

# MEZUZAH

The mitzvah (command) to place a mezuzah upon the doorposts of the house is derived from Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4-9. The words of the Shema are written on a tiny scroll of parchment, along with the words of a companion passage Devarim (Deuteronomy) 11:13-21. On the back of the Scroll, the name of YHWH is written in Hebrew. This scroll is then placed in a case and affixed to the right side of the door on a 45-degree angle slanting to the right. Every time you pass through the door with a mezuzah on it, you touch the mezuzah and then kiss your fingers, reminding you of this mitzvah to bless this house.

Jewish tradition teaches that if the dweller owns the home, the Mezuzot must be affixed on the first day of moving in. If the home is rented, you have up to 30 days to affix the Mezuzot. A Mezuzah can be installed during the day or night. The Mezuzah is the mark of identity over your house that you follow the Elohim of Yisra'el and teach His ways.

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### The blessing for the mezuzah scroll

**Just before attaching the mezuzah say:**

*Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lik'boa m'zuzah.*

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with Mitzvot, and commands us to affix a mezuzah.

You will need the following for this ceremony.



Print out the blessing below according to the dimension of your container, roll it up and place it inside the container and affix it on the side of your door with a nail, glue, or tape. You can use any type of container or make your own. See sample above. The other alternative is to print it out and laminate it and stick it on the side of your door. The key is to obey the Commandment of Mezuzah.

## Mezuzah מזוזה

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְקַבֹּעַ מְזוּזָה

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohaynu melekh ha'olam, asher  
kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lik'boa m'zuzah.

*Praised be You YHWH, Ruler of the Universe, who hallows  
us with Mitzvot, and commands us to affix a mezuzah.*

יְבָרֶכְךָ יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ:  
יָאֵר יְהוָה אֵלֶיךָ וְיַחֲנֶנְךָ:  
יִשָּׂא יְהוָה אֵלֶיךָ וְיִשְׂמַח לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:

Y'varekh'kha Adonai v'yishm'rekha.

Ya'ayr Adonai panav aylekha veechuneka.

Yisa Adonai panav aylekha v'yasaym l'kha shalom.

*May YHWH bless you and keep you. May YHWH make His  
face shine on you and show you His favour. May YHWH lift  
up His face toward you and give you peace.*

## יהוה

### DEVARIM (DEUTERONOMY) 6:4-9

- 4 Shema Yisrael: יהוה is our Elohim, יהוה is Echad:  
5 And you shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your lev, and  
with all your being, and with all your might.  
6 And these words, which I command you this day, shall be  
in your lev:  
7 And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and  
shall talk of them when you sit in your bayit, and when you  
walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise  
up.  
8 And you shall bind them for an ot upon your hand, and  
they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.  
9 And you shall write them upon the posts of your bayit and  
on your gates.

### DEVARIM (DEUTERONOMY) 11:13-21

- 13 And it shall come to pass, if you shall listen diligently to  
My mitzvoth which I command you this day, to love יהוה  
your Elohim, and to serve Him with all your lev and with all  
your being,  
14 That I will give you the rain of your land in its due  
season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather  
in your corn, and your wine, and your oil.  
15 And I will send grass in your fields for your cattle, that  
you may eat and be full.  
16 Take heed to yourselves, that your lev be not deceived,  
and you turn aside, and serve other elohim, and worship  
them;  
17 And then יהוה wrath be lit against you, and He will shut  
up the shamayim, that there be no rain, and that the land  
yield not its fruit; and you perish quickly from off the tov land  
which יהוה gives you.  
18 Therefore shall you lay up My words in your lev and in  
your being, and bind them for an ot upon your hand, that  
they may be as frontlets between your eyes.  
19 And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of  
them when you sit in your bayit, and when you walk by the  
derech, when you lie down, and when you rise up.  
20 And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your  
bayit, and upon your gates:  
21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your  
children, in the land which יהוה swore to your ahvot to give  
them, as the days of the shamayim are above the earth.