

# SENDING AWAY MOTHER BIRD (SHILU'ACH HAKEIN)

## Declaration of Ownerlessness for Shilu'ach HaKein

For shilu'ach ha'kein, the bird, eggs, and nest must be wild or declared ownerless (hefkeir) with three adult, Jewish, male witnesses.

## Shilu'ach HaKein for Female Birds

Shilu'ach ha'kein only applies to the female birds of kosher species (so, with doves, this mitzva may only be done at night because the male doves do the nesting during the daytime).