

# SAFETY TIPS FOR THE YOM TOV SEASON

- Take care when lighting Shabbos or Yom Tov candles and keep them out of reach of children.
- Do not place candles near curtains or other flammable materials. Also ensure that loose sleeves or hair are kept away from flames.
- Always place candles (especially Yahrzeit candles) on a non-flammable surface such as a tray or plate.
- If you have any significant medical condition (eg. diabetes, cardiac or renal conditions), consult your doctor as to whether or not you may fast. If your doctor suggests not to fast, Halachic authorities explicitly forbid fasting (רדב"ז שו"ת). If you are in any doubt as to whether your condition will be exacerbated by fasting, please consult your doctor.
- When building a Sukkah, use extreme care when using power tools.
- Never use electrical tools or equipment in the rain.
- Use a real ladder and have someone hold it whilst in use, do not climb on chairs or boxes.
- Use thick gardener's gloves when handling palm schach.
- On Simchas Torah, ensure you know the whereabouts of your children at all times, and discuss safety and appropriate behaviour with them (you don't need alcohol to be happy).

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In memory of Haim & Betty Gordon

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