



Stepchildren with Parents

16. It is important to note that the *halachos* of *yichud* apply between children and their stepparents, as well as between stepsiblings (i.e., children who do not share the same parents). In fact, the *halachos* may be more stringent in such cases because the situation is usually one of “*libo gas bah*” (to be defined later). Therefore, when such *shailos* come up, especially at the outset, a competent *posek* should be consulted to advise the family on what is permitted and what is forbidden, and to determine how to set up the household in the most ideal manner. (*Shevet*

Halevi vol. 5, 205:8, vol. 6 196; *Minchas Yitzchok* 9:140; *Dvar Halachah* 7:20; see also *Igros Moshe* EH vol. 4, 64:2)