JEWISH FESTIVALS: CHILDREN'S GAMES

JEWISH FESTIVALS: BALL PLAYING

Jewish Festivals and Ball Playing in Yard or Eruv

Playing ball is not forbidden on *Jewish festivals*, as long as the *Jewish festival* does not coincide with *Shabbat* (in which case, it is not forbidden to play ball in an enclosed private yard, but it is not in the spirit of *Jewish festivals* or *Shabbat*).

Jewish Festivals and Retrieving Ball

You may retrieve a ball or other item that has fallen into a bush on a *Jewish festival*, but only if you can get it without moving the bush.

JEWISH FESTIVALS: CARD PLAYING

Jewish Festivals: Cards If No Gambling or Melacha

Playing cards is not forbidden on *Jewish festivals* as long as you do not gamble or do *melacha*. As on *Shabbat*, you may sort a deck of cards into suits.

NOTE However, playing cards is not in the spirit of *Jewish festivals* (or *Shabbat)*.

Jewish Festivals: Removing Unwanted Cards

Unlike on *Shabbat*, on a *Jewish festival* you may select (*boreir*) and remove unwanted cards (such as Jokers).

JEWISH FESTIVALS: STICKERS

Jewish Festivals: Stickers

Children may apply or remove stickers for decoration or “jewelry” if the stickers and earrings are likely to come off in less than 24 hours.

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