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## Introduction

**It** is with great pleasure that we present the second volume of our collection of responsa. Whereas the first volume discussed the laws of *Shomrim* and *Poalim*, this volume deals exclusively with the laws of inheritance and lost objects.

**The** English section of this volume differs from the English section in the previous volume. In the first volume, the English section consisted of synopses of the full-length Hebrew articles. In this volume, the English section is composed of three original articles, all discussing the laws of inheritance.

**The** first article, by Rabbi Y. Perlman, provides an overview of the laws of inheritance. The second article, by Rabbi Y. Hul, deals with the concept of a *shtar chatsey zochor*. The purpose of a *shtar chatsey zochor* is to allow an individual to bequeath a portion of his assets to his daughters. It still is the least controversial method of bequeathing one's assets to his daughters. The final article, by Rabbi Grossman, discusses the right of the first-born to receive a double portion of the father's estate. The article also explores the way the law applies to several modern financial tools.

**The** avowed goal of the Jerusalem Institute for Dayanim is to produce highly qualified dayanim who will assist Jews throughout the world with their business issues. This compendium is entirely consistent with this goal. It provides an in-depth discussion about many practical issues that

pertain to two practical topics in Choshen Mishpot, inheritance and lost objects. At the same time, the students obtained experience researching and writing the articles. This is a crucial part of a student's training to become a dayan, because a dayan must be able to research a topic thoroughly and write clear, logical opinions.

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**As** the largest advanced Choshen Mishpot institution in the world, the Jerusalem Institute for Dayanim receives many inquires from around the globe. We can receive emails at [kcm@netvision.net.il](mailto:kcm@netvision.net.il). Of course, we cannot render *din torah* decisions on the basis of one side's account. Still, we can offer guidance, advice, and answer *shailos*. We welcome your questions and comments.

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