



Introduction to the Upcoming Halachos

As previously explained, there is a concept called “*ika darka acharina*,” which means that when a person has a choice of two paths to his destination, one of which involves the danger of seeing forbidden sights and having forbidden thoughts, while the other does not, and he chooses the spiritually challenging path, he is termed a *rasha* by *Chazal*. If, however, the safer route costs a significant amount of money or involves other hardships, one may take the dangerous path, provided that he guards himself from seeing and thinking forbidden things. (As we explained, this only applies if the safer path is much more expensive or difficult, to the extent that he would not take it even for his own physical comfort.) We also explained that this leniency only applies to one who is merely passing through on the more spiritually dangerous road. It is almost always prohibited to travel to, and spend time in, a destination where spiritual challenges exist.