



### The Prohibition of “*Lo Savi So'eivah el Beisecha*”

4. Below are the *halachos* that relate to the prohibition of “*Lo savi so'eivah el beisecha*, you shall not bring an abomination into your home” (*Devarim 7:26*).

A. It is forbidden to bring anything that is considered a *to'eivah* (abomination) into one's domain. This includes possessing any written material or images that contain idolatry or heretical ideas. Furthermore, one may not possess books, magazines, or catalogues that are specifically intended for immorality or immodesty. If one does bring such things into his possession, even if he does not look at the pictures or use these things for improper purposes, he transgresses this prohibition. (*Sefer HaChinuch*, mitzvah 429; *Rema OC 90:23*; *Taz, Gra, and Mishnah Berurah ad loc.*; *Kovetz*

*Maamarim of Rav Elchonon Wasserman zt"l*, p. 27)

B. The *Shulchan Aruch* rules that one may not daven while in the proximity of items that are in the category of “*to'eivah*.” (*Rema and commentaries ibid.*)