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Hilchos Shabbos & Yom Tov

**For patients brought to and/or
discharged from a hospital on
Shabbos/Yom Tov**

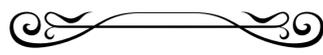
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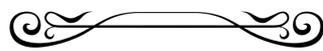
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**The following *Halachos* apply while staying at,
and when leaving, the hospital.**

Elevators and Automatic Doors

- 1.** It is permitted to ask a non-Jew to perform prohibited actions for a *choleh*. Therefore, it is permitted to ask a non-Jew to press the buttons of an elevator for the sake of transporting a *choleh*.
- 2.** A healthy person who is not in the category of a *choleh* should use the stairs whenever possible, and when there is no electric eye or sensor. If it is extremely difficult, he may use the elevator on the condition that ALL of the following are met:
 - a.** When riding along with a non-Jew who is riding in it for his own purpose.
 - b.** The non-Jew doesn't push any button specifically for him.
 - c.** For the sake of fulfilling a Mitzvah (i.e. accompanying a *choleh*).
- 3.** Even in the above-mentioned case, it is preferable for a healthy person to use a Shabbos elevator, if available.
- 4.** When there is no other option, one is permitted to use bathrooms that have electronic sensors. However, sinks with electronic sensors should not be used, as one could find water to wash one's hands through other means.
- 5.** A healthy person who is not in the category of a "*choleh*", may not ask a non-Jew to open an electronic door for him. However, for the sake of a Mitzvah, it may be permitted.
- 6.** It is permitted for a healthy person to exit through an automatic door when a non-Jew is exiting at the same time.

Eruv T'chumin

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL:

1. It is permitted to walk home from Good Samaritan Hospital to any area within Monsey.

NYACK HOSPITAL:

2. An Eruv T'chumin has been arranged for those wishing to return to Monsey from Nyack Hospital. Carrying is prohibited.
3. It is important to stress that the Eruv T'chumin has been arranged only for the purpose of walking from Nyack to Monsey; walking from Monsey to Nyack is permitted only in cases of emergency.
4. In order to be permitted to walk back to Monsey on Shabbos, it is required for one to **be aware prior to Shabbos**, that an Eruv has been arranged. One who finds out ON Shabbos that an Eruv was arranged, may NOT rely on it for that Shabbos.
5. This restriction applies only to those who were in Nyack **before** Shabbos, or have arrived to Nyack on the 1st day of Yom Tov, and wish to walk back on the 2nd day. Those who arrived to Nyack ON Shabbos or Yom Tov, and wish to walk back on the same day they arrived, are permitted to walk back to Monsey even if they were not aware of the existence of the Eruv prior to Shabbos or Yom Tov.
6. The most direct route from Nyack to Monsey: Route 9W south (3-4 minutes) to Route 59; Route 59 to Route 306 in Monsey is approximately a three hours walk.
7. Patients who arrived on Shabbos from Kiryas Joel (or any other town not *halachically* connected to Monsey) may walk from Good Sam Hospital to Monsey, but are prohibited to walk from Nyack to Monsey.
8. However, if they arrived to Nyack Hospital prior to Shabbos or Yom Tov, they may rely on the Eruv and walk to Monsey, if they were previously aware that an Eruv was arranged.

Definition of a Choleh NOT in Danger of Losing One's Life

Halacha considers any of the following as “*cholim*” who are NOT in danger of losing one's life:

- a.** Bedridden / Entire body affected / Weak or sluggish / Dysfunctional.
- b.** Elderly (approximately 70 years old and above) and a person to assist the elderly.
- c.** Child up to age 11, and an adult who is needed for the child's care (either to take the child home or to assist a child at home, i.e. a nursing mother).
- d.** Postnatal woman, up to 30 days after delivery.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| Hatzoloh Emergency Hotline: | 845 425 1600 |
| Hatzoloh Non-Emergency Number: | 845 425 8979 |
| Monsey Bikur Cholim: | 845-425-7877/4567 |
| Chayim Aruchim: | 718-278-2446 |

