



An Irreligious/Non-Jewish Work Environment

6. For those whose source of *parnassah* comes through working with irreligious or, *l'havdil*, non-Jewish coworkers -- an environment that is not spiritually ideal -- one must be very careful to avoid establishing close, personal relationships with his coworkers. Rather, the connections should be strictly work-related. One who finds himself in such a situation should remain firm in his principles and keep in mind to fulfill the *pasuk* (Vayikra 20:26) “And I have distinguished you from the nations” by not allowing himself to be negatively influenced by his surroundings. (This includes davening to Hashem to be protected from untoward influences.)