



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 erez* (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 erez*. For instance, a male guest may ask his hostess — in a refined manner — how her husband is doing.
(*Bava Metzia 87a*)
