

Shabbos Seuda: We Don't See It on the Menu

An Overview of a *Shiur* given by Rav Ari Stauber on *Parshas Emor*

וביום השביעי שבת שבתון מקרא קודש כל מלאכה לא תעשו ויקרא כג:

Gemara (*Shabbos* 148b-149a) — One may not read a guest list or food menu on Shabbos for two reasons:

- May erase something
- May come to read *shtarei hedyotos*

Heterim for reading a food menu on Shabbos or Yom Tov:

- Avoiding the concern of erasing:
 - **From Rav Eliashiv** - We don't prepare the exact amount of food, so no concern of nervousness that one might erase.
 - **Bach**- Someone else can read it, as the concern of erasing is only for the wife.
 - **Rashba** - Can appoint a *shomer* to ensure she does not erase.
 - **Rav Heinemann and Rav Furst** - Can use a page-saver or laminate it, which serve as a *heker*.
- Avoiding *shtarei hedyotos*
- **Magen Avraham/Rav Shmuel Kamanetsky** - It is a *seudas mitzvah*, and the *gezeira* doesn't apply.
- **Magen Avraham** - *Gezeira* doesn't apply to very short documents.
- Write the names of foods on separate index cards.