

# HALACHOS HATZRICHOS

PACKET #26



# TZEDAKAH BEFORE LICHT BENTCHEN

It is a *minhag* to give *tzedakah* before we light Shabbos candles.

Why?

*Licht bentchen* is a special time when Hashem listens to the *tefillos* of the women and girls who are lighting Shabbos candles. We give *tzedakah* before to bring even more *bracha* in all the things we ask.

*See Igros Kodesh vol. 14, p. 529*



# BENTCHING LIGHT WITH SHABBOS CLOTHES

It is a very good *minhag* of women to put on their Shabbos clothes before *bentching licht*. It shows *kavod* for the Shabbos *licht* and for Shabbos itself, which starts right after lighting our candles!

But if someone is running late, it is better to *bentch licht* wearing weekday clothes, than to *bentch licht* very close to *Shkiyah*, which might *chas veshalom* possibly end up as *Chillul Shabbos*.

*See Kitzur Dinei Uminhagei Neiros Shabbos Kodesh VeYom Tov by Rabbi N. Dubov, p. 11*



## SHABBOS LIGHT

The main *mitzvah* of *Neiros Shabbos* is for the mother of the house to light candles at the table where the family will eat the Shabbos meal. This brings *Shalom Bayis* and *Oneg Shabbos*!

But that's not the **WHOLE** *mitzvah*!

The *Chachomim* taught that there should be light in the whole house, wherever people go on Shabbos!

Even though we don't *bentch licht* in every room, we should make sure that there is a light on in every part of our homes. This keeps people from tripping and falling on things on Shabbos!

Even a bedroom that we like to keep dark should have a way to be lit up on Shabbos, for example with a light in a closet or hallway. This way there will be light if we need to see something.

See *Kitzur Dinei Uminhagei Neiros Shabbos Kodesh*, p. 13



# PARSHA QUESTIONS

*“Who knows what is this week’s parsha?”*

For many generations, it has been a *Minhag* among Yidden for a father to test his children on Shabbos. He should ask them about what they learned during the week, especially about the *parsha* that they learned about in school and heard being read in *shul*!

*See Sicha Shabbos Hagadol 5749*



# LOKEIL ASHER SHOVAS

What happens if someone wasn't paying attention, and by mistake started *davening* the weekday *davening* on Shabbos?

If he missed the special paragraphs we add in *Birchos Kriyas Shema*, he SHOULDN'T go back to say them.

But because it is important to speak about the praise of Shabbos, he should say the paragraph of *Lokeil Asher Shovas* AFTER *davening*.

*From the Alter Rebbe's Shulchan Aruch, halachos printed in the siddur*

