THE HUSBAND CAN BE COERCED HALACHICALLY TO GIVE A GET . SINCE WE ARE NOT PERMITTED BY CIVIL LAW TO COERCE , WE WILL ANNUL THE MARRIAGE. THE DECISION TO COERCE CAN ONLY BE MADE BY A RABBI WHO HAS MASTERED AND OBSERVES THE FOUR PARTS OF THE SHULCHAN ARUCH . ONLY AFTER A TRIAL WHERE BET DIN HAS MET THE STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE FOUR PARTS OF THE SHULCHAN ARUCH CAN A JUDGEMENT BE PASSED TO COERCE THE HUSBAND. IF THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET THERE CAN NOT BE COERCION AND IPSO FACTO NO ANNULMENT CAN BE GIVEN . VIOLATION OF THESE LAWS CAUSES THE WOMAN TO REMAIN IN THE SAME STATUS AS SHE WAS BEFORE- MARRIED AND ANY CHILDREN FROM MAN # 2 -ARE MAMZARIM.-ILLEGITIMATE.

THE RABBIS WHO WROTE THE SHULCHAN ARUCH STATED WHEN COERCION COULD BE MADE AND WHEN IT COULD NOT BE MADE -see chapters Even Hoezer 134 and 154. So too, we are doing the same with annulments. If anyone wants to use this information and bend the laws , they will suffer the same results as when one coerces the husband without halachic justification- the Get is deemed forced and is null and void. THE RABBIS WHO WROTE THE SHULCHAN ARUCH WERE NOT AFRAID THAT THE UNSCRUPULOUS WOULD MISINTERPRET AND ABUSE THIS KNOWLEDGE AND USE IT IN AN UNAUTHORIZED WAY. WE TOO WILL NOT LET FEAR OF THE UNSCRUPULOUS MISUSING OUR INFORMATION - TO FREE GENUINE AGUNOT- VETO OUR PUBLICATION OF OUR BOOKS - REGARDING ANNULMENTS . WE HAVE GIVEN FULL DISCLOSURE AND MORE THAN THAT IS NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE DEDICATED TO ACHIEVE EQUITY FOR BOTH THE AGUNAH AND HER HUSBAND. WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO PASS ON THIS MESSAGE AND CLEARLY STATED THE REQUIREMENTS WHEN ANNULMENTS CAN BE GIVEN . ALL THE REQUIREMENTS ARE MANDATORY. THERE EXISTS NO EXCEPTIONS. PERIOD. THERE EXISTS NO GUARANTEE NOT TO HAVE THE UNSCRUPULOUS MISUSE THE INFORMATION OTHER THAN TO LET THIS INFORMATION DIE. WE CHOOSE TO LET THE INFORMATION LIVE.

THIS IS SIMILAR TO DEMAND THAT WE DELETE THE BASIC PRINCIPLE IN TORAH LAW THAT ALL THE LAWS OF THE TORAH CAN BE VIOLATED TO SAVE- EVEN POSSIBLY -A HUMAN LIFE. ONE WILL ARGUE IF WE REPORT THIS PRINCIPLE PEOPLE WILL ABUSE THIS PRINCIPLE AND VIOLATE ALL THE LAWS OF THE TORAH. OBVIOUSLY THERE WILL EXIST PEOPLE WHO WILL VIOLATE ALL THE LAWS OF THE TORAH. BUT THEY WILL VIOLATE ALL THESE LAWS ANYWAY EVEN IF WE DO NOT REVEAL THIS INFORMATION. THE SAME APPLIES WITH ALL LEGAL SYSTEMS THAT HAVE EXCEPTIONS WHEN THE LAW IS CHANGED UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES. IF SOMEONE WILL LIE ABOUT THE FACTS THAT PERSON WILL BE PROSECUTED AND SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES. THE SAME IS TRUE REGARDING ANNULMENTS. AS LONG AS WE HAVE FULL DISCLOSURE WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.

