

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

Overview

ר"י states that אין ערער פחות משנים. 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.

אין ערער פחות משנים with this statement of ר"י – **לא בא לאפוקי** 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)¹ – **as the גמרא will shortly conclude**².
אבל קול פוסל – כדמסקינן

Summary

A חזקת כשרות can be compromised either by two עדים or by a rumor.

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 פסול, but rather his כהונה was held in abeyance³; is there any need to maintain that a קול can invalidate a חזקת כשרות?

¹ See previous תוספות ד"ה והאמר.

² The גמרא states that there was a חזקה that the father was a כהן, and then a rumor that the son was a בן גרושה invalidated his כהונה.

³ See רשב"ם ד"ה ואחתיניה.