



Sitting on an Airplane

11. When traveling on a plane, one should attempt, using any possible means – in a pleasant manner – to avoid being seated next to a member of the opposite gender. Sometimes, when asking nicely does not suffice to convince the other person to agree to switch seats, the offer of monetary compensation or the purchase of a drink on the flight will be successful. (See *Shevet Halevi* 4:136; *Ahaleich*

Ba'amitecha 20:87; *Malbushei Mordechai* 9:13)

12. If one is unable to switch seats, he should sit as far as possible in the opposite direction of the woman and place an object between them as a separation. He should also avoid thinking about the woman by distracting himself with a *sefer*,

book, etc., during the flight. (*Ahaleich Ba'amitecha* 20:87)

(See the upcoming emails for additional details regarding these halachos.)