

MEZUZA: PLACEMENT

Mezuza: Placement: Right Side of Doorway

Attach a mezuza 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.

Mezuza: Placement: Balcony

Place a balcony door mezuza 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 mezuza 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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Mezuza: Placement: Door Frame

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

NOTE You may recess a mezuza into the door frame.

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

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

Mezuza: Placement: Height

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

If possible, affix a mezuza 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NOTE This rule is superseded by the rule that the mezuza must be near shoulder height.

Mezuza: Placement: Angle

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

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