

Muktza Part II: Examples

Muktza refers to something that has been “put aside” from one’s mind. It is anything not designated or prepared for use by the onset of *Shabbos*. The primary prohibited action is to move Muktza. The following are NOT Muktza:

1. food and liquid fit for human or animal consumption
2. *Keilim* (utensils or objects), except those specifically prohibited
3. non-*Keilim* that have been designated for use on *Shabbos*

There are eight categories of objects, of which seven are classified as Muktza. Category 1 is not Muktza. Category 2 is Muktza, but may be moved *l'Tzorich Gufo u'Makomo* (for itself or its space). Categories 3 – 8 are Muktza, but may not be moved, unless they present a direct health hazard. Examples are given below, but the lists are not intended to be exhaustive.

NOT MUKTZACategory 1: *K'li Sh'm'lachto l'Heter* (Object Used For Permitted *Shabbos* Labor)

air freshener: aerosol, liquid	carpet runner	games: board (including spinner, dice)	scarf
artificial/cut: plant, flower	chair	garbage can/ pail (inside)	<i>Sefar Kodesh</i>
baby carriage	checkers	glasses case	soap: thin liquid
bag: paper, plastic	chess	hair band/clip	scouring powder
ball: e.g., football, soccer, basketball, baseball, ping-pong	<i>Chumash</i>	hat	Sheitel
basket	clothing	hoola-hoop	<i>Siddur</i>
bed	coat (e.g., jacket, rain coat, overcoat)	keys: house, jewelry case, non-ignition car	stroller
bedding	coat hanger	magnet	stuffed: animal, toy
belt	cork screw	<i>Mayim</i>	sun glasses
bentcher	costume	<i>Acharonim</i>	swing set
binoculars	jewelry	vessel	table
Blech	crib	<i>M'gillas Esther</i>	table cloth
blocks: non- interlocking	crockpot: with food or liquid in it (even if plugged into electric socket)	mirror: hand- held	<i>Tallis</i>
bobby pin	cup	napkin	telescope
bottle opener	cutlery	paper clip	throw rug
bowl	deodorant: aerosol, liquid	percolator	tissue
brush: soft (hair, hat, toothbrush)	diaper	perfume	toys: non- electric and non- noisemaking
broom: synthetic bristles	dictionary	photograph	towel
can opener	doll	photo album	toys
cards: playing, trading	doll accessories	pitcher	toy: boat, car, plane, truck
	egg slicer	plate	trivet
	eye glasses	playground equipment	undergarment
	fan: paper	PostIt note	urn
	footwear (including jogging)	pot holder	utensil: serving, <i>Treif</i> to hold permitted)
	furniture	rag	wrist watch
		rubber band	

MUKTZA: May be moved *l'Tzorich Gufo u'Makomo* (for itself or its space)

Category 2: *K'li Sh'm'lachto l'Issur* (Object Ordinarily Used For Prohibited *Shabbos* Labor).

aquarium	financial records, statements	nail	shovel
appliance: small	fireplace	needle:	spade
awl	accessory	knitting, sewing	stapler
brush: clothes, paint, shoes	flashlight,	<i>Menorah</i>	storage container: empty but used to store Muktza
candle holder: empty or with unlit candle	hole puncher	pan: baking, broiling, frying	strainer
candle: unlit	inexpensive: calculator, camera, CD/DVD/MP3, musical instrument, TV, writing pen	peeler	wire whip
car: door, ignition key, trunk lid	label maker	pencil	telephone book
cooking utensils: pot, mixing bowl	lamp, unlit: battery, gas, electric	pet brush	<i>Tephilin</i>
crayon	marking pen	pet cage	<i>Tephilin</i> bag
grater	measuring instrument: cup, meter/ yard stick, ruler, weight scale	pocketbook	timer: battery, electric
hammer	mixer: battery, electric, hand	potato masher	toaster
hoe		rake	tool: nonelectric, battery, electric
hose		remote: garage, VCR,TV	toy: battery operated, electric, noise-making
kitchen tool		rolling pin	typewriter
drill: battery, hand electric		saw	vacuum cleaner
electric blanket, clock, fan		scissors	wallet
extension cord		screw	wrench
		screw driver	umbrella
		shears	
		sifter	
		<i>Shofar</i> (not <i>Shabbos</i> <i>Rosh HaShanna</i>)	

MUKTZA: May not be moved.

