

Allowed and Forbidden Relations regarding Marriage

Ref: *Sefer Nashim, Hilchot Ishut, Chapter 1*

📖 | To marry a woman with a marriage contract and a marriage ceremony¹

There are three ways of acquiring a wife formally:

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- Transfer of money
 - Transfer of a formal document
 - Sexual relations

There are 2 stages

- *Erusin / Kidushin* (betrothal/ consecration)
- *Nisuin / Chuppah* (marriage/ the canopy) – This now has full legal status of marriage even although consummation has not yet taken place.

📖 | It is forbidden to take a wife without Torah procedure².

Arayot are forbidden relations which make one liable for *karet*.

These are the relations specifically forbidden by Torah in *Parshat Acharei Mot*.

🔔 Reminder:

Table *Arayot Sefer Kedusha, Hilchot Issurei Biah, Chapters 1, 2, 3 & 4*



🏠 | *Shniyot* are forbidden relations of a secondary nature – *Mipi Hakabalah*. There are 20 *shniyot*.

4 of these *shniyot* continue for all generations forward and backward e.g. not to have relations with the wife of one's paternal grandfather, goes back all the way to Jacob our Forefather.

I.e. Relations with

1. Maternal grandmother - for all generations
2. Mother of maternal grandfather
3. Paternal grandmother - for all generations
4. Mother of paternal grandfather
5. Wife of paternal grandfather – for all generations
6. Wife of maternal grandfather
7. Wife of fathers maternal brother
8. Wife of mothers brother (maternal or paternal)
9. Sons daughter in law – for all generations
10. Daughters daughter in law
11. Daughter of sons daughter
12. Daughter of sons son
13. Daughter of daughters daughter
14. Daughter of daughters son
15. Daughter of son of wifes son

16. Daughter of daughter of wifes daughter
17. Maternal grandmother of wifes father
18. Paternal grandmother of wifes mother
19. Maternal grandmother of wifes mother
20. Paternal grandmother of wifes father

There are other relationships which are not punishable by *karet* i.e.

Issrurei lavin (prohibitions forbidden by negative commandments) – 9

I.e. relations with

1. High Priest and widow
2. High Priest or Priest and

Divorcee

3. *Zonah*

4. *Chalalah*

5. *Mamzer* and Jewess

Mamzeret and Jew

6. Jewish woman and Moabite or Ammonite convert

7. Man and his divorcee after she had remarried

8. Jewish woman and man with crushed testicles

9. *Yevamah* to a man other than deceased husbands brothers

Issurei Aseh (prohibitions derived from a positive commandment) – 3

E.g. the *Kohen Gadol* has to marry a virgin. If he does not then he has transgressed a positive commandment.

The other 2 are

Both men and women of 1st and 2nd generation Egyptian converts forbidden

Both men and women of 1st and 2nd generation Edomite converts are forbidden (3rd generation permitted)

Reminder:

Pack on Punishment for *Sefer Nashim*

