



### **Darka Acharina**

3. Below is a short overview of the *halachos* of “*darka acharina*” (problematic situations where another option exists), which were discussed at length in previous emails:

- A. As mentioned in the past, it is forbidden for a person to place himself in a situation where he knows that he will be faced with spiritual challenges. *Chazal (Bava Basra 57b)* give the example of a person who has to travel to a certain location and can choose one of two roads to get there. On one of the routes, he will be exposed to forbidden sights, whereas the other is free of temptation. If the person chooses to take the road which poses spiritual challenges, he is referred to as a *rasha*.
- B. If there is no other road to his destination (or no other way to do the specific thing he needs to do), he is permitted to take that road; however, he must be very careful to guard his eyes and thoughts in order to avoid seeing or thinking anything forbidden. (*Rashbam, Bava Basra 57b; Shu”t Az Nidberu 6:75; Chut Shani EH; Shu”t Meishiv Nevonim*