## **Introduction to Shabbat: Laundry**

You may not wash or hang up wet laundry on <u>Shabbat</u> (or <u>Jewish festivals</u>). The <u>halachot</u> for drying laundry depend on whether you use a clothesline or a dryer:

## Shabbat: Laundry: Clothesline

You may take down laundry on <u>Shabbat</u> only if it was dry before sunset on Friday, and only if you don't:

- Transfer the laundry from one halachic domain to another (hotza'a), or
- Give the impression that the laundry had been washed on *Shabbat* (*mar'it ayin*).

If laundry on a clothesline is still wet at sunset on Friday, the laundry is *muktza* and you may not take it down or use it during *Shabbat*. This is different from the case of a dryer.

REASON On the clothesline, there is no certainty that the laundry will dry during <u>Shabbat</u> (it might rain, it might be cold or cloudy...), so the person cannot have in mind that it will dry during <u>Shabbat</u>.

## Shabbat: Laundry: Dryer

Laundry in a dryer (even if it was wet at sunset) that was turned on before sunset on Friday (or <u>Jewish festivals</u>) is not <u>muktza</u>, even if you do not intend to wear it. You may remove the dry laundry from the dryer on *Shabbat* as long as no light goes on.

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