



### Holding onto an Object

**9.** One who needs to pass between two members of the opposite gender, and has no way to do so in a permissible manner, may rely upon the leniency of holding onto an object – e.g., a cane, book, hat, umbrella, etc. – while passing, and can then proceed. (*Zichron Tov, Michtav 29, cited in Piskei Teshuvah 206; Shulchan Chai 67; Shemiras Haguf V'Hanefesh 74*)

**10.** Similarly, some men grab onto their *peyos* while passing between two women. (*ibid.*)

**11.** Some *poskim* hold that one may not rely upon this leniency (holding onto an object) and can only pass if there is a proper physical barrier between them and the members of the opposite gender. (*See Chut Shani EH 21; see Salmas Chaim 85*)