



Sitting Near a Woman

Introduction to the upcoming *halachos*:

A man must do everything possible to avoid a situation in which he would come into physical contact with a woman, even unintentionally, in order to avoid any chance of intentional contact, *hirhurim* (inappropriate thoughts) and/or other pitfalls. (See *Shevet Halevi* 4:136)

10. Therefore, one must do everything possible to avoid sitting next to a woman, especially for an extended period of time. For instance, on a bus, when one must choose between sitting near a woman or standing, he should stand and not sit near the woman. (*Shevet Halevi* 4:136)