

"The learning of dibur on Shabbos...will increase Kavod Shabbos, Oneg Shabbos, and Kedushas Shabbos."

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Halachos of Speech on Shabbos

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Scenario: A Stitch in Time

The autumn wind was nippy as people streamed out of shul after Musaf. Miriam squeezed her mother's hand, her face buried in the collar of her coat. Mrs. Greenberg exchanged Shabbos greetings with her neighbors. Miriam spotted a cat darting behind a bush. Miriam twisted to get a better look and her button popped off. In a tiny voice, she told her mother the shiny button had disappeared. Her mother knelt down to hug her and promised they could search the sidewalk together tomorrow. Mrs. Greenberg wanted to tell Miriam she would sew the button on Sunday. How could she say this on Shabbos?

A, B, or C?

- A) They can say that they will wait until after Shabbos to fix the button.
B) They cannot speak about the button and Miriam can only keep her coat handy to remember to replace the button.
C) Mrs. Greenberg can ask to be reminded about the button on Sunday.



Understanding the Topic:

To say that one is planning to do a *melacha* cannot be said on Shabbos. Mrs. Greenberg should tell Miriam, "Remind me tomorrow that your button fell off." Answer (C) above is correct. Mrs. Greenberg may not say "I will take care of it after Shabbos" as this is also stating that she will sew the button after Shabbos. This would be relating that a *melacha* which is forbidden on Shabbos will be performed on Sunday. Rather, Mrs. Greenberg should say, "Tell me after Shabbos that your button fell off."

It is permitted to speak about looking for the button tomorrow since looking for the button is not a *melacha* and could be done today, on Shabbos. Mentioning a *melacha* performed in the past is permitted (i.e. "We drove to New York last week.")

Other examples which would be prohibited because they state the future performance of a *melacha* include: "I am going to bake a cake tomorrow," and "I will water my plants every other day." A rabbinic prohibition is also included. To purchase an item is only a rabbinic prohibition, but it is not permitted to say, "Let's go shopping this week."

Reviewed by HaRav Dovid Heber, shlita The above is a general halachic overview. For halacha l'maaseh in a specific case, please consult with your Rav or halachic advisor for guidance.

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