



When Transgression is Certain

18. As we previously explained, it is forbidden for a person to do an action or go to a place where he will certainly, or almost certainly, transgress the prohibition of seeing improper sights or having improper thoughts. **Therefore, if it is certain, or almost certain, that going on this business trip or attending this show etc. will cause a person to transgress and see forbidden things or have forbidden thoughts, it is halachically forbidden for him to go**, even if this means that he will suffer a financial loss. (*Sefer HaChinuch, mitzvah 188; Igros Moshe EH 1:56; Chut Shani EH 21:5; Yisrael Kedoshim ch. 4; see Shulchan Aruch OC 500 and Mishnah Berurah ibid.*)