

Do You Know How a Mezuzah is Crafted?

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A Mezuzah is a beautiful handmade silver Judaica object, which contains the written Jewish prayers by a scribe on a parchment in Hebrew. It is hung by a nail on the door post of Jewish homes as a constant reminder that God is in your thoughts at all times. The Mezuzah is a physical reminder to keep God in mind as you come and go to and from your blessed home. There are numerous Jewish homes that put a Mezuzah on every door both inside and on the outside entrances and exits, while some homes only display a Mezuzah on the outside entrances.

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When using a Silver Mezuzah make sure that it is of the right size so that there is enough breathing room for the scroll, as not to damage it. The other concern is problems of oxidation of silver which may damage the inner scroll, if care is not taken. Make sure to polish your silver Mezuzahs often, but remove the scroll first.

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