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I was recently approached by Menashe Kalatizadeh הי"ו and invited to inspect and analyze his invention known as "**KosherSwitch**". This clever device is a new type of light switch, designed to control our ordinary lights on Shabbat and on Chag with no violation of the Halacha.

After a careful review of the device and understanding its Halachic implications, I agree with the findings and the ruling of Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Haim Shelitah that the device is permissible for use on Shabbat and Chaggim, and that by doing so, there is no *Chashash* for the transgression of Jewish law.

The potential benefits of utilizing this device are far-reaching. The switch helps with issues of *Chilul* Shabbat, and greatly enhances our enjoyment of Shabbat by allowing rooms to be lit as needed. Its use also stops our needless waste of electricity, which is a Torah prohibition, and provides for significant monetary savings for Jewish families and institutions. Additionally, this device prevents the common uncomfortable situations often experienced when a timer is setup incorrectly, which sometimes affect the family's Shalom Bayit.

I am looking forward to the use of the "**KosherSwitch**" in homes and institutions throughout our community, and hope that its use proliferates throughout the greater Jewish community. May the proper observance of the Shabbat bring the *Geula Shelema Bimhera B'yamenu*.

Respectfully,


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Rabbi Bitton has served as the rabbi of two large Sephardic congregations in Buenos Aires until 1996. He then moved to Israel, taking with him 40 families from the Syrian congregation Agudat Dodim in Buenos Aires. After working in the Yeshiva Madait in Rishon LeTzion, he moved back to South America where he served as the **Chief Rabbi of Uruguay** for four years. In 2004, Rabbi Bitton moved to New York where he currently serves as Rav in the Mashadi Jewish Community of Great Neck, a congregation with more than 5000 members. Rabbi Bitton has published many works, including several books. He has also directed several important community projects directed at audiences of various age groups and backgrounds.