Jewish Festival: One Day or Two

Outside of *Eretz Yisrael*, *Jewish festivals* are observed for two days instead of one.

REASON	In ancient Jerusalem, the *Sanhedrin* declared the new month based on testimony of at least two witnesses. Since Jews who lived far from Jerusalem did not find out when the *Jewish festivals* began until as much as two weeks after the fact, a two-day festival was declared and we continue to observe that two-day holiday outside of *Eretz Yisrael*.
SITUATION	You are in *Eretz Yisrael* for any of the *Jewish festivals*. You want *melacha* done for you on the second day of the festival.
WHAT TO DO	You may ask a resident of *Eretz Yisrael* to do *melacha* for you. (You may not ask a non-Jew to do *melacha* for you!)
REASON	It is no longer a *Jewish festival* for him/her.
NOTE	If you are outside of *Eretz Yisrael*, you may not ask a resident of *Eretz Yisrael* (who is visting you) to do *melacha* for you on the second day of the *Jewish festival*, even though he/she is no longer observing the festival.
REASON	He/she may not do any *melacha d'oraita* even in private and not even for him/herself.

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