THOSE WHO SEEK THE TRUTH IN THE END WILL PREVAIL. FOR TRUTH SHALL REDEEM YOU AND SET YOU FREE. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ATTITUDE OF TORAH. RAV MOSHE FEINSTEIN WRITES THAT A PERSON MUST BE PREPARED TO EVEN SACRIFICE HIS OR HER LIFE TO WRITE THE TRUTH AND CERTAINLY NOT WRITE FALSEHOOD. IGROS MOSHE.

THUS IN THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF CASES OF DIVORCE -99% PLUS - ANNULMENTS-USING ALL THE GROUNDS MENTIONED IN ALL MY BOOKS AND TAPES IN HEBREW OR ENGLISH- ARE ONE TRILLION PERCENT FORBIDDEN . IN THIS RESPECT I AGREE WITH THE OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF ORTHODOX RABBIS IN THE USA EUROPE AND ISRAEL WHO OPPOSE ANNULMENTS . THE WIFE AND HER FAMILY MUST SETTLE WITH THE HUSBAND OR ATTEND A DIN TORAH AND FOLLOW THE RULING OF THE RABBINICAL COURT. THERE EXISTS NO OTHER WAY.

This is similar to the case when a woman argues that the husband is not fulfilling his marital duties. The husband disputes these allegations. The Bet Din does not force the wife to live with the husband nor forces the husband to give her a Get. The couple must adjust their differences on their own , or accept the settlement of Bet Din. Rambam Ishos chapter 15:15; Aruch Hshulchon Even Hoezer 154:45 , 61. ;Even Hoezer 154:7 See Bais Shmuel , Chelkos Mechokek, Pischei Tsuvah Ibid. This is also the ruling of Mehram MeRutenberg and the Rabbis of France and Germany regarding when a woman pleads my husband disgusts me See Tur Even Hoezer 77: 38.

However , in the case of the genuine agunah , the Bet Din will come to her rescue providing she and her family cooperate. If they fail to cooperate with the Bet Din or can cause harm to them , Bet Din should withdraw.

If people want out let them not get married in the first place. Certainly not that fast. Let them not have children . If they do get married and have children , they must be responsible and become mature. They must not listen to parents and break up a marriage. See chapter 53. This other face of divorce must be addressed by the Rabbinical Court. That is one of the reasons that motivated Halachic authorities to oppose annulments -certainly annulments as standard community practice that were never implemented in practice even though in theory they are conceivable. See Bais Yoeph on Tur Even Hoezer end of Chapter # 28 in name of Rashbash son of Tashbatz.

Once all these options have been exhausted and the husband refuses to give her a Get then she can come to our Rabbinical Court. We will summon the husband to attend. If he refuses we will proceed with out him . This is done in accordance with Responsa Rashbash # 46. If the ruling of our court is that the husband must give a Get and he refuses we will then Give a Get Ziku and an annulment. . WE WILL ERR ON THE SIDE OF THE AGUNAH. WE WILL NOT RUIN HER LIFE .

Our critics who do not accept our annulments will free an agunah that has similar complaints as those cases recorded in Igros Moshe Even Hoezer penned by Horav Moshe Feinstein . However the agunah must come with the complaint immediately after she discovers it. The complaint must have originated prior to the marriage and the husband did not disclose this problem that the wife finds impossible to live with. This dispensation combines with the instances that the witnesses to the marriage do not meet the criteria of Halacha-Jewish Law and other halachic dispensations such as marriages officiated by Reform and Conservative clergy. However the overwhelming cases of Orthodox agunas do not meet these criteria . Thus unless our methods are used these women remain imprisoned to eternity.

We started freeing agunot in 1996 . I formed Bet Din Tzedek Lebayot Agunot a for profit organization in 1997. This organization is 100% in my name . In 1999 Rabbi Rackman and I had serious differences regarding the role of the members of Agunah International in the Bet Din . I also had very serious reservations regarding the halachic accuracy of some of the articles that they published. Some of these articles now appear on the web page of agunah international .com . See chapter 60 for my response. We parted

company Rav Rackman formed his own Bet Din that enables the women to have the role that I felt was against Halacha.

Now 10 years since we started to free agunot my critics have done absolutely nothing other than be confrontational . All their research has been in effect negative as far as finding a Halachic solution to free agunot. They were unable to follow through on the sources I provided and overcome the problems associated with annulments like I have.

