



Feedback From Doeihu Readers On the Recent Topic:

Thank you for your inspirational emails,

I would like to share the following story:

My grandfather, Rav Nota Tzvi Greenblatt z"l, was a mashgiach kashrus in various food production factories.

There were certain times when he would drive to a factory, and carry two heavy suitcases out of the car with him. No one knew why he did this.

Until someone finally asked him, and he answered the following: I knew that at those specific factories, there were female workers who would want to shake my hand, and I didn't want them to feel bad, so I always kept my hands busy.

Hi,

I work with both Jewish and non-Jewish clients, and the idea I have found to be most helpful is to just be upfront before meeting someone in person. When I schedule an appointment where a woman will be present, I tell her that, as an act of modesty, I don't shake hands with people of the opposite gender. ("It's not personal, and I'm looking forward to meeting you, I just don't want to make you uncomfortable when I reject your handshake.")

I have found this to be very effective.

Thank you for your emails.

Thank you for the daily emails.

My business as an EOS implementer sometimes involves meeting with women that don't know anything about Yiddishkeit, and I must explain certain concepts to them. I learned from Pinches Shmaya, an expert EOS implementer, and Chesky Brisk, the founder of Rock Leadership, to say, "I will not come into physical contact with the opposite gender as a religious boundary."

This phrasing helps them understand that it's not about not wanting to shake hands, nor is it about a specific gender.

Hatzlacha in your holy work!

Thank you for your daily emails! They really help me remember all the gedarim that are required.

On a flight back from Eretz Yisrael, I was assigned a seat between two women. I only had hand luggage with me, so I considered just asking to leave the flight, since I didn't have anything in the cargo hold. However, I saw that there was a seat in the upgraded section that was empty. I knew I'd have to pay \$100 for the upgrade, but it would be worth it.

When the stewardess passed by, I gestured to the empty seat and said, "Is it too late to upgrade to that seat?"

She looked at it and replied, "You can just sit there. Don't worry about it."

Because of my determination not to compromise on my standards, Hashem upgraded me for free!

To the Doeihu Editors.

I work in the kiruv world and have come upon these scenarios many times. I was once at a non-religious shiva house, and after spending some time there, I got up to leave. I said the pasuk of hamakom yenachem and shook hands with a few of the men. Another person there wanted to start up with me, and he asked loudly, "Why did you not shake HER hand?"

Hashem put the perfect answer in my mouth. I said that we have a deal in

our marriages, we never touch other women, and our wives never touch any men. I then said that it helps marriages amazingly!

Everyone there agreed with me enthusiastically.

I would like to share my experience with the topic of shaking hands with the opposite gender:

In the past forty years, there have been many occasions when women extended their hands to shake mine, and I had to explain that I don't mean to be disrespectful, but in my religion men do not shake hands with women.

They always had the greatest respect, and no one was ever insulted.

In fact, recently this happened with a non-religious Jewish attorney. She apologized for extending her hand and said that she should have realized it on her own!

(Incidentally, even amongst the goyim, in the Bible Belt, it is unacceptable to shake hands with the opposite gender.)

Dear Doeihu

I wanted to share two ideas that might be helpful when it comes to men and women looking at a screen together. These options are both cheap and very easy!

1. Many online retailers, including Amazon, sell an HDMI splitter. The HDMI splitter plugs into two computer monitors at once, so you have two screens showing the same thing. That way, you can have your computer facing you, but have another screen facing the other side of the desk showing exactly what you're seeing. In this way, someone of the opposite gender doesn't have to come around to your side of the desk.

2. An even simpler solution would be to put your computer monitor on a lazy Susan, which would allow you to easily swivel the monitor to face the other side of the desk as needed. Some monitors have stands that support swiveling, but a lazy Susan is pretty inexpensive and very effective.

Feel free to share to your readers.

Before meetings with men, I always send them the following note:

To eliminate any awkward moments when we meet in person, I would like to give you a heads up that when we meet, I will not extend my hand for a handshake. As an Orthodox Jewish woman, I refrain from all physical contact with men, other than close family. So, no- a hug won't work either! As a religious custom, this is a sign of respect, both for the women in your life and the men in mine. I look forward to meeting with you and learning about the business opportunities that await!

I have gotten feedback from the non-Jewish men who have read this that they appreciated it very much. Anyone is welcome to use it as well.

Hi,

I wanted to respond to the email regarding handshaking. You provided several helpful tips to avoid shaking hands with the opposite gender. Another suggestion is to walk into a meeting with your hands full (e.g. notebook or binder and coffee) so it looks natural to just greet the person verbally.

Feel free to share your story, feedback, or tips on this topic, or any other mentioned topic and inspire thousands globale.

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Thank you