Jewish Wedding: Witnesses: Four Pairs

A Jewish wedding requires four pairs of witnesses, but the same witnesses may be used for all four parts: *tanayim; ketuba; kiddushin; yichud*. Each witness must be:

- A *shomer-Shabbat*, adult male,
- Not related to the bride or groom,
- Not related to each other, and
- Known to be an honest person.

NOTE There is no requirement to have only people who were born into *shomer-Shabbat* families as witnesses.

NOTE For more on relatives as witnesses, see Witnesses: Relatives in Jewish Courts.

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