In such a case the prudent agunah will simply ignore them . When one visits a physician who is unable to help you , you abandon him and go to the specialists who can help you. Rav Bleich wrote in tradition close to 30 pages why the strategies used by Rabbi Rackman are not good . He based himself on an ad written in the Jewish Week by the members of Agunah Inc, now known as Agunah International . In March 1999 the Jewish Week carried my letter where I stated the following:

In the last two years Rav Rackman and I together with all the other members of our bet Din have freed over 260 agunot. Over 50 agunot have received Gitten -Jewish divorces from their husbands after their husbands realized that their wives were free anyway without their Get and not in their control anymore. I am the one who prepares all the responsa for the agunot that our Bet Din Lebayot Agunot, Inc free.

I have smicha from Mesivta Torah Vodaat and Horav Moshe Feinstein . I than studied privately under Horav Feinstein and Horav Piekarsky . Rav Piekarsky gave me his approbation on my books- Responsa on the Four Parts of the Shulchan Aruch. I also have approbation of Horav Steinberger of Rehovot Israel, one of the greatest sages of the twentieth century on a number of responsa regarding freeing agunot that I wrote.

The ad published by Agunah, Inc on 08-27-98 of the Jewish Week clearly in their name -was not authorized by the Bet Din Lebayot Agunot, Inc nor does it represent the principles and procedures that we use . Not one agunah was freed based on the principles and procedures enumerated in the ad. Agunah Inc is not affiliated with our Bet Din and are not authorized to discuss anything about the Bet Din . To lay at our door the shortcomings of such an ad is another demonstrations of the intellectual dishonesty of our critics. Not one of our critics ever spoke to me or to Rav Rackman inquiring as to the Halachic basis that we use. Without knowing what the facts of the cases are nor the Halacha that we use , they condemn all the 260 Agunot that we freed and the thousands of other agunot that are imprisoned because their husbands refuse to give them a Get. How much confidence would one have in a doctor who would write a prescription with out examining the patient ? This is also a violation of Shulchan Aruch Even Hoezer 154:22of the Cherem of Rabenu Gershon of not speaking evil of any Get given. It also violates Even Hoezer 11:4,Choshen Mishpot75:1 , Responsa Rav Akiva Eiger 99. It would appear that our critics have crystal balls since prophesy no longer exists.

Rav Bleich also wrote a responsa attacking the strategy of Get Ziku that I employ. I have read his responsas and find that many of his observations are accurate . I have revised my responsa to meet the objections that he highlights. However he and Rav Hershel Schechter who also wrote a responsa attacking what Rav Rackman and I are doing both fail to come up with any constructive proposals to free the agunah from her imprisonment. Both Rav Bleich and Rav Schechter are great talmidei Chachomim -talmudic scholars . Their criticism is conducted in a matter fitting a talmudic scholar.

I have in the past ten years not stooped to the level of those individuals who exploited my unpopularity among many of our critics by working with Rav Rackman and Rav Antelman to free agunot. . These individuals were vicious . I simply ignored them and had nothing to do with them. They stopped their activity against me after a while. since one can not fight a phantom. In time their own viciousness was self destructive. They started up with other individuals who sued them. They started up with individuals who are very popular and the Jewish Press and the Jewish Voice and Opinion joined the fight to destroy the credibility of these individuals. The negative publicity that they suffered is irreparable. My own experience taught me that those individuals who abused me and hurt me publically were self destructive. Given enough time they got what they deserved through the hands of others. I also have for the last few years kept a low profile. I have helped those agunot who need my help, without making waves.

