



### **Maintaining Holiness in Our Camp**

To complement the general topics of *shemiras einayim* and guarding one's thoughts, we will spend the next few days discussing the *halachos* of reciting *devarim sheb'kedushah* in a spiritually clean and appropriate place. Upon completion of this topic, we will return to the regular series.

These *halachos* are often very applicable for people in the workplace who find themselves in close proximity to people who are not dressed modestly. Additionally, many need to travel through neighborhoods where the locals do not dress according to our standards. During the summer months, when people tend to dress more casually, these *halachos* are especially relevant.

**Attention, Nashim Tzidkaniyos:** While some of these *halachos* are more

relevant for men than women, as we shall explain, it is still important for women to learn them. There are some *halachos* that are, in fact, applicable to women. Also, women must have this knowledge so they can be careful not to cause men to transgress and recite a *brachah* or any other *davar sheb'kedushah* in situations when it is forbidden (in addition to their regular need to be dressed and act b'tznius).

It is also important to point out that in this series **we will only be going through the *halachos* as they pertain to saying *devarim sheb'kedushah*, and not as they pertain to the laws of *tznius*.** One should bear in mind that even if the *halachah* is that a certain mode of dress or action does not fall into the category of *ervah*, meaning that one is permitted to say *devarim sheb'kedushah* in its presence, that does not mean that this action is within the parameters of *tznius*. Regarding the *halachos* of *tznius*, one should act according to *mesorah* (tradition) and follow the *halachos* that we have previously learned.

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