



Permitted Scenarios

9. There are a number of other instances when it is permitted to serve a member of the opposite gender:
 - If the plate of food is not placed directly in front of the person; rather, it is placed at a bit of a distance (and the person has to push it toward themselves). (*Malbushei Mordechai* 4:13)
 - If the food or drink is not fully ready to be consumed and still requires some preparation before it can be consumed; for example, a coffee that is served without milk. (ibid.)
 - Some *poskim* say that it is permitted for a woman to serve an unrelated man if the woman's own husband is present. (*Rema* EH ibid.)
 - Some *poskim* say that it is permitted for a woman to serve an unrelated man in a place where many other people are present. (ibid.)