JEWISH FESTIVALS: ELEVATORS/ESCALATORS

Jewish Festivals: Riding Elevators

You may ride an elevator on Jewish festivals if:

- The elevator stops at all floors, or
- A non-Jew pushes the button in order to ride the elevator himself. But:
 - You may only get off on the floor he or she has stopped at (he or she may not push a button for a different floor for you).
 - You must enter the elevator while the door is already opened but has not yet begun to close (since your presence keeps the door open but does not *cause* it to open).

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

Jewish Festival: Riding Escalators

You may ride escalators on *Jewish festivals* if they run constantly and are not controlled by a foot treadle or an electric eye.

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