

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפָּנֶיךָ ד' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאַלְקֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, שְׁתּוּלִיכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְתַצְעִידֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְתַדְרִיכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם, וְתַגִּיעֵנוּ לְמַחֲזוֹ חֲפָצֵנוּ לְחַיִּים וְלִשְׂמֻחָה וְלִשְׁלוֹם, (וְתַחֲזִירֵנוּ לְבֵיתֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם) וְתַצִּילֵנוּ מִכָּל פֶּלַא אֹיֵב וְאוֹרֵב וְלִסְטִים וְחַיּוֹת רָעוֹת בַּדֶּרֶךְ, וּמִכָּל מִינֵי פּוֹרְעָנִיּוֹת הַמְתַּרְגְּשׁוֹת לְבוֹא לְעוֹלָם, וְתִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה בְּכֹל מַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ, וְתַתְּנֵנוּ לְחֹן וְלַחֲסֵד וְלִרְחֻמִּים בְּעֵינֶיךָ וּבְעֵינֵי כָל רוֹאֵינוּ, וְתִשְׁמַע קוֹל תַּחֲנוּנֵינוּ, כִּי קָל שׁוֹמֵעַ תִּפְּלֶה וְתַחֲנֹן אֲתָה: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ד', שׁוֹמֵעַ תִּפְּלֶה:

GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL ON EREV SHABBOS

A person is obligated to plan his trip well on Erev Shabbos and take into account all possible delays that may occur on the way, in order to arrive at his destination before Shabbos, so as not to cause any possibility of chilul Shabbos.

IN CASE OF DELAY :

WHEN DRIVING A CAR: You may drive the car only until sunset (except in cases of pikuach nefesh). If you realize that you cannot reach your destination on time, you may hire a non-Jew to drive you. A non-Jew may drive a Jew to his destination until 40 minutes* after sunset. If one cannot reach his destination in time, he should stop at a motel or inn, and not hire a non-Jew to drive him but spend Shabbos at the motel. Sick people or infants, for whom staying in a motel is a problem, may be driven home with those that take care of them by a non-Jew on Shabbos even if there is no fear of pikuach nefesh.

WHEN STRANDED IN A MOTEL ON SHABBOS: you may ask a non-Jew to purchase food for you at a neighborhood store (if not available in the motel), if this will be used on Shabbos. You may pay him to do so, providing that you do not handle the money directly. A non-Jew may be asked to call another non-Jew who will notify your family that you are safe. It is preferable that this be done within 40 minutes* of

sunset, but in case of need it is permissible at any time on Shabbos.

CANDLE LIGHTING: if a family anticipates arriving late, they should designate a sheliach to light candles for them at their destination (no bracha is recited). When candles are not available, (e.g., in a motel), an incandescent bulb may be turned on as a ner Shabbos. In this case, there are variant opinions as to whether a brocha is recited. It should be noted that a man who is spending Shabbos alone, is obligated to light ner Shabbos, even if his wife is lighting elsewhere.

If the family arrives after sunset has passed, a non-Jew should be asked to make all the necessary preparations for the Jewish family during the 40 minutes* after sunset.

TECHUM SHABBOS: a person may not go more than 2,000 amos (approximately 7/10 of a mile) beyond the inhabited area he was in at the onset of Shabbos. In case of need, this may be measured from the place he was at 40 minutes* after sunset. If he did travel beyond this point, he must remain at his point of arrival and may not walk to shul or to visit others during Shabbos (unless he remains within an area surrounded by a wall or eruv). He may walk beyond the techum for kavod habrios purposes (i.e. to use a bathroom), but afterwards must remain in that building until the end of Shabbos.

WHEN TRAVELING in a plane, bus or train which is traveling on a regular route - you may remain on board until reaching your destination. You may not carry your baggage or personal items (keys, wallets etc.) off the bus unless the bus stops in an enclosed area. Muktz items may not be handled in any case. You may pay a non-Jewish passenger to carry these items for you, only if their loss is significant.

*NY, NJ, CT, PA, MD, and areas North according to Psak of HaRav Moshe Feinstein zt"l



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