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Overview

Siman 307 Seif 6:

It is prohibited for one to think about financial calculations even if they relate to the past, for example, "I spent "x" on that matter but this applies only if one retains possession of the money that is owed but if one paid them already it is permitted.

- Since one needs to know how much he owes, it is comparable to a needed financial calculation which is prohibited. (M.B. 25)
- If one knows that his workers are not owed anything he may make related financial calculations. (M.B. 26)
- Although permitted, Magid Mishnah writes that it is unnecessary speech which one who is G-d fearing will avoid. (M.B. 27)

Siman 307 Seif 7:

One may say to a friend, "Do you think you will be able to join me tonight," even though he will understand that you need to hire him. One may not say, "Be prepared to be with me tonight."

- The same applies when speaking to a gentile. (M.B. 28)
- Since one only hints to him it is no worse than just thinking about melacha but if one tells him to be ready it is already considered to be speaking about prohibited activities. (M.B. 29)

Siman 307 Seif 8:

It is permitted to say to a friend, "I am walking to city "x" tomorrow and it is also permitted for one to say, "Come with me to city "x" tomorrow" since it is permitted to walk to those places if there were huts along the way. It is also permitted to discuss doing after Shabbos other activities that could be permitted on Shabbos as long as one does not mention payment for that service. If an activity cannot be permitted on Shabbos, even if it is only Rabbinically prohibited, for example, one has fruit that are muktzah outside of the techum, since they cannot be imported on Shabbos, it is prohibited to discuss with a friend importing them the next day. It is also prohibited to wait until dark at the end of the techum so that one could quickly retrieve them after dark. It is also prohibited to say, "I will do such and such tomorrow and see above, the beginning of the siman. **One may wait at the end of the techum until dark so that one could quickly travel to watch them since it is permitted to watch them even on Shabbos, had they been within the techum. If one's intent by going to the end of the techum was to watch them after dark it is also permitted to import them.**

- Shulchan Aruch is teaching that although it is prohibited to walk beyond the techum on Shabbos it is permitted to say that one will walk beyond the techum the next day since it is permitted to walk and the only issue is the absence of huts. It is prohibited to say that one will ride an animal or carriage since it involves discussing activities that are prohibited. (M.B. 30)
- It is permitted to say that one intends to import detached fruit that is beyond the techum since they are not muktzah and can be imported if there were huts and walls. (M.B. 32)
- The same is true if they are in the techum since they are muktzah. (M.B. 34)
- When the fruit is not muktzah it is permitted to wait at the end of the techum for them since it is permitted to ask a friend to bring them. (M.B. 35)
- Rema is teaching that one may not even talk to himself about activities that one may not do on Shabbos. (M.B. 36)
- Watching the fruit is permitted on Shabbos and as such it is permitted to wait at the end of the techum until dark for this purpose and the fact that they are beyond the techum is not important since if there were huts it would be permitted to travel there as well. (M.B. 37)

Halacha Highlight

Discussing future travel plans

Shulchan Aruch Siman 307 Seif 8

יכול לומר לחברו לכרך פלוני אני הולך למחר

It is permitted to say to a friend, "I am traveling to such and such a city tomorrow

Shulchan Aruch (סע' ח') rules that it is permitted for one to say to a friend that he intends to travel to another place on Shabbos. Mishnah Berurah (סק"ל) explains that at the beginning of the siman Shulchan Aruch ruled that one may not discuss doing an activity after Shabbos that is prohibited to be done on Shabbos. In our seif Shulchan Aruch is teaching that although on Shabbos one may not travel beyond the techum, nevertheless, it is permitted to declare on Shabbos one's intent to travel to a distant city after Shabbos. The reason is that there is no prohibition against walking on Shabbos. The only issue is that between one's present location and his final destination there aren't huts at the necessary to distance to permit traveling that distance even on Shabbos but since if there were huts it would be permitted; it may be discussed on Shabbos as well.

Mishnah Berurah (שם) mentions, however, that one may not say that one intends to ride an animal or in a carriage since those are activities that are prohibited on Shabbos and as mentioned one is not permitted to discuss an activity that is prohibited on Shabbos. Instead one should say that he intends to walk after Shabbos. Aruch HaShulchan (סע' כ"א) writes that itis permitted for one to say that he intends to travel by boat after Shabbos since there is no prohibition against travelling by boat on Shabbos. For this reason Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach (שמירת שבת כהלכתה פכ"ט הע' קנ"ח ובח"ג שם) ruled that one could mention that he is going to any place that one could reach by boat since travelling by boat is permitted on Shabbos. Rav Auerbach (שלחן שלמה סק"י) also writes that one is permitted to declare that he will "travel" to places that cannot be reached by boat since one could reach the place by bicycle and people use the term "travel" even in reference to bicycle riding.