

MEZUZA: PLACEMENT

Mezuzah Placement: Right Side of Doorway

Attach a mezuzah to the right side of the doorway as you follow the main traffic through the house. If there is one continuous path to go further into the house, place all of the mezuzot on the right side as you go further into the house.

Mezuzah Placement: Balcony

Place a balcony door mezuzah on the right side of the doorway as you enter the house from the balcony, if the balcony has an outside entrance. If the balcony does not have an outside entrance, put the mezuzah on the right side as you exit the house.

NOTE If the balcony has a roof, you may be able to put it on the right side as you go out. Consult a rabbi.

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Mezuzah Placement: Door Frame

Place the mezuzah outside the door but within the door frame. If not possible, you may place the mezuzah inside the door frame.

NOTE You may recess a mezuzah into the door frame.

NOTE If the doorframe is wider than 4" (10 cm), place the mezuzah toward the outer edge of the frame, not centered in the middle.

NOTE You may attach a mezuzah to a piece of wood that extends the doorway.

Mezuzah Placement: Height

Place the mezuzah at shoulder height for the average person. Leave at least one tefach (4", or 10 cm) between mezuzah and lintel.

If possible, affix a mezuzah just above where the top 1/3 of the doorpost meets the middle 1/3.

NOTE This rule is superseded by the rule that the mezuzah must be near shoulder height.

Mezuzah Placement: Angle

Place the mezuzah on a 45-degree angle from the vertical, with the top of the mezuzah toward the inside of the main room. If you cannot, any angle toward the entrance is OK.

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