

TEVILAS KEILIM GUIDELINES AND CHART

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- 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 kideshanu b'mitzvosav v'tzivanu al tevilas keili*” (*keilim* for multiple utensils) and immerses the vessel(s).
- If one forgot to recite the *bracha*, 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 it does not have to be submerged for any prolonged period of time.
- If a vessel will be ruined if placed in a mikvah, a rabbinic authority should be consulted.
- It is advisable that after *toveling* an electric appliance that requires *tevila*, the appliance be thoroughly dried out for at least 48 hours before use (earlier use increases the chances of ruining the appliance).
- 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 non-Jew; however, a Jewish adult must be present to verify that the *tevila* took place. A *bracha* 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 *bracha* and then let the child or non-Jew take over.
- Utensils require *tevila* with a *bracha* when they come into direct contact with food during preparation or mealtime and are made from metal (e.g., aluminum, brass, copper, gold, iron, lead, silver, silverplated, and tin) or glass (including Pyrex, Duralux, and Corelle).

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UTENSIL	TEVILA
Aluminum Pan, disposable	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> if intended to be used only once; <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> if intended to be used more than once. ¹
Aluminum Pan, non-disposable	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> ²
Apple Corer (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Baking/Cookie sheet	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Barbeque Grill	Racks require <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> , other components do not require <i>tevila</i> .
Blech	No <i>tevila</i>
Blender/Mixer	Glass or metal bowl, metal blades and other attachments require <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> ; other components do not require <i>tevila</i> . Handheld immersion blender requires <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> .
Bottle (metal or glass)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> . If glass bottle was bought filled with food and subsequently emptied by a Jew does not require <i>tevila</i> ; <i>tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> if metal. ³
Brush (grill, egg yolk, pastry)	No <i>tevila</i>
Cake Plate (metal or glass)	Plate needs <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> ; cake plate cover does not require <i>tevila</i> .
Can (metal or glass)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> . If bought filled with food and subsequently emptied by a Jew does not require <i>tevila</i> . ³
Can Opener	No <i>tevila</i>
Cast Iron Pot	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Ceramic Knife	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i>
<i>Challah</i> Board	Metal board or glass top on wooden board requires <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> . Wood board with a plastic top does not require <i>tevila</i> .
Cheese Slicer (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
China (glazed)	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> ⁴
Coffee Grinder	No <i>tevila</i>
Coffeemaker (electric)	Does not require <i>tevila</i> if it will break if <i>toveled</i> , otherwise requires <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> . ⁵
Colander (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Cookie Cutter	No <i>tevila</i> (if only used with food that is not edible). ⁶
Cookie Sheet (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Cooling Rack (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i>
Corelle Plate	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> ⁷
Corkscrew	No <i>tevila</i>
Corningware	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i>
Corn Skewers (metal prongs)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Crock Pot	Metal or glass insert requires <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> ; ceramic insert requires <i>tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> ; heating element does not require <i>tevila</i> ; glass lid requires <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> .

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Cup/Mug	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> if metal or glass; <i>tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> if glazed ceramic; no <i>tevila</i> if plastic.
Cupcake/Muffin Pan (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Cutlery (metal) i.e., forks knives, spoons	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> . Knife used for arts and crafts only does not require <i>tevila</i> .
Cutting Board (metal or glass)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Dentures	No <i>tevila</i>
Dishes	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> if metal or glass, or <i>tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> if glazed ceramic.
Dish Rack	No <i>tevila</i>
Egg Slicer (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Flour Sifter	No <i>tevila</i> ⁶
Frying Pan (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> if Teflon coated, with a <i>bracha</i> if uncoated.
George Foreman Grill	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> . ⁸ Does not require <i>tevila</i> if it will break if <i>toveled</i> . ⁵
Glasses (metal or glass)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Grater (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Grill	See Barbeque Grill
Hot Plate/ <i>Platta</i>	No <i>tevila</i>
Ice Cream Scooper (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Immersion Blender	Metal blades and other attachments require <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> .
Immersion Heater	No <i>tevila</i>
Kettle (metal or glass)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Keurig Machine	Does not require <i>tevila</i> if it will break if <i>toveled</i> , otherwise requires <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> . ⁵
Kiddush Cup (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> . Does not require <i>tevila</i> if manufactured in Israel, but does require <i>tevila</i> if sold in Israel and manufactured elsewhere.
Knife Sharpener	No <i>tevila</i>
Ladle (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Measuring Spoon (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> ⁹
Meat Grinder (metal)	Attachments require <i>tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> (if only used for raw meat, <i>tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i>). ⁶
Meat Tenderizer (metal hammer)	No <i>tevila</i> ⁶
Meat Thermometer	No <i>tevila</i>
Medicine Spoon (metal or glass)	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> if used solely for medicine.
Melon Baller (metal)	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i>
Microwave Turntable (glass)	<i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i>
Nutcracker	<i>Tevila</i> with a <i>bracha</i> if used at the table. <i>Tevila</i> without a <i>bracha</i> if not used at the table.
Oven Rack	No <i>tevila</i> . See Toaster Oven.

