

אין ערער פחות משנים - There is no contesting with less than two people

OVERVIEW

states that אין ערער פחות משנים ר"י. This may lead us to assume that the only way to contest (a חזקת כשרות) is if there are two עדים who contest it. תוספות will point out that there is another way as well.

לא בא לאפוקי אלא עד אחד אבל קול פוסל כדמסקינן¹:

is not intending to exclude with this statement of אין ערער פחות משנים, every contention that is not composed of two עדים; but rather only a contention of **one witness**; that one witness may not contest (a חזקת כשרות) **however a rumor can invalidate** (even a חזקת כשרות)² as the גמרא will shortly conclude.

SUMMARY

A חזקת כשרות can be compromised either by two עדים or by a rumor (but not by an ע"א).

THINKING IT OVER

If we are able to assume that when the גמרא states 'ואחתיניה' after the קול, it does not mean that he became לכהונה, but rather his כהונה was held in abeyance;³ is there any need to maintain that a קול can invalidate a חזקת כשרות?⁴

¹ The גמרא states that there was a חזקה that the father was a כהן, and then the rumor that the son was a גרושה invalidated his כהונה as the גמרא states ואחתיניה (see 'Thinking it over').

² See previous תוספות ד"ה והאמר.

³ See רשב"ם ד"ה ואחתיניה.

⁴ See נח"מ.