


Methods of Acquiring a Wife

Ref: *Sefer Nashim, Hilchot Ishut, Chapter 3*

Transfer of money	<i>Mekudeshet</i> (consecrated)	Comparison to <i>get</i> (Bill of Divorce)	Explanation
Man gives at least 1 prutah or its equivalent	✓		
Man makes statement (<i>harei at mekudeshet li</i>)	✓		Statement must imply that man acquires woman and not that woman acquires man
Give money in presence of witnesses	✓		
Woman must consent	✓		If she is a minor, father consents for her (only up to <i>bogeret</i> 12½)
Girl below 12½ receives <i>kidushin</i> without father's permission	✗		
Recites blessing before consecration	✓		If blessing not recited consecration still takes place
<i>Transfer of a shtar</i> (contract)			
Man writes ' <i>Harei at ...</i> ' and hands it to woman	✓		
Witnesses must be present	✓		
Document written specifically for that woman	✓	✓ same	
Document must be written with consent of woman	✓	✗	
SEXUAL RELATIONS			
In addition, needs to make statement ' <i>Harei at mekudeshet...</i> '	✓		
Witnesses needed	✓		But relations must be in privacy
<i>Shaliach</i> (agent)			
Agent appointed (to consecrate) without witnesses	✓	✓	Agent is regarded as principal himself and therefore witnesses not needed

Agent appointed to <i>receive kidushin</i> without witnesses	x		2 witnesses needed
2 agents can act as 2 witnesses for consecration	✓		Don't need to get an extra 2 witnesses
Agents need to make statement (' <i>Harei ...</i> ')	✓		
Agents receiving <i>kidushin</i> must reply in similar manner	✓		

 **Reminder:**

Witnesses in Married Life Comparison Ref: *Sefer Nashim*
Pack on Witnesses

