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In *Eretz Yisrael*, whether you buy or rent, you must affix *mezuzot* immediately upon moving in.

## MEZUZA: WHEN TO AFFIX OUTSIDE ERETZ YISRAEL

### Mezuza: When To Affix Outside Eretz Yisrael: Buying (or Renting for More Than 30 Days)

Outside of *Eretz Yisrael*, you must affix a *mezuza* immediately once you begin "living" in your house--determined by the first time you eat or sleep in the house. If you buy a house but do not move in immediately (for any reason--repairs, you are still in your previous house, etc.), you should affix a *mezuza* but do not say the blessing. Then, when you do move in, remove the *mezuza* and re-affix it and say the blessing.

You need not affix a *mezuza* if you will be renting for less than 30 days, and you may delay putting up a *mezuza* until the 30th day if you will be renting longer than that. Here are the types of rentals that will require a *mezuza* by the 30th day:

- A home,
- An apartment, or
- Other accommodation--such as a camper, trailer, recreational vehicle (RV), etc.--in which you will live at some time.

NOTE If you are renting a vehicle/trailer that you will live in but might not keep it for 30 days, put on *mezuzas* as needed immediately but do not say a blessing (this is the same for in *Eretz Yisrael* or outside). Then, even if you keep it for more than 30 days, do not do anything additional (don't remove them and replace; don't say a blessing).



If you live in a vehicle for more than 30 days, you must affix mezuzas next to each of the doors.

### Mezuza: When To Affix Outside Eretz Yisrael: Renting for Fewer Than 30 Days

Outside of *Eretz Yisrael*, you do not need to affix a *mezuza* (even without a blessing) to an apartment, house, or other accommodation that you rent for less than 30 days.

### Determining 30-Day *Mezuza*-Affixing Period

If you are living in a rented house, apartment, RV, etc., and remove all of your possessions used for living (such as clothing, bedding, and toiletries) at some time before 30 days have elapsed, the place is not considered to be your domicile. You restart counting the 30 days from the day you move the personal items back inside.

SITUATION You rent a vehicle for 30 or more days but live and sleep there only five days a week (and remove all your personal items to spend Fridays and Shabbats with a family or in a hotel)

WHAT TO DO You will not be considered to be living there; you must affix a *mezuza* only if you leave some personal effects in the vehicle continuously for at least 30 days.

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