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is she...**

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My friends and I just turned 28. My friend wants me to keep telling callers that she is 27. May I do that?

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According to halachah, subtracting one year is okay because in some places this is common practice. However, you should ask a mentor if this is a wise thing to do.

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Master the Halacha

A derogatory statement is considered loшон hora even when the information is common knowledge for, as stated above, to speak negatively of one's fellow Jew is shameful in itself.

Negative information about Jews appearing in newspapers may not be repeated. Newspapers often publish articles based on hearsay and thus, one is not even permitted to believe such information if the newspaper is its only source. Even after one has verified the information, he may nevertheless not repeat it.

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