

## Witnesses for Promissory Notes and other Documents

Ref: *Sefer Mishpatim, Hilchot Malveh Veloveh, Chapter 24*

### Witnesses

- Must recognise identity of individuals mentioned in legal documents.
- Parties names must have been established for at least 30 days in a city.
- Must know identity of person they are signing about.
- Must know that parties are adults.
- Must know that parties are mentally competent.
- Must know how to read (i.e. witnesses).
- Must be able to sign their names.
- Must read documents word for word before signing.
- If in a city there are two people with the same name, then the legal document must further extend the identity i.e. family tree or distinguishing marks.

#### **Reminder**

Pack on Witnesses

