Non-Jew Driven Vehicle before Dark Starting Jewish Festival

You may continue riding in a car or taxi driven by a non-Jew between sunset and dark (*tzeit ha'kochavim*) beginning a *Jewish festival*, even if the vehicle is driven just for you. You:

- May not do this on Shabbat.
- Must have already paid before sunset.
- May not open a door that will cause a light to turn on or do any other *melachot*.
- If you have already traveled outside *techum*, you may move only 4 <u>amot</u> (85" or 116 cm) away from the vehicle, unless the driver leaves you off in an enclosed domain (any area surrounded by walls or an *eruv*), in which case you may go anywhere in that domain.
- If you had not gone outside of *techum*, you may go anywhere in the domain and you may also go up to 2000 *amot* (3,542 ft. or 1,080 m) outside of the domain.

NOTE Since this is a *d'oraita* case, we use a smaller measurement for *ama*--21 1/4" (54 cm).

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