

⋮ **APPLICATION for GERUT (CONVERSION)** ⋮

Date of application: _____
 Phone # for each Parent (or if deceased, phone # of a close relative/friend): _____

Personal Details

- Please provide a photocopy of your ID (driver's license, passport, or birth certificate)
- Please provide copies of previous marriage/divorce certificates

English name _____ Hebrew name _____ M ___ F ___
 Home Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ SS# _____
 Main Occupation _____ Please describe your Position _____

 Work Name & Address _____
 Home phone () _____ Cell () _____ Work () _____ Fax () _____
 Birthday _____ Place of Birth _____ License or Passport # _____
 Education level _____ Area of study _____ Name of School _____
 From which religion are you coming? _____ If converted, by whom? _____
 Are you still affiliated with the old religion? Y ___ N ___

Spouse/Children

Married? Y ___ N ___ Date of marriage _____ Where _____ Officiated by _____
 Children of previous marriage(s) (names / ages) _____
 Location of children _____
 Have you applied before? Y ___ N ___ Where? _____ Name of Rabbi _____
 Are you affiliated with any synagogue? Y ___ N ___ References & phone #s _____

Family

Father's English name _____ Was he born Jewish? Y ___ N ___
 Mother's English name _____ Was she born Jewish? Y ___ N ___
 Address of parents _____ Phone () _____
 Any Jewish ancestry in your maternal lineage? Specify _____
 Father's occupation _____ Mother's occupation _____
 Are your parents still married? Y ___ N ___ When you were born? Y ___ N ___
 Names of siblings _____ One Phone # () _____
 Does your family consent to the Conversion? Y ___ N ___ Are you doing this conversion for marriage? Y ___ N ___

- A non-refundable deposit of \$400.00 must be included with this application, for review and the initial work. You will be given a free, 1 hour introductory meeting with the WCRC, with no commitment.
- I affirm that all the above is true and correct.

X _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____
 Signature Print

Please answer thoroughly the following questions on a separate sheet (preferably typed):

1. What or who brings you to Judaism?
2. In what religion were you raised/educated?
3. How long have you considered conversion? Detail your thoughts and feelings about this.
4. What is your present religion? How does it express itself?
5. If different from your practice of belief, what accounts for the change?
6. Relate your religious education in detail.
7. How much of an interest do you have in that religion?
8. Relate your religious journey, experiences, doubts, questions, theology, relationship to g-d etc...
9. Describe your knowledge of Judaism.
10. List readings in Judaica: titles & authors
11. What religious observances/activities/affiliations are there in your parents home?
12. What was the extent of your parents observance?
13. Do you have any personal meaningful relationships with a person of the Jewish faith? Describe in detail.
14. Describe your family of origin (father, mother, brothers, sisters) and your relationship with each member.
15. What is your current relationship with your family?
16. Describe your experiences throughout your school years.
17. What is your level of education?
18. How did you relate to your friends, teachers, etc.?
19. How did your father influence your life?
20. How did your mother influence your life?
21. Have you ever travelled to Israel? For what period of time? Detail your impressions, thoughts, etc.
22. Detail your work experiences, likes, dislikes, relationships with superior, peers.
23. Describe your state of health. When and with whom did you have your last complete physical check-up?
24. Are you on any medication? If yes, what?
25. Are you presently under a doctors or therapists care? If yes, state why.
26. Is there or has there been any serious illness in your family?
27. Who is your sponsoring (monitoring) Rabbi, if any? (include name, address, phone number)
28. Provide 2 references. Provide (1) name, (2) address, (3) phone number
29. When is your best time for interviewing?
30. Any statement you wish to make to the commission can be made here.

- I affirm that all the above is true and correct.

X _____ Date ____/____/____
Signature Print

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⋮⋮ **CONVERSION OF A BABY** ⋮⋮

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Work name, address, and phone #s _____

• I, the father (name) _____
and/or I, the mother(name) _____
do solemnly swear to provide a kosher home study and teach and educate the
children in an Orthodox Jewish day school for our Boy/Girl and accept the guidance
of Rabbi (name) _____

• We also undertake to provide for the children a home permeated with the beauty of
the Jewish Shabbat and holidays.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

I, Rabbi _____ take upon myself to teach and supervise
the _____ family for the duration of their conversion
process and transition.

Signature of Rabbi _____ Date _____

English

1 - Hashem

1.1 - What this means to me that Hashem

1.2 - Monotheism

1.3 - Avodah Zarah

Golden calf, Eliyahu Hanavii and Mount Caramel, Ritual, Witch Craft

2 - What it means to be Jewish

To give oneself to Hashem

2.1 - The Chosen People, what makes Jews different from other religions

2.2 - different groups of respect and Tradition

Orthodox, Conservative, Reform

2.3 - Kohanim, Leviim, israhel

2.4 - Ashkenazim and Sephardim

2.5 - Spilled Spharadic Ashkanazi and Judaism

3 - The Rambam and his thirteen principles of faith

3.1 - Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimonides

3.2 - The Rambam Thirteen Principles of Jewish faith

4 - Conversions

4.1 - What Judaism means to me

4.2 - Jesus and other prophets claiming to be the Meshiach

What do they mean to me, how they influence my life.

