

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS

PACKET #37



MUKTZA KAL

Muktza Kal is the less strict kind of *muktza*.

Even though it is *muktza*, there are some times that the *Chachomim* let us move or use it.

We are allowed to move something that is *Muktza Kal* if we need to use it for something on Shabbos — “*Letzorech Gufo*.” For example, we can use a pair of scissors to cut open a bag of food on Shabbos.

We are also allowed to move something that is *Muktza Kal* if we need the space, like if a hammer is on the couch and we need to sit there. This is called “*Letzorech Mekomo*.”



MUKTZA

It is the Chabad *minhag* to light at least some of our Shabbos candles on the table.

But if there are candles resting on the table, the whole table can become a *basis* to the *muktza*! Then the table would be *muktza* too, and we wouldn't be able to move it on Shabbos.

(The real problem is the flames, which are *Muktza Machmas Isur*. This is a strict kind of *muktza* that can't be moved for any reason. The candlesticks themselves are only a *Keili Shemelachto L'isur*, which CAN be moved if you need the space. But since the table is a *basis* to the flames, the whole table can't be moved at all.)

That's why we also have a *minhag* to put the *challos* on the table before *Licht Bentchen*. Since the *challos* are more important than the flames, and they are also resting on the table, the table doesn't become a *basis* to the *muktza*. This way we are able to move the table on Shabbos if we need to.

Based on Halacha shiur from Rabbi Y. Schusterman, muktza part V



ERUV TECHUMIN

People in a big city don't usually need to think about an *Eruv Techumin*. They can walk for hours to another town for a *simcha*, or on *Tahalucha*, without worrying about the *Techum Shabbos* — it's all one big city.

But nowadays, many Yidden, including *shluchim*, live in small towns. Also, when you are in a camp or a bungalow colony, you need to know how far you are allowed to walk. Even walking 15 minutes to visit someone in the hospital, or to see someone in his house, might be going out of the *Techum Shabbos*! Sometimes, an *Eruv Techumin* in the right place makes it fine to walk there.

The *halachos* of calculating where the *Techum Shabbos* ends are very complicated, and should be checked with a *Rav* who is an expert in them.



BAKING CHALLOS

It is a *minhag* to bake challah for Shabbos.

Baking challah ourselves, and not buying it, shows *kavod* Shabbos! The Rema says that this *minhag* should not be changed.

It is also special to make enough challah to do *Hafroschas Challah* on *Erev Shabbos*. Taking challah, especially on Friday, helps fix up the *cheit* of the *Eitz Hadaas*, which happened on Friday!

See the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, siman 242



SHABBOS TABLECLOTH

After the Shabbos meal, we clean up. But don't take off the tablecloth!

It is the *minhag* to keep our table covered with a tablecloth the WHOLE Shabbos, to show *kavod* for Shabbos.

See the Alter Rebbe's *Shulchan Aruch, siman Reish-Samach-Beis*

