



Dear college student,

Congratulations on taking one more step to making your dorm room a bit more Jewish! Your new Mezuzah will hang at your rooms entrance, making a proud statement of who you are. It will also keep you more safe and secure! Please don't take offence if it gets more kissed than you!

If you need any help placing your Mezuzah, please call your local Chabad rabbi. He's super cool and will be glad to help you. You can also call our office at (305) 770-1919 and we'll be happy to help make the connection!

To learn more about this special Mitzvah you can go to ChabadChayil.org/mezuzah. You can also learn about Mezuzah or any other subject you like with your own study partner, which we'll arrange for you, at a time that works best for you. Just call us at (305) 770-1919 or send an eMail to rabbi@ChabadChayil.org and we'll set you up.

We thank you for allowing us to be a part of your special Mitzvah. If you would like to purchase additional Mezuzahs or need help with anything Jewish, please let us know!

May your home always be protected. May you always have good health, happiness, prosperity and be blessed with all good things!

Sincerely,
Mezuzah Club

The mitzvah of mezuzah

"And you shall write them on the doorposts of your home and on your gateways"

What is a mezuzah?

A mezuzah is a piece of parchment that has the shema prayer hand written by a scribe using a quill and specific ink. It is very similar to the way the Sefer Torah is written. The

letters shin ש daled ד and yud י (one of the names of G-d) are written on the outside. These letters also correlate to the words "shomer delatot Yisroel" which translates to "The guardian of the doors of Israel."

Placement

The mezuzah should be attached to the bottom of the top third of a door post on the right side (if entering from the street.) It can be attached using nails, screws, mounting tape or even glue (though I do not recommend it).

According to the ashkenaz tradition it is placed on the door post with a slight slant. The Sephardic tradition is that the mezuzah should be placed vertically. The letters written on the outside of the scroll should also face out and upright.

The Blessing

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי־יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוֵּנוּ לְקַבֹּעַ מְזוּזָה

Transliteration: Baruch Atah A-do-nai Elo-heinu Melech haolam asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu likboa mezuzah.

Translation: Blessed are you, Hashem our G-d, Master of the Universe, Who makes us holy with His commandments and commanded us to affix a mezuzah.

Regular Checkups

At least twice in seven years, we take down our mezuzahs and have them professionally checked to ascertain that they are intact. The scribe examines the scrolls to ensure that no letters have been cracked or erased and that the mezuzah is still good. Our vigilance keeps our mezuzahs performing their function: bringing holiness, protection and merit to our home.

About the case artist, Alex Aronov

Why do I make mezuzah cases? This is a mitzvah unlike most, it is not one that you do everyday but it is part of our everyday lives. It is not something that we hide or do in private it is out and open for all to see. Hand crafting every mezuzah case helps connect me to the mitzvah. And knowing that every one of my mezuzah case will hold a holy scroll and help someone do the mitzvah of mezuzah is worth so much.

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