Shabbat: Opening Refrigerator when Compressor not On

On *Shabbat*, even though you may cause a compressor to turn on while you are using it or soon afterward, you may:

- Open the door to a refrigerator or freezer.
- Use a water cooler.

NOTE This also applies to water fountains such as in schools and *synagogues*.

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