



On the Day of the Holiday

5. Even when it is permitted to give a gift to an aino-Yehudi (as previously explained), there is a separate, specific prohibition to do so on the day of his holiday. The only exception to this prohibition is if one knows that the recipient is not a believer in this idol and is not an idolator. (Shulchan Aruch Y.D. 148:5)

6. In Eretz Yisrael, this prohibition applies beginning three days before the holiday and through the holiday. Outside Eretz Yisrael, the prohibition only applies on the day of the holiday itself. (Shulchan Aruch ibid. 4; Darchei Teshuvah ibid. 6)



From our inbox:

Thank you so much for your daily emails and the inspiring stories. I had a story of Hashgacha Pratis that showed me that Hashem is looking out for me and helping me stay within the guidelines of tzniyus.

I work in Eretz Yisrael for a company that is "officially" based in Chutz La'aretz, so we never have face-to-face contact with the non-Jews we're in touch with. Therefore, we were naturally more relaxed about how we communicate with coworkers of the opposite gender because we don't plan on ever meeting these people in real life. However, after receiving the Doeihu emails, I learned the proper guidelines and halachos between genders. Doeihu made me aware that even though I may never see these people, I still need to be careful in the way I speak and interact with them and remain an isha tzanua.

For personal reasons, I started working from home recently instead of at the office here in Eretz Yisrael. Shortly thereafter, I heard the shocking news that one of our non-Jewish workers was coming to visit our office! This particular man, with whom I'd worked for over 10 years over the phone, was a very uncouth person, and I was so happy that I was spared from meeting him due to my working from home. Afterwards, my coworker said that he was even asking for me while he was in the office, and I don't know what I would have done to save myself from what would surely have been an uncomfortable situation.

We never miss out by doing or learning about the right thing and following da'as Torah.