4.3 - History converts

Ruth

4.3 - Conversion Process

Bris and Mikveh

5 - What is the Tanach

6 - The Mishna (oral Torah), the Gemara, the Talmud and

6.1 - The Mishna

6.2 - The Gemara

6.3 - The Talmud

7 - Shulchan Aruch

8 - Zohar

9 - Kabala

10 - Haggadah

11 - Pirkei Avot

12 - Tzadikim ORCHOS

13 - Yesharim Metilat

14 - Megillot

15 - The Siddur

15.1 - Why should we pray

Birkat Hashachar: Ani Fashion, yatzar Aher, Yadaaim Netilat, 15

Blessings, Adon Olam, the three prayers

Shachrit

Musaf

Mincha

Maariv

15.2 - Prayers and their sequence in order of importance
Special prayers for Shabbat and holidays, Rosh Chodesh, Rosh ha - 15.3
Yom Kippur and Shanna

15.4 - Special prayers on food before and after eating, Birkat HaMazon,
Boreh Nefashot

15.5 - Birkat Hanehenim

16 - Kippa, Tzitzit, Tefillin and Tallit

16.1 - Kippa

16.2 - Tzitzits

16.3 - Tefillin

16.4 - Tallit

17 - Women's Roll in Judaism

17.1 - Niddah (Taharat mishpaha ha)

17.2 - Shabbat and holiday candles

17.3 - Challa baking

17.4 - proper dress code, Hair coatings, modest clothing

18 - Kashrut

Animal permitted

kashering trial, slaughter, shochet

Separation between meat and dairy products and meat and fish

What is Pareve

utensils kashering

Brachot before and after meals

Kashut certifications, ashgachot different

Maintain a kosher life

Taref, pets allowed

kosher wine, nesech Yayin, stam Yain, mevushal

Bishul Akum

TruMotion and Maasarot, Hala, Bikurim

Maaser ani and other types of charity

The laws relating to the land of Israel

19 - The beauty of Shabbat

Importance of the Sabbath in our lives

The 39 Forbidden works and its derivatives, muktze

Preparing for Shabbat, grocery list, meal planing, home preparations

inventions kosher for Shabbat, Appliancecess, cooking and warming

Oneg Shabbat

Chatzerot Eruvei and Tchumim Eruvei

Charity and the lighting of candles

Services Friday evening, special prayers for welcoming Shabbat, Lecha Dodi
and other special prayers

Alechem Shalom Eshet Chayil

Kidush, child blessings, hamotzi Challas with two meals, Shabbat

songs and Birkat HaMazon (Bentching)

Shachrit, reading the Torah and Haftorah, Musaf

Seudath Sheinis with Kidush, hamotzi Challas with two meals, Songs

Shabbat and Benches

Sehudat Shlishi, hamotzi Challas with two, small meals, bits

Shabbat and benches

Mincha service

Havdalla wine, spices, fire and blessings Maleveh Malkah

Jewish holidays and fast days - 20

Eruv Tavshilin, holidays and laws prohibited permitted

- 20.1 - Rosh Hashana: Special Report on Preparations, Selichot, Yamim Noraiim, special festive meal, Tashlich, special services, Shofar, Aseret yemei Teshuva
- 20.2 - Gedaliah Tzom
- 20.3 - Shabbat Teshuva
- 20.4 - Yom Kippur: kapparot, fasting, Kol Nidrei, Vidui, Yizkor, Avodah of Priest, Nehila, Shofar.
- 20.5 - Sukkot: Preparation of the Sukkah, HaMinim arba (Etrog, Lulav, Arava, Hadas) Hol Hamoed
- 20.6 - Hoshana Rabbah
- hatzeret Shemini, Preyer rain, Yizkor - 20.7
- 20.8 - Simcha Torah, Hakaffot, reading three Torahs
- 20.9 - Hanukkah, The Chanukkiah and Candle Lighting, the first night blessings and blessings seven nights, the story of Hanukkah
- 20.10 - Tzom ten of Tevet
- 20.11 - Tu B'Shvat
- 20.12 - Fast of Esther
- 20.13 - Purim story of Purim, Megillah, Laevyonim Matanot, Mishloach Manot
- 20.14 - Fast of the firstborn
- 20.15 - Pesach: Preparing for the holiday, Bdikat chametz, kashering dishes and utensils, sales of the food chametz, preparing, Shabbat Gadol, Haggada and EDDS, the four cups of wine, manishtanah, Seder Platter and Afikoman Matsa, Special Services, Chol Hamoed Pesach
- omer ha Sefirat - 20.16
- 20.17 - Shein Pesach
- 20.18 - Lag B'Omer
- 20.19 - Shavuot, the book of Ruth, playing the Akdamot, dairy meal
- 20.20 - Tzom 17 Tammuz
- 20.21 - Tisha B'Av Tzom
- 20.22 - Tu B'Av

Jewish life cycle - 21

- 21.1 - Birth
- 21.2 - Brit Milah
- 21.3 - Haben Pidiyon
- 21.4 - bar / bat mitzvah
- 21.5 - Kedoshim, Aufruf, Bedeken, Chupah, Keddushin, Ring, Ketubah, Chatan, Kallah, Sheva Brachot. Prohibited marriage
- 21.6 - Taharat Mishpaha ha, Miscarriages and abortion
- 21.7 - bear and raise children to love and serve Hashem
- 21.8 - Guerushin (divorce)
- 21.9 - death and mourning, the seven parents were crying and periods for each. Death Habaah Olam, funeral and burial, Onen, Avel, Shiva, the behavior of mourners, Shloshim, 11 to 12 months Mourning, Kadish, yharzeit, Yizkor, