# SHABBAT: AIRPLANES

## WHEN TO LEAVE BY AIRPLANE BEFORE SHABBAT

### Flying before Shabbat for Business

You may leave until sunset on Friday if you are flying for business, but you must be VERY careful to avoid doing any *melacha* while transiting *Shabbat* in flight!

### Flying before Shabbat and Flight Delayed

SITUATION You are are flying for business on Friday and the flight is delayed. The flight will leave after sunset.

WHAT TO DO

You may stay on the airplaine.

NOTE If you are flying for pleasure, you must get off the plane before sunset (if possible).

## SHABBAT: FLYING FOR BUSINESS

### Flying through Shabbat for Business

If you fly through *Shabbat* (permitted for business only), you must keep even *Shabbat d'rabanan* while flying over the area of the earth that is in *Shabbat*.

If you fly east (such as from Asia to the US, across the Pacific) after *Shabbat* is over, you will re-enter *Shabbat* and may not do *melacha* on the airplane. Say the *Shabbat* prayers and *kiddush* at the appropriate local time where you are flying.

## SHABBAT: FLYING FOR PLEASURE

### How Much Time To Allow When Flying for Pleasure

You must not travel during any part of *Shabbat* if you are flying for pleasure. You must therefore leave with enough time to land and get to an accommodation before local *Shabbat* starts at your destination.

## SHABBAT: LANDING

### Shabbat: Landing at Connected Jetway

If you land before local sunset on Saturday and the jetway is connected to the terminal building, you may disembark but you must stay in the terminal building until *Shabbat* is over.

### Shabbat: Landing at Unconnected Jetway

If the jetway is a ladder or not connected to the terminal, you must stay on the plane until after dark.

### Shabbat: Police Orders To Leave Airport

If you land at an airport on *Shabbat* and the police or other authority orders you to leave, you may do so.

### Shabbat: Taking Luggage from Airport

If you are ordered to take your bags outside of the airport or the building after landing on *Shabbat*, a non-Jew should take them for you.

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