

# WITNESSES: WHO MAY TESTIFY IN JEWISH COURT

## Witnesses: Non-Observant Jew in Jewish Court

A Jew known not to observe the laws of *Shabbat* is not accepted as a witness under Jewish law. However, if it is known that the person would not lie, he or she may be trusted in some cases.

## Witnesses: Women in Jewish Courts

It is customary today for Jewish courts to accept the testimony of Jewish women.

## Witnesses: Non-Jews in Jewish Courts

It is customary today for Jewish courts to accept non-Jews of both genders as witnesses in some circumstances.

## Witnesses: Relatives in Jewish Courts

These relatives of participants in a Jewish court case or wedding may not be witnesses:

- Parents and their spouses
- Children and their spouses
- Siblings and their spouses
- First cousins and their spouses.

However, it is customary today for Jewish courts to accept relatives as witnesses in some cases.