

TEVILAS KEILIM GUIDELINES

Utensils that need to be immersed Instructions

- Utensil to be immersed must be completely clean – free of dirt, dust, rust, stickers, labels or glue. (Practical Tip: WD-40 is very effective in removing adhesive)
- One wets one's hands in the mikvah water, holds the vessel in the wet hand and says Baruch...Asher Kidshanu B'Mitzvosav V'Tzivanu Al Tevilas Keili (Keilim for multiple utensils) and immerses the vessel(s).
- If one forgot to make the brocha, the immersion is valid.
- The entire vessel must be under water at one time, but does not have to be submerged for any prolonged period of time.
- If a basket or net is used to hold small utensils, the basket should be immersed in the water, the utensils placed in the basket, and the basket swirled under the water, so that the water will touch all areas of the utensils.
- The cover can be immersed separately if it is removable.
- A pocket knife should be immersed in its open position so that the water will touch all areas of the blade.
- Thermos bottle liners do not need to be removed before immersion.
- A narrow necked bottle should be immersed neck up so that the inner surface of the bottle will fill completely with mikvah water.
- Care must be taken that no air is trapped in the submerged vessels.
- Anyone may toivel keilim, including a small child or a gentile, however, a Jewish adult must be present to verify that it took place. The recitation of a brocha can only be done if a Jew does the immersion. Therefore, if many utensils are to be immersed with the help of a child or a gentile, the owner should first immerse a few vessels with a brocha and then the child/gentile can take over.
- Utensils require tevilawith a brocha when they have direct contact with food during preparation or meal time and are made from metal such as aluminum, brass, copper, gold, iron, lead, silver, steel, tin, or glass including pyrex, duralex, and corelle.

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Aluminum Pans, Disposable <i>if intended to be used more than once</i>	Tevila with Brocha
Aluminum Pans, Disposable <i>to be used only once</i>	Tevila w/o Brocha
Blech	No Tevila
Blender with metal blade on bottom	Tevila with Brocha
Bone	No Tevila
Brush, Pastry	No Tevila

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Brush for Grill, Metal	No Tevila
Can Opener	No Tevila
Cans, Reusable Empty <i>if opened by a Yehudi</i>	No Tevila
China, Bone	Tevila w/o Brocha
China, Glazed	Tevila w/o Brocha
Colander, Metal	Tevila with Brocha
Cookie Cutters, Metal	No Tevila
Cookie Sheets, Metal	Tevila with Brocha
Cork Screw	No Tevila
Corningware	Tevila w/o Brocha
Crockpot Ceramic Insert	Tevila w/o Brocha
Crockpot Glass Lid	Crockpot Glass Lid
Crockpot Outside Metal Shell	No Tevila
Dish Rack, Metal	No Tevila
Dishes, Ceramic	Tevila w/o Brocha
Earthenware, Non-Glazed <i>Dull Finish, e.g. Flower Pot</i>	No Tevila
George Foreman Grill	Tevila w/o Brocha
Glass (including Pyrex, Durablex & Corelle)	Tevila with Brocha
Grater, Metal <i>used for foods that are ready to eat, eg, apples, onions</i>	Tevila with Brocha
Grater, Metal <i>used only for foods that need further cooking, eg potatoes</i>	Tevila w/o Brocha

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Hamburger Maker	Tevila with Brocha
Hot Air Popcorn Maker, Metal	Tevila with Brocha
Hot Water Urn, Metal	Tevila with Brocha
Knife, Arts & Crafts	No Tevila
Knife Sharpener	No Tevila
Meat Thermometer	No Tevila
Meat Tenderizer Hammer, Metal	No Tevila
Melamine	No Tevila
Metal Cutlery	Tevila with Brocha
Metal Flour and Sugar Storage Canisters	Tevila w/o Brocha
Metal Pots Coated with Teflon, Enamel or Plastic	Tevila w/o Brocha
Metal Spoon Specifically for Medicine	Tevila w/o Brocha
Microwave Turntable, Glass	Tevila w/o Brocha
Mixer Beaters	Tevila w/o Brocha
Paper	No Tevila
Peeler, Vegetable	Tevila with Brocha
Plastic	No Tevila
Porcelain Enamel	Tevila w/o Brocha
Racks, Cooling	Tevila w/o Brocha
Racks, Oven	No Tevila

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Rolling Pins <i>Metal or Wood</i>	No Tevila
Sandwich Maker	Tevila with Brocha
Silicone	No Tevila
Sink Racks, Stainless Steel	No Tevila
Spatula, Metal	Tevila with Brocha
Stoneware	Tevila w/o Brocha
Stoneware, Non-Glazed	No Tevila
Storage Utensils, Glass <i>not brought to the table</i>	No Tevila
Styrofoam	No Tevila
Tea Kettle, Corelle	Tevila with Brocha
Toaster <i>which will not break</i>	Tevila w/o Brocha
Toaster Oven <i>rack & tray only</i>	Tevila with Brocha
Trivet, Metal	No Tevila
Waffle Iron	Tevila with Brocha
Warming Tray	No Tevila
Wood	No Tevila
Wooden Cask with Metal Straps	Tevila w/o Brocha