



### Asking About Another's Spouse

**17.** A man may ask his friend how his friend's wife is doing, when it is a form of *middas derech eretz* (basic decency). For instance, one who knows that the wife of his coworker is *r"l* not well may ask his coworker — in a refined manner — how his wife is feeling.

**18.** A man may ask a woman how her husband is doing, when it is a form of *middas derech eretz*. For instance, a male guest may ask his hostess — in a refined manner — how her husband is doing.

*(Bava Metzia 87a)*

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