

MEZUZA: WHICH BUILDINGS REQUIRE

Mezuzah: Where People Live

Only buildings in which people live need a mezuzah, so you do not need to put them on offices, *synagogues*, or stores (unless people also live there). No mezuzah is needed on an eruv.

Mezuzah: Buildings Regularly Used with a Person's Home

Mezuzot must be placed on any buildings used with a person's home.

EXAMPLES

- A barn with animals that is near a house, if you use their milk or meat for food.
- A coop with birds that is near a house if you eat their meat or eggs.
- A shed for firewood.

NOTE There may be exceptions due to size or other factors--consult a rabbi.

NOTE A structure that only stores items not used regularly, such as a shed for storing a sukka--even if attached to a house--does not need a mezuzah.

NOTE Do not put mezuzas on a sukka or any other temporary structure. If you have a pergola or gazebo that is at least 50 sq. ft. of area inside and that you use during much of the year, consult a rabbi.

Mezuzah: Hotel Rooms

We do not normally affix mezuzot to hotel rooms, even when we would be required to (as when staying for more than 30 days).

REASON To do so might damage the hotel property.

WHAT TO DO Do not affix a mezuzah even with long-lasting tape.

NOTE You may not affix a mezuzah if you will not be allowed to remove it when you leave.