I have elaborated about the reasons why Rav Rackman and I split. I thus set the record straight. This book is a book of Hallachs -Jewish law. It is not a diary of combat . I do not care to wash the dirty linen that exists in public. It will not serve any purpose . In the process I will smear the image of Orthodox Judaism and the Jewish people and show that within Orthodoxy there exists faults that must be addressed. The fact that faults exist and serious faults does not mean that the positive accomplishments that these individuals are doing can be ignored . They are to be applauded and honored for all the positive accomplishments and observance of all the Mitzvot . They must be given credit for all the wonderful work of ministering to the needs of other Jews and the courageous work that they do for the State of Israel **IT IS EASY TO FOCUS ON FAULTS. LET US RATHER FOCUS ON THE GOOD AND BEAUTY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL. In our climate of antisemitism I consider focusing on the faults as possibly doing a great disservice to Jews worldwide and in Israel .With all the suicide bombings , roadside shootings threats by Iran to develop an atomic bomb and wipe Israel off the map , killing dozens of Jews every few weeks or months and wounding scores of Jews in Israel it is the duty of every Jew to focus on helping Israel.**

Anti Semites conceal their anti Semitism in the cloak of righteousness of supporting the

legitimate rights of the displaced Palestinians that were created with the creation of the Jewish State of Israel. What they do not mention is that despite the proclamation in 1965 by the Catholic Church absolving the Jewish people for the crucifixion the 2000 year latent anti Semitism is still very much alive. However now it appears in the disguise of being anti Israel and pro Palestinians. Also there exists the competition among the Anti Semites to curry the favor of the Arabs for lucrative oil contracts and lucrative contracts to sell them munitions and other products . These anti Semites have for the past sixty years acted with the most rabid anti Semitism disguised in the cloak of righteousness. If it was not for the USA that defends the Jewish State politically , I wonder what we would have done ?

THEREFORE ONE MUST TEMPER ONE'S RIGHTFUL OUTRAGE AT THE EXCESSES OF FELLOW Orthodox , Modern Orthodox, Satmer , Lubvitz, Bobever, Conservative or Reform Jews. No matter how wrong they are and how right we are, let us subordinate our outrage to the greater real problem of Jewish survival and the survival of the State of Israel. Let us not alienate our Christian friends of the far right - who support Jewish rights in Eretz Yisroel. Let us not be carried away with the paranoid arguments that they are trying to tear down the barriers between Church and State or that their ultimate purpose is to convert Jews. They are presently the few friends that Israel has in this world. They are Israel's goodwill ambassadors in Washington . Let us show our appreciation. WE HAVE MORE PRESSING NEEDS NOW. IT IS THE SURVIVAL OF JEWS AND Israel If these non Jews are throwing us a life boat it is our duty to grab it. We must survive. Let all Jews be united in supporting Israel. Yes, we oppose on Halachic grounds the innovations of non Torah Jews. But let us not kill each other. Let us act civilly. Let us not have a civil war every time some Orthodox or non Orthodox Rabbi gets out of line . Let us ignore them. Let us focus our energy only on Torah . Let us show that Halaeba is beautiful. If other rabbis do not act like gentlemen and cause a desecration of G-D's Name, let us show that we do act like gentlemen and sanctify G-D's name. Let us act like Rabbi Emanuel Rackman who is known as the gentle giant. Then Jews will not learn from the other rabbis They will learn from us .Let us become deaf dumb and blind to those individuals who act not in accordance with Halacha. Let us act in accordance with halache and ignore the others. We have no other alternative in this climate of open and disguised ant Semitism. We are forbidden to fight among ourselves because Pekuach Nefesh Doche Kol Hatorah Kulo - The saving of human life supersedes the entire Tora. The saving of Jewish lives against our real mortal enemies who kill us and want to destroy every Jew . ALL OUR GENUINE COMPLAINTS BECOME MERELY SQUABBLES IN COMPARISON TO THE REAL THREAT BY OUR MORTAL ENEMIES.

There exists many Rabbinical Courts that are honest and are well organized they are not dysfunctional. The wife as well as the husband can choose one Rabbi to represent their interest . The third rabbi can be chosen by the two rabbis or the two litigants. There exist many Rabbinical Courts that charge a nominal fee for their services. However just like a divorcing couple hire an attorney they too must hire a Rabbi. There exists many Rabbis who will volunteer their services pro bonum. THUS THE HUSBAND MAY GIVE A GET WILLINGLY ONCE HIS CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED BY AN HONEST Rabbinical Court.

