## SHABBAT: MAIL AND PERIODICALS

## **Shabbat: Bringing Mail inside House**

Do not bring mail inside the house on Shabbat, unless it was delivered:

- From within techum Shabbat, AND
- Within an eruv, AND
- By a non-Jew, AND
- · Already open.

REASON Most mail is *muktza* since it cannot be opened or used without doing *melacha*.

## **Shabbat: Bringing Newspaper inside House**

You may bring a newspaper, magazine, or other reading material inside the house on *Shabbat* and read it if there is an *eruv*, unless it was:

- Brought from outside the techum Shabbat, OR
- Printed on Shabbat, OR
- Delivered by a Jew.

If any of these conditions apply, you may not use it in any way on <u>Shabbat</u>, even if all of the other conditions would have permitted its use. You may use it once <u>Shabbat</u> is over.

NOTE	As a policy, you may tell delivery services that you do not need to have the item delivered until after dark.
REASON	If the item is delivered on <i>Shabbat</i> , it is not being done at your request and, if it is reading
	material, you may read the material as long as the other conditions permit itsee above.
NOTE	If you do not know where the reading material came from, you may not use it Shabbat.
NOTE	Although taking possession of the newspaper, magazine, or other reading material is
	"acquisition" (kinyan), you may do so since you will use it on Shabbat.