



Families Traveling Together

24. It is worthwhile (although obvious) to mention that all of these *halachos* apply equally when a man works together with his wife's friend or when a woman works together with her husband's friend. In fact, the laws may need to be enforced even more stringently in these cases because they may feel a particular fondness for each other.

Therefore, when several couples (e.g., coworkers with their spouses) would like to travel together for a trip or a Shabbaton, it is almost impossible to avoid transgressing some – if not many – *gedarim* and *halachos* of separation of the genders and *tznius*. They must take extra caution when considering making such a trip to ensure that the *halachos* of *tznius* are being followed. The Rabbanim attest to many unfortunate situations that have arisen from such trips. Therefore, one who wants to take such a trip should consult a *Rav* regarding how to go about it. (See *Shulchan Aruch* OC 529:4; *Mishnah*

Berurah *ibid.*; see *Mishneh Halachos* 298)

25. Business owners and managers have a personal responsibility to think the matter over and speak to a *Rav* before organizing such trips.