



### Meeting Over Food

**17.** Ideally, a man should not go out to a restaurant with a woman to eat a meal, even if only to discuss business matters. (*Responsa from leading poskim, available by contacting the Doeihu Editor*)

**18.** Certainly, it is forbidden to meet over food if the meeting is not purely for business purposes (such as to finalize a deal or discuss a particular business opportunity), and is merely a venue at which to eat and spend time with clients or colleagues. (*Responsa from leading poskim, available by contacting the Doeihu Editor*)

**19.** In any instance where a man or woman feels that they must, for business purposes, meet a member of the opposite gender while eating together, they must consult a *posek* if/how it is permitted according to *halachah* (for instance, exclusively discussing business matters; ensuring that more than one man and woman attend the meeting; bringing along one's spouse, which is always preferable; etc.). (*Responsa from leading poskim, available by contacting the Doeihu Editor*)