There always exists a danger that the information that I am presenting in good faith will be abused , distorted in a manner that I never intended it to be used, borrowed and passed off as their own-which already happened. If one reads my entire book and not a summary or only the table of contents or one or two chapters one will understand the concepts clearly. I elaborate in one area and discuss briefly in an other area. In this respect I am copying the style that the Rambam uses in his Mishne Torah- the summary in Code of all the Laws of the Talmud. Thus I withdrew the few chapters that I had on the internet -www.agunah.com because they lent themselves to distortion . People would not be aware what I wrote elsewhere that qualified what appeared in the chapters in the internet and all the stipulations that I make in my book regarding annulments . Unfortunately there are people who read my book but discarded some of the requirements in order for annulments to be valid in accordance with Hallacha and passed everything off as their own. In addition to distorting what I write they also borrowed my sources and even went as far as copying one or more entire paragraphs from my book without even acknowledging that it came from me. Would they have asked I would have given permission would they have written everything I stated , not distorting my concept. Certainly their distortion is their own and they did me a favor for not associating my name with their distortion. Thus they quote as their own sources the Rashba and Rav Yitzchok Elchonon that both are in favor of annulments. What they omit is the fact that both of these authorities claim that the woman still remains married Rabbinically and possible consequences for the children from man # 2. In one of my earlier drafts that they copied and passed off as their own that information was missing.

With all the problems of publishing a book , I NEVERTHELESS DECIDED TO PROCEED IN ORDER THAT BONAFIDE AGUNOT NOT BE PENALIZED BECAUSE OF THE UNSCRUPULOUS. I refused a book publisher's offer to publish my book in order to retain control over all the material and reserve the right to change my position regarding what I write when new evidence comes to my attention that my earlier views may have been mistaken. A judge can only state what he sees today even if it is different than what he stated earlier -AIN LEDAYAN ELO MAH SHE AINOV RO'OT.

Intellectual
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honesty is the foundation stone of Judaism and Halachic Judaism. I
publishing this book myself.

I thank G-d for his assistance in granting me the wisdom and health to serve Him by writing this book of Responsa. My prayers are that I do not err and help Jewish women and men and all humans. I thank my wife . If it was not for her I would not have been able to function and write what I did. What I am is thanks to her-she is the greatest person in the universe. This is what Rabbi Akiva declared about his wife and I take him as an example. and cite the Talmud as the source. This is not my invention . One who states something in the name of another has a share in the World to be. Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of existence.

EVEN HOEZER- LAWS OF MARRIAGE, INTERMARRIAGE , CONVERSIONS, DIVORCE and ANNULMENTS- Hatorot Agnot Bnot Yisroel - This book is available.

YOREH DAYOH- All the Laws of Shechita kosher slaughtering .Traifos, what illnesses render an animal unfit for kosher consumption, what animals ,fowl, fish, seafood , reptiles are deemed non kosher, what parts of the animal is deemed non kosher. Melicha -salting the meat to extract the blood . Boser Vechalav- the prohibition of cooking, frying or consuming together meat and dairy products. Taruvot-the commingling of kosher and non kosher food; who is believed, under what circumstances doubts are resolved; the multiplication of doubts. Visiting the ill, Death, Burial, Mourning.[All above mentioned laws are part of hundreds of audio and video tapes. Some of these laws are in manuscripts and need to be typed.] Summary of Aruch Hashulchon on all Laws of Nida- woman having her period and separation from husband-Ohr Sisel ; Laws of Tzedaka-Philanthropy, Triage, [all these Laws are in the form of audio and video tapes. They also have been written . The manuscripts need to be typed]

CHOSHEN MISHPOT [1]-All Business Civil, Criminal Laws -presently part of hundreds of audio and video tapes. [Many of these laws are in manuscript form and have to be typed.]

[2]Halachic Perspective Bio Medical Ethics- Ohr Tziporah-Sanctity of Life determination beginning of Life and instant of Death. Abortions, birth control , removing from life support . This book is available.

