

Can a Jewish Man and Woman Fly Alone Together on a Private Plane?

**Question:** Is an employer permitted to take a female employee on his private jet to attend a business meeting?

**Answer:** I actually had this *shailoh* asked to me in the past. A male employer was flying on his private plane to a business meeting in Florida, and wanted to take a female employee along with him. The only people on the plane would be the male employer, the employee, and a non-Jewish male pilot.

The halacha is that when two Jewish men are alone with one Jewish woman, there is no problem of *yichud* [provided they are not *prutzim*, morally unbound]. If two non-Jewish men are alone with one Jewish woman, there is a problem of *yichud*. If one Jewish man and one non-Jewish man are alone with one Jewish woman, it is a *machlokes haposkim* whether there is a problem of *yichud* and it is best to be stringent. In this case, there is even more reason to be *machmir*, as the pilot will mostly be confined to the cockpit and won't be keeping an eye on his two passengers.

To get around the problem, I suggested that the employer take along another frum male employee for the trip. It should be noted that this was only a valid suggestion because they were planning on flying during the daytime. At night, even two frum men cannot be alone with one woman because there is a concern that one of them may fall asleep.