## **WEDDING: WITNESSES**

## 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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