Category 3: *Muktza Machmas Chisaron Kis* (Valuable Object Set Aside For Fear Of Monetary Loss)

document: car registration, current contract, proof of purchase receipt	fragile: crystal decoration, figurine, scientific instrument	passport	knife: collector, scalpel, <i>Shochet</i> , throwing
expensive: calculator, camera, CD/DVD/MP3, musical instrument, TV, writing pen	hobby: old coin or paper money, postage stamp (canceled)	important papers: deed, car/ house title, insurance, item to be returned for refund	laptop computer
	ID: license, insurance, green card,	item that has special location: grandfather clock, wall painting	merchandise: non- food PDA
			stationery
			tools: specialist (craftsman, jeweler, scientist)

Category 4: Muktzta *Machmas Gufo* (Object Intrinsically Or Inherently Unprepared For *Shabbos* Use)

body waste brick broken (unusable): eye glasses, faucet handle cigar cigarette cigarette lighter cosmetics deodorant: gel, solid diaper pail dirt door knob: not attached eye liner eye shadow fabric: uncut firewood floor tile garbage can: outside gasoline inedible food:	flour, frozen, mixes (cake, cookie, potato) peel, pit, raw bone (except pet food), raw fish (not usually eaten raw), raw meat, shell, uncooked (barley, bean, noodle, rice) unpopped popcorn kerosene laundry detergent lipstick lit object: electric lamp flashlight, oil lamp, wax candle, torch	living creature: animal, fish, fowl, insect, reptile) excluding seeing eye dog mascara match material: building, construction money: coin, paper nail polish notebook: blank paint paper: blank sheets or pads pet poison: ant, bug, mosquito, potted: flower, plant, & their	fertilizer, food, insecticide postage stamp: uncanceled propane rock rouge sand shampoo: gel, thick liquid shoes: cleats soap: body, face (gel, powder, solid, thick liquid) stick tobacco toothpaste twig unusable object (broken needle, torn shoe) wall paneling
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Category 5: Muktzta: *Machmas Issur* (Halachically Forbidden Item)

<i>Basar v'Cholov</i> bread: <i>Challah</i> not yet removed business ad or brochure <i>Chometz</i> (on <i>Shabbos Pesach</i> & <i>Shabbos</i> <i>Choel HaMoed</i> <i>Pesach</i>)	document: business & financial with no inherent value (bill, blank check, blueprint, payment coupon, plan, statement)	fruit: fell on that <i>Shabbos</i> icon: <i>Avodah</i> <i>Zorah</i> Israeli produce: untithed juice: grape or olive squeezed on that <i>Shabbos</i> mail order catalog	produce: gathered, picked, reaped on that <i>Shabbos</i> (even by a nonJew) <i>Sha'atnez</i> vessel: needs <i>T'vila</i> <i>Yayin Nesech</i>
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Category 6. *Muktza Machmas Mitzvah* (Mitzvah Item)

Arovos, decorations, *Esrog*, *Hadas*, *Lulav*,
S'chach, *Sukkah* material that fell down
(on *Shabbos Sukkos* & *Shabbos Choel*
HaMoed Sukkos)

Channuka oil (left in *Menorah* lit *Erev*
Shabbos Channuka)
Shofar (on *Shabbos Rosh Hashanna*)

Category 7: *Nolad* (Born, Made, Or First Appeared On That *Shabbos*)

Type I: Complete *Nolad* (entirely new on
that *Shabbos*):
egg laid on that *Shabbos*
milk that was milked on that *Shabbos*
water condensed from an air
conditioner

Type II: Regular *Nolad* (changed into new
form on that *Shabbos*):
broken part of utensils that can not be used
for any purpose
egg laid on *Yom Tov*
leftover food part not edible by animals
(bone, pit, seed)

Category 8: *Ba'sis* (Support-Base For *Muktza*)

aquarium
ashtray
briefcase
chest
coat hanger

container with *Muktza* in it
at onset of *Shabbos* but
is now empty
desk
dish

drawer
pet cage
pocket
suitcase
table

Glossary

Arovos - willow
Ba'sis - base
Basar v'Cholov – meat and
milk
Challah – priestly portion
Channuka – post-Biblical
holiday
Chol HaMoed –
Intermediate Holyday
Chometz – leavening
Chumash – Torah
Erev – evening (prior to)
Esrog - citron
Hadas - myrtle
Halachically –Jewish law
Keilim – vessels or objects
Keilim Sh'm'lachto l'Heter
–permitted labor
Keilim Sh'm'lachto l'Issur
– forbidden labor
l'Tzorich Gufo u'Makomo
- required for itself or

for its space
Lulav – palm branch
Machmas – for the sake of,
slang for *Maychamas*
Machmas Chisaron Kis –
valuable object
Machmas Gufo –
inherently or intrinsically
not prepared for use
Machmas Issur – itself is
forbidden
Mayim Acharonim – vessel
used to rinse hands
Menorah - candelabra
M'gilas Esther – Scroll Of
Esther
Muktza – put aside
Nolad – became born or
came into existence
Pesach - Passover
Rosh HaShanna – Jewish
New Year Holyday

S'chach – material used for
roof (e.g., branches)
Sefar Kodesh – Religious
book
Shabbos - Sabbath
Sha'atnez – forbidden
mixture
Shofar – ram's horn
Shochet – ritual slaughterer
Siddur – prayer book
Sukkah – temporary booth
Sukkos – Tabernacles
Holyday
Tallis – prayer shawl
Tephilin - phylacteries
Treif – not kosher
T'vila – immersion
Yayin Nesech – wine used
in idolatry
Yom Kippur – Day of
Atonement Holyday
Yom Tov – Holyday