

# Shoel U'Mashiv

## Saturday Night Light

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**Q** - This year the second *Pesach Seder* is on *Motzai Shabbos*, what should I use as the candle for *Havdallah*?

**A** - What are the requirements of the *Havdallah* candle?

The *Shulchan Aruch O.C.* 298:2 says, based on the *Gemara Pesachim*, that ideally the candle for *Havdallah* should be a torch. The *Rema* explains that a candle with two wicks is considered to be a torch. The *Mishnah Berurah* 8 says the two wicks must be side-by-side, but not directly touching—meaning, the flames must be touching, but not the wicks. Based on this, the *Shemiras Shabbos K'Hilchasa* 61:26 says that one is allowed to hold two matches so that the flames touch.

The *Shulchan Aruch O.C.* 298:11 says a candle that was lit for *Kavod* (respect), such as the candle next to the *Amud* of the *Chazan*, may not be used for *Havdallah* since the *Havdallah* candle has to be used to illuminate. The *Mishnah Berurah* 30 says that one is allowed to combine another candle with the candle that was lit for *Kavod*.

What should one do when *Yom Tov* falls out on *Motzei Shabbos*?

The *Shulchan Aruch O.C.* 473:1 says the order of *Kiddush* and *Havdallah* when *Yom Tov* falls out on *Motzei Shabbos* is *Yayin* (wine), *Kiddush*, *Havdallah*, *Ner* (candle) and *Zman* (*Shehecheyanu*) - this is typically referred to by the acronym *YaK'N'HaZ*.

There are two problems with using the *Yom Tov* candles for *Havdallah*. First is that they only have a single wick and the other is that they were lit *L'Kavod Yom Tov*. The *Piskei Teshuvos* 514:5 says one can bring two candles close together for the *Bracha* and then put them back in their spot. Therefore, one could hold a match close to one of the candles, like we saw above. The *Shemiras Shabbos K'Hilchasa* 62 footnote 32 says that some refrain from doing this since separating them is considered an act of extinguishing, which is prohibited on *Yom Tov*. The *Shulchan Aruch O.C.* 298:2 says if one does not have a torch, they can light on a candle that was lit specifically for *Havdallah*. Based on this, some suggest that when lighting the *Yom Tov* candles, to have in mind they will be used for *Havdallah*, as well. That way the candles are not only for *Kavod*, but also to illuminate. The final solution is to make or buy a special *YaK'N'HaZ* candle that has two wicks.