

Witnesses who are Ineligible

Ref: *Sefer Shoftim, Hilchot Edut, Chapter 9*

The ten categories of people who are not acceptable as witnesses

- *Nashim* (Women) (However, may be allowed *Derabanan*)
- *Avadim* (Servants – Canaanite) – How much more so, Gentiles not allowed
- *Ketanim* (Minors) – Some people may be classified as minors up to age 20 or even 35

Minor male just past 13 who is valid but not familiar with business dealings cannot give testimony with regard to landed property.

Reminder:

Age Definitions. Ref: *Sefer Nashim, Hilchot Ishut, Chapter 2*
Pack on Land



- *Shotim* (Handicapped mentally and emotionally) – Not obligated in *mitzvot*
- *Chereshim* (Deaf mutes) – Not obligated in *mitzvot* and must deliver oral testimony and hear the judges.
- *Somim* (Blind)
- *Reshaim* (Wicked)
- *Bezuyin* (Shameless individuals)

Reminder:

Pack on Misbehaviour



- *Kerovin* (Relatives)
- *Nogin beedutan* (People with a vested interest)