



Greeting Through an Intermediary

7. The prohibition against greeting applies not only when speaking directly to the other person, but even when greeting through a third party, i.e., asking a friend to greet someone (or inquire about their well-being) on the sender's behalf. The reason for this is that when the recipient of the greeting knows that someone sent them a greeting or inquired about them, it arouses feelings of closeness within the recipient – even if they didn't hear the greeting from the sender directly. (*Shulchan Aruch* EH 21:5; *Chut Shani* ibid:15)