



### Less Than a Tefach

**14.** Some *poskim* rule that one may not say *devarim sheb'kedushah* in front of an unrelated woman (i.e., any woman other than one's wife, and according to many *poskim*, other than a daughter or sister as well) who exposes even less than a *tefach* of her body. In this instance, however, it is sufficient to close the eyes; turning one's entire body around is not necessary. (*Rema* OC 75:1; *Mishnah Berurah* 75:5; *Kaf Hachaim* 75:10; *Levushah Shel Torah* 17)

**15.** Some *poskim* rule that one may not recite *devarim sheb'kedushah* even in front of his wife when certain parts of her body are uncovered, and even if the exposed area is less than a *tefach*. An example of this would be the "*shok*". The reason for this is because these body parts are more likely to bring a person to impure thoughts than are other exposed parts of the body. (*Bach* OC 75:2; *Taz* 75:1; *Mishnah Berurah* 75:7; *Shulchan Aruch HaRav* 75:1)