



### **A Boy Under 13 with a Girl Under 12**

**8. According to the letter of the law**, there is no prohibition of *yichud* if a boy under 13 is secluded with a girl less than 12. (*Yam Shel Shlomo, Kiddushin perek 4:22; Dvar Halachah 2:8*)

**9.** However, the *poskim* write that, practically, one should act stringently in this matter (both for reasons of *chinuch* and to avoid pitfalls), and so a boy who is **9** years old should not be alone with a girl who is at least **5**. If such a situation arises, one should consult a *Rav* to discuss how to proceed. (*Shevet Halevi vol. 5, 204:3; Chut Shani EH 22:11; Rav Yechiel Michel Steinmetz shlita*)

- It is important to note that some *poskim* are of the opinion that one must be stringent in this matter from the time that a girl turns **3**. (*See Malbushei Mordechai 2:2*)