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I was recently shown the innovative device invented by Menashe Kalatizadeh. This device, aptly named "KosherSwitch", is designed to replace our traditional electrical switches, allowing us to turn our lights on and off on Shabbat and Moed in a way that is allowed by Halacha.

Since HaRav Hagaon Eliyahu Ben-Haim has already ruled that the KosherSwitch conforms to all Halachic requirements, and has approved its use, there is no need for additional comments regarding its Halachic merits. Instead, I wish to share my firm belief that use of this new switch will be of great benefit to Am Israel. The countless benefits include:

1. Sparing our dear brothers and sisters from Chilul Shabbat -- both B'Mezid and B'Shogeg.
2. Bringing a vast enhancement to our Oneg Shabbat by better controlling when lights are on or off in our rooms.
3. Preventing Shalom issues arising from a misconfigured timer, or a timer that activates while Shabbat guests are still present.
4. Stopping our wasteful use of electricity, which may be considered a violation of the prohibition of Ba'al Tashchit.
5. Vast financial savings by having our lights on only when needed, instead of in a vacant room.
6. Protecting the environment through energy conservation.

Just as Hashem has granted Mr. Kalatizadeh the wisdom to create such a revolutionary technology, I pray that Hashem guides and assists him in bringing the immense benefits of this device to every Jewish home. May he and his concepts find favor with Rabbanei Israel during his upcoming trip to Eretz Israel.

And, may all of Am Israel have the zechut to experience the enhanced enjoyment and observance of Shabbat, while living in true peace and harmony in our Holy Land, Eretz Israel.

Sincerely,



Nissim Bassalian

As spiritual leader of the **Mashadi Jewish communities worldwide**, Rav Bassalian is perhaps one of the most respected and well-recognized personalities in this large global community. Throughout the years, Rav Bassalian has served in various capacities within the community, always working selflessly and tirelessly to enhance every community member's love for Torah, Judaism, and Israel.