[3] The Disabled Jew

Orech Chaim - All Laws of prayer, tephilin, benedictions , the sanctity of the synagogue, Rosh Chodesh -the new month, the Sabbath, the fast days and Jewish Holidays. The prohibition of using electrical appliances and the use of electricity , telephone, radio, television, automobiles, airplanes ships, on the Sabbath and Holidays . The laws of - Passover preparing and eating Matzohs and not using Chometz- bread and related products on Passover. The laws of Shavuot, Tisha Beov , Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur , Succot Shmini Atzeres and Simchas Torah. Laws of Lulov , Esrog Hadas and Arovot and Succot. The role of women in having a comprehensive Jewish education , praying , benedictions and participating in the synagogue services and all the Mitzvots and having Bar Mitzvoh for boys and Bat Mitzvoh for girls. Commemorating the 2000 years of Jewish hatred , suffering and pogroms in the diaspora that have killed millions of Jews or forced them to convert to an other religion- following the destruction of the second temple and exile of the Jews from Eretz Yisroel. The physical annihilation of the Jew is celebrated by the semi holiday of Purim and the various fasts and Tisha b'Ov . The

attempted spiritual destruction of the Jew is celebrated by Chanukah . This anti Semitism culminated in the holocaust and the murder of six million Jews with the apathy or actual participation of many countries of the world in their murder, in addition to the Nazis. The miracle of the rebuilding of the modern State of Israel and its continuous wars for survival from the antisemitism that puts on different disguises. These modern tragedies and the beginning of

Jewish renaissance as a people in the land of Israel are separately celebrated by a day of national mourning for the victims of the holocaust and the fallen heroes of the Arab assault against Jews in Israel . We also celebrate a day of national joy and thanksgiving for the miracle of the founding of the State of Israel and its success to survive all the hatred of all our enemies. [All these laws are presently part of the hundreds of audio and video tapes. Many of these laws are in manuscripts that need to be typed]

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DIVORCE AND ANNULMENTS Volume I**

**Hatorot Agunot Bnos Yisroel-
Emancipation of Chained Jewish Daughters- annulments when the husband refuses a Get-
Jewish divorce in a dead marriage .**

Based on the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch-Jewish Law and practice.

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DEDICATION

All my books are dedicated to Nira- my wife -the crown and jewel of my life. I owe all my learning to her dedication to my health and welfare. She is the greatest gift ever given to me-by G-d. May she and I together with all our children and all our grandchildren and all of Israel and all humans all over the world regardless of race, religion, creed color or sex be blessed by G-d with life , peace and freedom from fear of any crime or terrorism with excellent health, make sufficient money to cover all their needs and live to the coming of the Messiah and then live for ever- as tradition teaches.

-TWISTING COMMON SENSE IS A TRAVESTY. Distorting Torah Law and outlawing annulments is not only ignorance of Torah Law , but cruelty and blasphemy.

WHEN WOMEN ARE VICTIMIZED - by distorting the Torah - and told they must remain celibate to eternity- and not use annulments- when their husbands refuse to free them with a Get from a dead marriage and any children they will have from man #2 -if they have no Get only an annulment -will be Mamzarim -illegitimate -is as cruel as it is ignorance of Torah Law.

It is THE GREATEST CHILLEL HASHEM -desecration of G-d's Name and a denial of the foundations of Halacha. The essence of Torah is Equity.- Rav Herzog Responsa Ohel Yitzchok Vol 2 #1. It is the task of the rabbis to find within Halacha a solution to annul marriages that women not remain Agunot- like chained animals- when their husbands refuse them a Get-Jewish divorce. These volumes represent the research and wisdom of fifty years. They represent the fruit of 50 years of continuous Torah study and mastery of the 4 parts of the Shulchan Aruch dedicated to help human beings-especially Agunot. I prove from 4000 years of Torah practice and law that annulments are one million % in accordance with Halacha- Jewish Law.

This is the reason we all are created -to make our contribution in this world and make it a better place then when we arrived. In that way our life will count for something. We will remain alive -for eternity- by the deeds and new knowledge we discover and make

available
to agunot and emancipate them from their chains when their husband refuses to give them
a Get in a dead marriage.

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ANSWER TO OUR CRITICS WHO ACCUSE US OF DESTROYING THE
INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE

Few if any of my critics ever contacted me regarding what I have written about annulments. Without knowing the facts of the over 500 cases we have annulled nor knowing the Halacha we use, we nevertheless, have been condemned. How do they know we are wrong? Do they have a crystal ball? Prophecy no longer exists.

