



When the Man is Not Present

6. The prohibitions that we have mentioned regarding serving a member of the opposite gender only apply when the person being served is present and can see what is being done for them. If the service is performed when they are not present there is no prohibition even if they are aware of what was done. For example, it is permitted to prepare a plate of food or make the person's bed before the person enters the room. (*Shulchan Aruch EH* 21:5; *Beur HaGra* and *Ezer M'Kodesh* ad loc.; *Malbushei Mordechai* siman 4 notes 8, 10 and 14.)