

Competent & Incompetent Witnesses

COMPETENCY OF WITNESSES

The qualifications of competent witnesses under Hebrew law were almost identical with those of a qualified judge.

INCOMPETENCY OF WITNESSES – The following persons were considered to be incompetent witnesses:

- Gentiles
- Gamblers
- Women
- Usurers
- Minors
- Illiterate or immodest persons
- Slaves
- Persons who had been convicted of irreligion or immorality
- Idiots & Lunatics
- relatives by affinity or consanguinity
- Deaf mutes
- All persons directly interested in the case
- Blind men

