



Is it Really Necessary to Go?

17. Before one embarks on a business trip, especially when it entails traveling to a city that is replete with immodesty and temptations, it is important to consider whether the trip is really necessary, or if one can manage without going. If one does not absolutely **have** to go on the trip, and he could manage just as well without going, this would fall under the category of “*ika darka acharina*.” (This means that if a person has two roads that he can take to reach his destination, and on one of them he may come across problematic sights, he is obligated to take the other road which has no such problem. One who chooses to take the road that contains potentially problematic sights is called a wicked person because he deliberately placed himself in a situation of spiritual danger.)