# **SHABBAT: NON-JEWS (SHABBAT GOY)**

### Asking Non-Jew To Do Melacha D'Oraita

You may not ask a non-Jew to turn ON a light or turn ON heat, or other <u>d'oraita</u> violations of <u>Shabbat</u>--even for a <u>mitzva</u> or for <u>oneg Shabbat</u>. However, you may ask a non-Jew to do a <u>melacha d'oraita</u> for any of a sick person's needs, even if there is no danger to the person's life.

NOTE You may tell a non-Jew to do *melacha*, even if it is *d'oraita*, for a *mitzva* or *oneg Shabhat* only if it is *bein ha'shmashot* (between sunset and dark).

### Asking Non-Jew To Do Melacha D'Rabanan

You may directly instruct or ask a non-Jew to do melacha d'rabanan for you on Shabbat, but only:

• To prevent a large financial loss.

NOTE A large loss is subjective to the individual's actual wealth and also to that person's perception of what is a large loss. Consult a *rabbi*.

• For *Shabbat* needs.

EXAMPLE You may ask a non-Jew to unlock an electric hotel door or trigger an entrance door on *Shabbat*, since this is for a *Shabbat* need and the action is not prohibited *d'oraita*.

SITUATION A new guest arrives and you need the space on the table occupied by your *Shabbat* 

candlesticks.

WHAT TO DO You may not move the candlesticks, but you may ask a non-Jew to do so.

You left a non-muktza item that you now need for <u>Shabbat</u> on a tree branch (or a child left one in a tree house!).

WHAT TO DO You may not climb the tree to retrieve the item, but you may ask a non-Jew to retrieve

**EXAMPLE** it. You may ask a non-Jew to turn on air conditioning.

EXAMPLE You may ask a non-Jew (directly, no need to hint) to turn off a light if it interferes with someone's sleeping.

- To allow doing a mitzva.
- For other pressing (and certainly for life-threatening) needs, such as health, even if the person not sick.

NOTE All of these are *d'rabanan* cases!

## Hinting to a Non-Jew To Do a Melacha

You may hint or imply that you need something done in order to induce a non-Jew to do even a <u>melacha</u> d'oraita that will benefit you, but *only* if you don't need that action.

EXAMPLE Turning off a light; bringing a chair from outside an *eruv*.

#### Non-Jews: Melacha Bein HaShmashot

You may tell a non-Jew to do melacha for Oneg Shabbat.