



“Good Morning”

My employee just walked into the office. May I greet her with a “Good morning”?

23. As mentioned previously, while one may not greet a member of the opposite gender, that only applies when the greeting is done in a **personal** or **friendly** manner. It is therefore permitted for one to say “Good morning,” “Have a good day,” etc. when required to do so as per *middas derech eretz* (basic decency). Thus:

- One is permitted to say “Good morning” to an employee when they come into the office and pass his/her desk.
- One may greet a member of the opposite gender when arriving at a meeting.
- One may greet a security guard or receptionist when passing them.
- One may wish “Good night” to an employer/manager on the way out of the office.

In all of these instances, it is permitted because the greeting is not done in a **personal** or **friendly** manner.

(Aruch Hashulchan EH 21:8; Ezer Mekudash 21:66)

