

# MEMBERS OF THE OTHER GENDER

## CONTACT (NEGIA)

### What Constitutes Negia

Unrelated people of one gender may not generally have intimate physical contact with members of the opposite gender (*negia*). The prohibited types of contact are any that express affection or promote interpersonal relationships or intimacy. *Negia* does not apply to:

**For Males**--mother, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, and other descendants and antecedents.

**For Females**--father, grandfathers, sons, grandsons, and other descendants and antecedents.

### Non-Intimate Contact between Men and Women

Non-intimate contact is permissible between men and women--even if the two people are related or have a close personal relationship (except a husband and wife when she is a *nida*).

### EXAMPLES

- Doctor and patient.
- Massage therapist and patient.
- Lifeguard and swimmer.
- A Jewish *man* may catch a Jewish girl or woman on the flying trapeze.

**REASON** This is not intimate contact.

## INTER-MARRIAGE

### Family Member Who Inter-marries

Treat as single a sibling or parent or any other Jew who marries a non-Jew, as he or she is not considered to be married.

**EXAMPLE** If they visit, don't let them share a bedroom.