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).

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