JEWISH FESTIVALS: MAIL AND PERIODICALS

Jewish Festivals: Bringing Mail inside House

Do not bring mail inside the house on Jewish festivals, unless it was delivered:

• Open

REASON Most mail is *muktza* on *Jewish festivals* since it cannot be opened or used without doing *melacha*, AND

- From within *techum Shabbat*, AND
- By a non-Jew.

Jewish Festivals: Bringing Newspaper inside House

You may bring a newspaper, magazine, or other reading material inside the house on <u>Jewish festivals</u> and read it, UNLESS it was:

- Printed on *Shabbat* or a *Jewish festival*, OR
- Brought from outside the *techum Shabbat*, OR
- Delivered by a Jew.

If any of these conditions apply, you may not move it or use it in any way during the <u>Jewish festival</u>, even if all of the other conditions permit its use. You may use it once the <u>Jewish festival</u> is over.

- NOTE As a policy, you may want to tell delivery services (newspapers, post office, etc.) that you do not need to have the item delivered until after dark.
- REASON If delivered on the *Jewish festival* day, it will not be done at your request and, if it is reading material, you may read the material as long as the other conditions permit it--see above.
- NOTE If you do not know where the reading material came from, you may not use it on the *Jewish festival*.
- NOTE Although taking possession of the newspaper, magazine, or other reading material is "acquisition" (*kinyan*), you may do so since you will use it on the *Jewish festival*.

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