Returning Home with a non-Jewish Driver

- 1.** A person who is NOT considered a “*choleh*” may not return home on Shabbos by car (unless he is assisting a *choleh*).
- 2.** A person who IS considered a “*choleh*” may return on Shabbos via a non-Jewish car service.
- 3.** A *choleh* is permitted to return with a non-Jewish driver, even from hospitals that are out of his T’chum Shabbos area.
- 4.** Do not call the car yourself; have a non-Jewish receptionist call for you.
- 5.** Note: The drivers of La Familia car service are familiar with your Shabbos needs: tel. 845 425-4411.

Riding Along with a Choleh

- 1.** If a *choleh* is returning with a non-Jewish driver, a healthy person who is absolutely non-essential for a *choleh*, may also ride along on the condition that ALL of the following are met:
 - a.** The hospital is within the *T’chum*, or an Eruv has been properly arranged (hospitals in Westchester or NYC are beyond the *T’chum* of Monsey).
 - b.** He/she cannot walk due to extraordinary poor weather, etc.
 - c.** For the sake of fulfilling a Mitzvah that cannot be done in the hospital (**etc. בציבור, סעודת שבת, תפלה**).
 - d.** The non-Jewish driver does not do ANYTHING for the non-*choleh*. He/she must enter and exit the car together with the *choleh*.

Carrying Items on Shabbos

The following restrictions on carrying are for areas outside the Monsey Eruv.

- 1.** It is not permitted to bring home personal belongings due to the *melacha* of Carrying/ **הוצאה**. Make sure to check your pockets before leaving the hospital building (not applicable to Good Sam Hospital which is surrounded with an *eruv chatzeiros*).
- 2.** If someone must walk home and needs to carry a prescription, it should be placed in his shoe or hat (*shinui*).
- 3.** Patients discharged with a plastic hospital ID bracelet attached to their arm, should, preferably, remove them with a *shinui*, at a place where no lettering is written.
- 4.** In the following cases, it is permitted for a non-Jew to carry items for you:
 - a.** Items needed for the *choleh*; i.e. medications etc.
 - b.** By adding personal items to a bag or satchel that is being carried by a non-Jew for the *choleh*.
 - c.** High Value Items/ *Hefsed Merubah* – to be judged on an individual basis.
- 5.** In the above cases, *muktzah* items may only be carried by a non-Jew.
- 6.** According to some *poskim*, an Eruv that permits carrying from one domain to another applies only for items that have been within the boundaries of that Eruv at the onset of Shabbos. Items that have come from outside the Eruv on Shabbos may not be carried from one domain to another. Therefore, if at all possible, items reaching Monsey on Shabbos should not be carried by a Jew from the car to the house, or vice versa.
- 7.** Aside from Good Sam Hospital, most hospitals do NOT have an Eruv in their parking lot; thus, have a non-Jew carry your belongings from inside the hospital building to the car.

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Good Samaritan Hospital – Suffern

Bikur Cholim Room/Chesed Room: In main lobby. Snacks and coffee, Kosher microwave and fridge in the room. A Bikur Cholim room is also located in the maternity ward.

Shabbos House: 5 Hillcrest, opposite entrance to Good Samaritan, gray house next to Kohl Medical Building.

Fully stocked with food from Bikur Cholim of Rockland County. There is an Eruv between the Hospital and the Shabbos House.

Nyack Hospital

Bikur Cholim Room and Apartment: 3rd floor opposite patient elevator; Kosher food. Refrigerator with kosher food in pantry next to pediatric Emergency Room.

Westchester Medical Center

Bikur Cholim Room: Main Hospital 1st floor, Jewish prayer room next to the Chapel. Kosher Pantry: Pediatric unit 3rd floor down the hallway #C3309.

Shabbos Apartment: Located in the Maplewood Hall building across the children's hospital (4 story red brick building - behind Ronald McDonald house), main entrance 1st floor left side. **No eruv between the hospital and the apartments.**

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