SHABBAT: ELEVATORS/ESCALATORS

Shabbat: Riding Elevators

You may ride on an elevator if:

- The elevator stops at all floors, or
- A non-Jew pushes the button in order to ride the elevator himself.

NOTE You may get off only on the floor at which the non-Jew stopped; you may not have him or her push the button for a different floor for you.

NOTE You must enter the elevator while the door is already open but has not yet begun to close, even if your presence keeps the door open but not if it will cause the door to open.

NOTE You may not ride an elevator at all if a Jew pushes the button to any floor.

Shabbat: Riding Escalators

You may ride escalators on *Shabbat* if they:

- Run constantly, and
- Are not controlled by a foot treadle or an electric eye.

Shabbat: Asking Non-Jew To Help with Electric Door/Elevator

You may ask a non-Jew to open an electric door or to push the button to summon an elevator for you on *Shabbat*--even if he does not need to get to the floor you want--if you need to get to your room for any *mitzva* or *Shabbat* purpose, such as for a nap, to eat, or use the toilet.

REASON Even if a light comes on, it is d'rabanan (you do not need the light) and, therefore, you are permitted to ask the non-Jew to push the button.

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