

HALACHOS HATZRICHOS

PACKET #23



FEET TOGETHER

During *Shemoneh Esrei*, when we stand before Hashem, we keep our feet together.

One reason is so that we will stand like *malochim*, who have only one foot.

Another reason is taught by the *Beis Yosef*, which he learned from his teacher, the Mahari Abuhav:

We stand with our feet together during *Shemoneh Esrei* to show that we are not going anywhere! We have no plans to take care of anything else, and we aren't interested in doing anything except for speaking to Hashem!



INTERTWINING HANDS

We don't intertwine the fingers of both hands together, because it brings down *din* on the person from *Shomayim*.

In the *seforim* of the Arizal, it says that he warned his *talmidim* to be very careful not to do this, and to teach their families as well.

Nowadays, many *goyim* have a *minhag* to hold their hands this way when speaking or praying. Because of this, some say it is ALSO *asur* because of "Uvechukoseihem Lo Seileichu," that we don't follow the *minhag* of *goyim*.

See what intertwined fingers look like, and links, including a story of the Rebbe: <http://www.kidschitas.org/?p=808>

See the Alter Rebbe's *Shulchan Aruch siman Tzadik-Alef se'if vov, Piskei Teshuvos vol. 1 p. 749*



HORAOS FOR TRAVELING

A school that had planned an end-of-the-year trip out of town wrote to the Rebbe. The Rebbe gave two *horaos* for the trip:

- 1) Remember to say *Tefillas Haderech!*
- 2) The students should spread *Yiddishkeit* in a way that makes sense for kids their age.

See the letter printed in Shaarei Halacha Uminhag, chelek alef p. 224



DRIVING AT NIGHT

Did you ever go on a long trip in a car?

If we drive at night, the Rebbe says that we shouldn't just drive straight through. We should stop every hour for about 10 minutes.

See Mikdash Melech vol. 4 p. 490, Shulchan Menachem vol 1 p. 357



NOT JUST A PLAY

From a letter of the Rebbe:

In plays, there are some things people don't think about, but are actually *asur* in Torah! They don't become *mutar* when "it's just a play."

- 1) Girls aren't allowed to wear boy's clothing or weapons
- 2) Girls are not allowed to sing in public
- 3) Boys and girls should be separate

See Igros Kodesh vol. 10, p. 238

