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Classroom

# HALACHOS OF TEVILAS KEILIM

FOOD UTENSIL	TEVILA GUIDELINE
Aluminum Pans, Disposable to be used more than once	Tevila with Brocha
Aluminum Pans, Disposable to be used only once	Tevila w/o Brocha
Bleach	No Tevila
Blender -Handheld Immersion Wand with metal blade on bottom	Tevila with Brocha
Bone	No Tevila
Brush, Pastry	No Tevila
Brush for Grill, Metal	No Tevila
Can Opener	No Tevila
Cans, Reusable Empty if opened by a Yehudi	No Tevila
China, Bone	Tevila w/o Brocha
China, Glazed	Tevila w/o Brocha
Colander, Metal	Tevila with Brocha
Cookie Cutters, Metal	No Tevila
Cork Screw	No Tevila
Corningware	Tevila w/o Brocha
Crockpot, Ceramic Insert	Tevila w/o Brocha
Crockpot, Glass Lid	Tevila w/o Brocha
Crockpot, Outside Metal Shell	No Tevila
Dish Rack, Metal	No Tevila
Dishes, Ceramic	Tevila w/o Brocha

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Earthenware, Non-Glazed Dull Finish, e.g. Flower Pot	No Tevila
George Foreman Grill	Tevila w/o Brocha
Glass (including Pyrex, Duralex & Corelle)	Tevila with Brocha
Hot Air Popcorn Maker, Metal	Tevila with Brocha
Hot Water Urn, Metal	Tevila with Brocha
Ice Cream Scooper	Tevila with Brocha
Knife, Arts & Crafts	No Tevila
Knife Sharpener	No Tevila
Meat Thermometer	No Tevila
Meat Tenderizer Hammer, Metal	No Tevila
Metal Cutlery	Tevila with Brocha
Metal Flour & 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

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Porcelain Enamel	Tevila w/o Brocha
Racks, Cooling	Tevila w/o Brocha
Racks, Oven	No Tevila
Rolling Pins Metal or Wood	No Tevila
Sandwich Maker	Tevila w/o Brocha
Sink Racks, Stainless Steel	No Tevila
Spatula, Metal	Tevila with Brocha
Stoneware	Tevila w/o Brocha
Stoneware, Non-Glazed	No Tevila
Storage Utensils, Glass not brought to the table	No Tevila
Styrofoam	No Tevila
Tea Kettle, Corelle	Tevila with Brocha
Thermos (Glass Insert)	Tevila with Brocha
Thermos (Plastic Insert)	No Tevila
Toaster	Tevila w/o Brocha
Toaster Oven Rack & Tray only	Tevila with Brocha
Waffle Iron, Teflon Coated	Tevila w/o Brocha
Warming Tray	No Tevila
Wood	No Tevila
Wooden Cask with Metal Straps	Tevila w/o Brocha

- 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 aluminum, brass, copper, gold, iron lead, silver, silverplated, and tin or glass including Pyrex, Duralex, and Corelle.
- 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 *mikva* water, holds the vessel in the wet hand and says, “*Baruch...Asher Kidshanu B’Mitzvosav V’Tzivanu Al Tevilas Keilim*” (*Keilim* for multiple utensils) and immerses the vessel(s).
- If one forgot to recite the *brocha*, the immersion is valid.
- The water of the *Mikva* must touch the entire vessel, both inside and out.
- The entire vessel must be under water at one time, but it does not have to be submerged for any prolonged period of time.
- If a vessel will be ruined if placed in a *mikva*, a rabbinic authority should be consulted.
- After *toveling* an electric appliance that requires *tevila*, the appliance must be thoroughly dried out for at least 48 hours before use.
- 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 *mikva* water.
- Care must be taken that no air is trapped in the submerged vessels.
- Anyone may *tovel keilim*, including a small child or non-Jew; 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 non-Jew, the owner should first immerse a few vessels with a *brocha* and then let the child or non-Jew take over.

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