

## A CRASH FROM BEHIND



"...A man carrying a beam was followed by a man carrying a jar. If the two collide and the jar breaks (the law is:) the owner of the beam is not responsible because both had the right of way; *but*, if the owner of the beam had stopped to rest, he is held responsible for the damages unless he warned the man carrying the jar...."

...היה בעל הקורה ראשון, ובעל החבית אחרון. נשברה החבית פקודה, פטור בעל הקורה. ואם עמד בעל הקורה, חיב. ואם אמר לבעל החבית, עמוד, פטור...

(בבא קמא, ג'ה')



IN THIS STORY WE DISCUSS THE LAWS OF THOROUGHFARE:

- The law if the person in front stops unexpectedly.
- The law if the person in front blocks the whole road.
- The law if the person in back has room to pass.
- A difference of opinion of the Rishonim.
- The Shulchan Aruch's decision.

