

# TZNIUT - MODESTY BULLETIN # 18

**“THE WOMAN WHO FEARS HASHEM, SHE  
SHALL BE PRAISED” (MISHLE 31:30)**

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## IT IS BETTER NOT TO GO TO A WEDDING WHERE THERE WILL BE PERITZUT

THE CHAFETZ CHAYYIM AHAVAT CHESSED

**“I am amazed that mechutanim allow pritzus at the wedding of their children. It is known that the success of any endeavor depends on whether Hashem Yisborach associates Himself with the person in his effort. If He does, it will succeed. Whereas, if Hakadosh Baruch Hit distances Himself from the project, it is bound to fail and all the effort is in vain. Due to this elementary truth, if a chasuna is conducted with pritzus, the Shechina is certainly not present. This in turn causes the union to fail, with arguments and quarrels plaguing the life of the young couple. Also, if they have children, they will not be a source of pleasure to their parents. How do mechutanim allow such tragedies to happen to their beloved children?”**

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*The true strength of a person's piety is demonstrated under the following circumstances: a devout person does not cast off his piety even when people ridicule him; whatever he does is for the sake of heaven; he does not look at women. His piety is put to the test especially when he is in the company of other men in a situation where women are usually around—for example, in a wedding hall where women are dressed in elegant gowns, and all are gazing at the women, and he does not stare. For that, he will be rewarded with abundant good. Therefore, when a man meets a woman, whether she is single or married, gentile or Jewish, an adult or a minor, it is best for him to turn his face aside and not to look at her. And so do we read in Job, "I made a Covenant with my eyes not to gaze on a maiden" (Job 31:1). The verse "He shuts his eyes against looking at evil" (Isaiah 33:15) refers to the person who does not look at women when they are doing their washing.' When they wash their clothes, they lift their skirts so as not to soil them and thus uncover their legs; and we know that a woman's leg is a sexual excitement. And so said the Sage, "There is no greater barrier to sexual arousal than closing one's eyes.*

*(Sefer Chassidim 9)*