

Sofer On Site

Guidelines For Purchasing a Kosher Mezuzah

Purchase a scroll only from a Sofer or a reputable source. If uncertain, carefully examine the Mezuzah for the following:

- The script must be hand written and not photocopied or printed.
- Ensure that the Mezuzah is written on klaf (*parchment*) and not paper.
- The klaf should not be Mashuach – glazed. These Mezuzot usually crack after the first rolling, which can pasul them.
- Scrolls that come in a sealed plastic (with a stamp of

kashrut) are usually not kosher and are a sign of fraud. **The stamp is fake!**

- Be suspicious if the price of a scroll is less than \$25 as it takes 2-3 hours to write one kosher Mezuzah.
- The scroll has been through a computer check to verify the accuracy of the script and was examined by a Sofer other than the one who wrote it and.

Examine the script carefully for:

1. The bottom of the letter shin ש should **always** be pointed, if flat or round (ש or ש not kosher)
2. The letter yud י needs a single crown on the top left side and a point on the bottom left. (י not kosher)
3. The letters ט-ש-ז-ח-צ-ק-כ must **ALL** have three crowns on them.
4. The letter ל has to have a 'head' like the letter ל. (ל not kosher)
5. The letter מ should be squared on all sides. If rounded it is pasul. (מ not kosher)
6. The letter נ is made up of a נ & נ attached on top. If the connection is at the bottom of the נ it is pasul. (נ not kosher)



80% of all Mezuzot from Israel are NOT KOSHER
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If these points are not found, there is a serious question as to the validity and Kashrut of the Mezuzah.

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