

# And it shall be when you enter the land (Deuteronomy 26:1)

## A guide to your first steps in Israel



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A guide for Ezrachim Olim

# Who is this guide for?

This slide show is relevant to you if you have been approved as a straightforward Ezechrach Oleh

If you have given up your Israeli citizenship, or if you are married to a person who has previously held an Aliyah status of any kind, please refer to the Aliyah office for clarification

# Before you leave you should have.....

Confirmation of status from the Ministry of Absorption

**Originals** of all documents presented to your Aliyah office **packed in your hand luggage**

Confirmation of your flight and baggage allowance

Updated your Aliyah office with your first address in Israel and contact telephone numbers



# Upon landing at Ben Gurion Airport

Upon exiting the plane, you should be met by a representative of the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption.

In addition, you may be met by a representative of an Oleh association (UJIA, AACI, TELFED)



# In the event that you are not met....

Proceed in the direction of passport control

Immediately prior to the entrance to the passport hall you will find a phone mounted on the wall on the left hand side

Pick the phone up to be connected directly to the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption Office



# Passport control

Have your Israeli passport stamped

Mazal Tov!!

You will then be accompanied to the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption offices



# At the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption you will receive:

Teudat Zakaut – 1 per family. Contact information for your local branch of the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption will be printed inside

Teudat Zehut (ID card) 1 per family member aged 16 and up (in some cases you will be referred to your local Interior Ministry branch)

1<sup>st</sup> installment of [Sal Klita](#) in cash

200 free call minutes for your cellphone





# Heading for home

You will be accompanied to pick up your bags

At customs you are required to declare individual items valued at \$200 or more or cash of more than NIS 1,125,000

You will be accompanied to your free taxi which will take you to your first destination



# Your first day in Israel

It's highly recommended that you use your first day in Israel to rest, recover from the flight and get yourself orientated to your new surroundings...



# Dealing with Government offices

Due to improvements in services, particularly at the airport, there are fewer encounters with bureaucracy than ever before.

Before taking a morning off ulpan or work to visit a Government office, check that you have the correct address and opening hours for the service that you require – they are subject to change.

Check that you have all documents that you may need. Preparing copies of everything is usually a good idea.

Tip: if your Hebrew is limited, taking a Hebrew speaking friend can smooth the way.



***If you did not receive your Teudat Zehut (ID card) at the airport***, each family member aged at least 16 will need to apply in person at the local branch of the Interior Ministry

Each person will need:

Passport

2 passport photos

**Original** documents presented to the Aliyah office (Rabbi's letter, birth, marriage, death certificates etc)



# Opening a bank account

Choose a convenient bank and open a Shekel account. Deposit at least a minimal sum to activate the account

Ask what benefits you can receive as an Ezech Oleh

Check process for obtaining cheque books, bank and credit cards, internet banking

Make sure that the bank fills out and stamps the form received at the airport



Arrange an appointment at your local [Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption](#) branch

Register for [Hebrew classes \(Ulpan\)](#)

Arrange ongoing monthly “[Sal Klita](#)” financial assistance payments

Fill out paperwork to [register for medical insurance](#) – it will take several days until you are updated into the system. It is recommended to arrange private insurance for the initial period.



If you are planning on receiving a shipment, purchasing Israeli manufactured goods with a discount or using Ezech Oleh rights to buy a car you'll need a customs file.

Take the following documents to the customs authority offices

Teudat Zakaut

Passport/s

Documents presented to your Shaliach



Ezrachim Olim may drive in Israel using a valid foreign license for up to 1 year from date of Aliyah (if you were in Israel prior to Aliyah this period may be included in the year).

An Ezrach Oleh may obtain an Israeli license by passing a simple on-the-road test within 3 years of their Aliyah date. A theory test is required only if the road test is failed twice.

In order to utilise Aliyah benefits to purchase a car both an Israeli license and a foreign license, issued prior to Aliyah in the country of origin are required.





Go to the local photo station to begin the process (full list of stations on the website)

Arrange an eye test and medical

Take the completed form to the licensing authority office with:

Teudat Zehut

Teudat Zakaut

Passport with Aliyah visa

Foreign Driver's license

Photocopies of all the above

Arrange lessons and a test with a recommended instructor

Drive carefully!



# Arnona – Municipal Tax

Ezrachim Olim are entitled to up to a 90% reduction (depending on location) in Arnona (Municipal Tax) on 100 sq. m of their home for 12 of their first 24 months in Israel

Take the follow to your local municipality:

Teudat Zehut + copy

Teudat Zakaut + copy

House contract + copy

Arnona bill

Confirmation that the reduction has not been received elsewhere (in the event that you were previously resident in a different location)



Needed if you work in the public sector or if you ever need to collect unemployment benefit

Take [the following](#) to the Ministry of Education:

Teudat Zehut

Teudat Zakaut

Original Diploma

Official transcript/s

If you completed High School after 2000 – High School Diploma



## Useful contact information

|  |   |               |
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| Global Center – The Jewish Agency for Israel |   | 1-800-228-055 |
| Misrad Hapnim                                | <a href="http://www.moin.gov.il">www.moin.gov.il</a>                                    | *3450         |
| Misrad Haklita                               | <a href="http://www.moia.gov.il">www.moia.gov.il</a>                                    | 03-973-3333   |
| Bituach Leumi                                | <a href="http://www.btl.gov.il">www.btl.gov.il</a>                                      | *6050         |
| Customs / Income Tax                         | <a href="http://www.financeisrael.mof.gov.il/">http://www.financeisrael.mof.gov.il/</a> |               |
| Driving Licenses                             | <a href="http://www.mot.gov.il">www.mot.gov.il</a>                                      | *5678         |
| Army   | <a href="http://www.aka.idf.il/main/giyus">www.aka.idf.il/main/giyus</a>                |               |

# Glossary of terms used

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|----------------|---|
| Teudat Zehut   | Identity card   |
| Teudat Zakaut  | Oleh benefits booklet   |
| Ulpan          | Hebrew classes  |
| Sal Klita      | Financial assistance paid in the 6 months following Aliyah  |
| Misrad Hapnim  | Interior Ministry (responsible for issuing Teudat Zehut, Teudat Ma'avar, Passports, changing addresses etc) |
| Misrad Haklita | Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption – responsible for most Aliyah benefits                          |
| Bituach Leumi  | The National Insurance - responsible for welfare payments, pensions, child benefit, unemployment            |
| Kupat Cholim   | Health Insurance fund   |

Wishing you....

A soft landing, easy absorption and lots of success!

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See you in Israel!

להתראות בארץ!