

# TEVILAS KEILIM GUIDELINES

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Utensil to be immersed must be completely clean and free of dirt, dust, rust, stickers, labels or glue. (Practical Tip: WD-40 is very effective in removing adhesive)
- One wets his 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 recite the *brocha*, the immersion is valid.
- The water of the *mikvah* must touch the entire vessel, both inside and out.
- 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 with the neck facing upwards, 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 *tovel keilim*, including a small child or gentile, however, a Jewish adult must be present to verify that the *tevila* took place. A *brocha* may be recited only if a Jew performs the immersion. Therefore, if many utensils are to be immersed with the help of a child or gentile, the owner should first immerse a few vessels with a *brocha* and then let the child or gentile take over.
- Utensils require *tevila* with a *brocha* when they come into direct contact with food during preparation or mealtime, and are made from metal such as aluminium, brass, copper, gold, iron lead, silver and tin or glass including Pyrex, Duralux, and Corelle.

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FOOD UTENSIL	TEVILA GUIDELINE
Aluminum Pans, Disposable <i>to be used more than once</i>	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Aluminum Pans, Disposable <i>to be used only once</i>	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Bleach	<i>No Tevila</i>
Blender <i>with metal blade on bottom</i>	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Bone	<i>No Tevila</i>
Brush, Pastry	<i>No Tevila</i>
Brush for Grill, Metal	<i>No Tevila</i>
Can Opener	<i>No Tevila</i>
Cans, Reusable Empty <i>if opened by a Yehudi</i>	<i>No Tevila</i>
China, Bone	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
China, Glazed	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Colander, Metal	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Cookie Cutters, Metal	<i>No Tevila</i>
Cork Screw	<i>No Tevila</i>
Corningware	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Crockpot Ceramic Insert	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Crockpot Glass Lid	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Crockpot Outside Metal Shell	<i>No Tevila</i>
Dish Rack, Metal	<i>No Tevila</i>
Dishes, Ceramic	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Earthenware, Non-Glazed <i>Dull Finish, e.g. Flower Pot</i>	<i>No Tevila</i>
George Foreman Grill	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Glass <i>(including Pyrex, Duralex &amp; Corelle)</i>	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Hamburger Maker	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Hot Air Popcorn Maker, Metal	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Hot Water Urn, Metal	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Knife, Arts & Crafts	<i>No Tevila</i>
Knife Sharpener	<i>No Tevila</i>
Meat Thermometer	<i>No Tevila</i>
Meat Tenderizer Hammer, Metal	<i>No Tevila</i>

FOOD UTENSIL	TEVILA GUIDELINE
Melamine	<i>No Tevila</i>
Metal Cutlery	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Metal Flour & Sugar Storage Canisters	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Metal Pots Coated with Teflon, Enamel or Plastic	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Metal Spoon Specifically for Medicine	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Microwave Turntable, Glass	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Mixer Beaters	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Paper	<i>No Tevila</i>
Peeler, Vegetable	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Plastic	<i>No Tevila</i>
Porcelain Enamel	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Racks, Cooling	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Racks, Oven	<i>No Tevila</i>
Rolling Pins <i>Metal or Wood</i>	<i>No Tevila</i>
Sandwich Maker	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Sink Racks, Stainless Steel	<i>No Tevila</i>
Spatula, Metal	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Stoneware	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Stoneware, Non-Glazed	<i>No Tevila</i>
Storage Utensils, Glass <i>not brought to the table</i>	<i>No Tevila</i>
Styrofoam	<i>No Tevila</i>
Tea Kettle, Corelle	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Thermos <i>glass insert</i>	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Thermos <i>plastic insert</i>	<i>No Tevila</i>
Toaster <i>which will not break</i>	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>
Toaster Oven <i>rack &amp; tray only</i>	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Waffle Iron	<i>Tevila with Brocha</i>
Warming Tray	<i>No Tevila</i>
Wood	<i>No Tevila</i>
Wooden Cask with Metal Straps	<i>Tevila w/o Brocha</i>