

Hilchos Shabbos Initiative

Halachos Regarding Bishul

Is it permissible to dip cookies into a cup of hot tea?

If the water in the cup is a *kli sheini*, i.e. it was poured directly from the urn into the cup, it is not permissible to dip the cookies into the cup. However, if the water is a *kli shlishi*, i.e. the water from the first cup was poured into a second cup, one may dip the cookies into the tea.

Is it permissible to place non-cooked foods (such as pickles or salad, etc.) on the same plate as hot *cholent* or hot *kugel* if the foods will touch?

Most *Poskim* permit contact of non-cooked foods with hot cooked foods. Others rule stringently and forbid contact of non-cooked foods with hot cooked foods, since such contact can cause the uncooked foods to cook.

What is the proper method of preparing tea/coffee on *Shabbos*?

In general, tea and coffee should be prepared on *Shabbos* by first pouring the hot water from an urn or kettle into an empty cup, rendering the cup a *kli sheini*.

If a cup of coffee or tea cooled off, is it permissible to add hot water to make it hot again?

If the coffee or tea contains any ingredients that were not precooked (such as saccharin or Splenda), then one should not add an amount of hot water directly from an urn that will cause the cooled drink to become heated to 110°F. Furthermore, since there are *Poskim* who are stringent even in the case of precooked ingredients, it is preferable to refrain from adding hot water directly from an urn to any cool drink, even if the drink was previously cooked directly from an urn. Rather, the hot water should be poured from the urn into an empty cup, and from there into the cooled drink.

The Chofetz Chaim writes in the name of R' Yonasan Eibishitz that if one does not learn Hilchos Shabbos very well, it is impossible not to be עובר on a forbidden act on Shabbos.

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