

# The Blech Book

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The Complete & Illustrated Guide To Shabbos Hotplates  
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## 3 On Shabbos

1. On Shabbos, am I allowed to remove food from a pot while it is on the blech?
  - a) Yes, when it is completely cooked.
  - b) No, even if it is completely cooked.
2. Removing liquid food from a pot on the blech is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) permitted, when it is completely cooked.
  - b) forbidden, even if it is completely cooked.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ remove food, \_\_\_\_\_ completely cooked, from a pot which has been moved to an area on the blech not directly over the fire.
  - a) may not, even if it is
  - b) may, that is
4. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to extract water from a pot on a blech using a ladle.
  - a) permissible
  - b) forbidden
5. A pot is still 40-45 degrees C. Some of the food is not completely cooked. Which of the following statements is true?
  - a) You may remove this food from the pot, as long as it is not on the blech.
  - b) You may not remove this food from the pot, even when it is not on the blech.
6. Am I permitted to remove a cover to check food in a pot which is on the blech?
  - a) Yes, and if the food is completely cooked, you may replace the cover.
  - b) Yes, and you may replace the cover even when the food is not completely cooked.

7. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to a pot which is on the blech.
- a) forbidden to add food
  - b) permissible to add food which is completely cooked
8. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to add salt to a pot which is on the blech.
- a) permissible
  - b) forbidden
9. I removed my pot from the blech. What may I add to it now?
- a) A moist food, completely cooked, which has not completely cooled off.
  - b) The above, and/or a completely cooked dry food, even if it has completely cooled off.
10. A pot has been removed from the blech. Its temperature is still 40-45 degrees C. What is forbidden to be added to this pot?
- a) Any not completely cooked food, bread/challah, oil/water.
  - b) The above and spices or salt, as well.
11. It is forbidden to stir a pot whose contents are 40-45 degrees Celsius (110 degrees Fahrenheit) or above, and not completely cooked, even after it is removed from the blech.
- a) True
  - b) False, this is only a custom, but not a prohibition.
12. The food on the blech is drying up. Is it permissible to: Place an empty pot upside down on the blech, then place the pot with the drying, and completely cooked, food on top of it?
- a) Yes
  - b) No
13. The food on the blech is drying up. The following "Action" is \_\_\_\_\_. Action: Place this pot, containing the drying and completely cooked food, on top of a different pot already on the blech.
- a) permissible
  - b) forbidden
14. The food is drying up on the blech. Choose a permissible course of action.
- a) Remove the pot with the drying, completely cooked food, from the blech. Your intention should be that you will replace it to the blech, and you should not let go of it.



19. I moved a pot which was on the blech directly over the flame to a place on the blech which was not directly over the flame. May I move it back?
- a) No, not even if you had this in mind when moving it and the food is completely cooked.
  - b) Yes, as long as the food is completely cooked, and still warm enough to be edible, you may move this pot back to a place on the blech which is directly over the flame.
20. When I removed my pot, the blech fell off the stove. May I replace it, on Shabbos, and then replace the pot to it?
- a) Yes
  - b) No
21. On Shabbos, I took food out of the oven. May I replace it?
- a) Yes, if you had this in mind and the food is completely cooked.
  - b) No, not even if you had this in mind and the food is completely cooked.
22. The flame went out under my blech. What may I do with my pot of food?
- a) Place this pot—as long as it has not completely cooled off, and is completely cooked—on another blech.
  - b) The above is forbidden.
23. Which are true statements regarding the covering (e.g. a towel) on a pot, which is on a blech?
- a) If the covering falls off it is permissible to replace it. More coverings may be added for additional heat.
  - b) If the covering falls off on Shabbos it is forbidden to be replaced. and for sure it is forbidden to add more coverings.
24. May I remove a pot from the blech and completely cover it with blankets?
- a) Yes. Covering a pot which was on the blech with blankets is permissible.
  - b) No. Completely covering a pot with blankets even when it was on the blech from before Shabbos, is forbidden. Surrounding this pot with blankets, towels etc., on the sides, leaving the top uncovered, is permissible.
25. I removed a pot from the blech. On top of this pot was seated another pot. Choose which of the following is a correct statement.
- a) The top pot may be placed on another pot seated on the blech.
  - b) The top pot may be placed directly onto the blech.