Although anyone can order my book at WW.AGUNAH.COM
HATOROT AGUNOT Bnos Yisroel very few have done so.

When a husband displays abnormal behavior it may be proof that such behavior existed prior to the marriage, and be considered an additional adjunct-SNIFF- to free the Agunot. This can be MEKACH TOUT- a mistake in the making of the marriage. See Chapter 4.

Chapter 2

discusses the red herring of Mamzarut- illegitimate children-when a married woman not having a divorce or annulment conceives from man #2 .

Would they have ordered my book and read the other chapters and essays they would have no further questions . If they still have questions, they could write to me at BEITDIN@AGUNAH.COM

They make slanderous remarks about me and show their ignorance about the strategy used to free AGUNOT -of MOUS ALAI- my husband is detestable to me. Although I loved him yesterday or a year ago, he now is detestable to me is explained in great detail in chapter eight. The Rabbinical authorities in Israel, who possess police powers, for the last few years use the grounds of MOUS ALAI-my husband is detestable to me to force husbands to free their wives. In the USA and other countries the Rabbinical Courts do not possess the police powers to coerce the husband to give a

Get. In all instances when the Rabbinical Court is warranted to coerce the husband to give a Get and they have no power, the Court must annul the marriage—to prevent the DEBACLE of AGUNOT. See HATOROT AGUNOT-chapter one, five, six, and seven. For other strategies used to free Aagunott see chapters nine, ten and eleven.

All of the 20-30 strategies we employ to free the AGUNOT from the chains of the husbands and Rabbis are used only where the AGUNOT would remain in prison for eternity condemned to remain celibate and never have any children.

In a normal marriage or in a normal divorce where the husband agrees to give a GET, we will ,of course, scrupulously rule like the strictest opinions. Only , to free AGUNOT do we

rely on minority opinions. See Chapter one and four of HATOROT AGUNOT - for a detailed explanation. Consequently we can not be accused that we destroy existing marriages or the institution of marriage and divorce. Any man or woman in a normal marriage or divorce must follow the strictest interpretation of Halacha. See chapter four of

Hatorat Agunot. We make every effort and invest days and months of time and money to salvage every marriage. Only those marriages that are dead and can never be resurrected and the husband refuses to give a GET UNDER ANY REASONABLE CIRCUMSTANCE DEMANDING BLACKMAIL OF THOUSANDS OR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AS THE PRICE OF THE GET-DO WE ANNUL . WE EMPLOY A GET ZIKU- WE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HUSBAND AND GIVE A GET AS PART OF THE

ANNULMENT PROCESS. WITHOUT A GET THE AGUNAH DOES NOT GO FREE. See chapter one , three and four of HATOROT AGUNOT.

ONLY RABBIS WHO HAVE MASTERED AND OBSERVE THE FOUR PARTS OF THE SHULCHAN ARUCH CAN ANNUL MARRIAGES. No one else , even if such an individual has 1000 degrees in law and passed the bar in 1000 jurisdictions is not qualified , unless he has mastered and observes the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch. THE FACT THAT SUCH A PERSON SPENT 8 YEARS IN COLLEGE AND LAW SCHOOL MEANS THAT HE HAS 8 YEARS LESS OF THE STUDY OF THE FOUR PARTS OF THE SHULCHAN ARUCH. He can not compete with someone who has spent these 8 years studying the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch. All the laws of the Torah are connected and dependent one with an other. One who is not an expert in the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch is forbidden to have any association in marriages and divorces. See Even Hoezer 49:3; Taz Ibid 49:1 Bais Shmuel 49:4 ; Aruch Hashulchon Even Hoezer 49:8;Kedushin 6a , 13a .Otherwise , it is very easy to err and the resulting children from man #2 will be mamzarim-illegitimate. See Rashi Ibid. An individual needing brain surgery will go to the physician who has the most experience and not to an amateur who has a law degree , in addition to being a surgeon. During the 8 years that one spends going to college and law school and passing the bar one must instead master the four parts of the Shulchan Aruch and master all the tractates of the talmud that serve as the underpinnings and basis for the Shulchan Aruch. This requires full time dedication to this study not part time as one who