



When is gifting prohibited?

1. It is prohibited to give a gift to an aino-Yehudi regardless of his or her religious beliefs, or lack thereof. The only exception to this prohibition is to one who adheres to the *Sheva Mitzvos Bnei Noach* (Seven Noahide Laws). *(Shulchan Aruch Y.D. 151:11; Taz and Shach ibid; Shulchan Aruch C.M. 249:11)*

2. The prohibition applies only when there is no specific reason for the gift. However, if the gift is given for a reason – e.g., to return a favor, or in anticipation that the gentile will reciprocate with a favor in the future – it is permitted. In the latter case, it is not considered to be a gift – i.e., "free." Rather, it is akin to a sale, as it is in exchange for something else. *(ibid)*

3. If the recipient is an acquaintance or neighbor of the Yid, one may give him a gift (as it is typically given in anticipation of favors). Similarly, one may give a gift to an aino-Yehudi for the purposes of enhancing a business relationship.

4. One may also give a gift to an aino-Yehudi for the purposes of "*darkei shalom*". *(ibid)*