

Mode of Examining Witnesses

TWO DISTINCT SETS OF QUESTIONS CONSTITUTED THE EXAMINATION PROCESS:

1. FIRST SET CALLED "HAKIROTH"

- a. These questions related to the time and place of the alleged crime.
- b. These questions were mandated by law and could not be varied in the slightest.
- c. Each witness had to answer each of these seven questions:

1. "Was it during a year of Jubilee?"
2. "Was it in an ordinary year?"
3. "In what month?"
4. "On what day of the month?"
5. "At what hour?"
6. "In what place?"
7. "Do you identify this person?"

The failure of any witness to answer satisfactorily any of these seven questions entitled the accused to an immediate acquittal.

2. **SECOND SET CALLED "BEDIKOTH"** – Included all questions pertaining to the investigation of relevant circumstances and corroborative facts surrounding the case.