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### Shabbat Shorts

In the next few Shabbat Shorts, we are going to explore the halacha around using makeup on Shabbos. This conversation will bring to light several melachot that are relevant in areas far beyond makeup.

The makeup industry is not new. Ezra HaSofer established ten different takanot, and among them was a requirement for traveling salesman to supply women with makeup and perfumes (Bava Kama 82a-b). And so, understandably, the halacha reflects the popularity of makeup use among women, and addresses it with regards to Shabbat.

The Shulchan Aruch rules: אסור לאשה שתעביר בשבת סרק על פניה משום צובע, "it is prohibited for a woman to apply paint to her face on Shabbat because of the melacha of dyeing," ומטעם זה אסורה לכחול בשבת ומטעם זה אסורה לטוח על פניה, בצק דכשנוטלתו מאדים הבשר, "and for this reason, she is also prohibited from using eye paint on Shabbat, and so too she may not smear dough on her face, because her complexion is reddened when she removes it" (Shulchan Aruch Orach Chayim 303:25).

The Shulchan Aruch's concern is with tzoveya-- dyeing-- which is one of the primary melachot that prohibits applying makeup on Shabbat. (*Note: The question of permanence is raised by later poskim, which we will address next time*). But there are other melachot that also come into play. Memarayach-- smearing on a substance smoothly-- is also an issue, since this applies to any makeup that is oil-based, as most products are cream or viscous fluids that fall under this prohibition. Schita or libbun-- squeezing out of a wet cloth-- are also concerns, since applicators and makeup removing pads can require the melacha of squeezing. The issue of tochain-- grinding-- comes up with taking power from a cake of blush/eye makeup. Refuah-- healing-- is a concern as well, including in the use of chapstick. And kotev-- writing-- comes into question around using eyeliner.

As we can see, the topic of applying makeup on Shabbat is very serious!

All of these concerns and more have led most poskim to prohibit makeup use on Shabbat. And in fact, with all of the long-lasting makeup products available today, it is certainly easier and halachically safer to just apply one's makeup before Shabbat and leave it on for the remainder of Shabbat-- being careful not to add to it in any way.

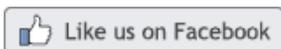
But there is one opinion from Rav Moshe Feinstein that we must address. This opinion launched an entire line of products, known as 'Shabbos Makeup' and

created much halachic debate. So if you or someone you love feels the need to wear makeup on Shabbat, stay tuned for the next Shabbat Short when we will unpack Rav Moshe's teshuvah and its practical (read: cosmetic) application. Lipstick, face makeup, eye makeup, mascara, and eyeliner will be covered!

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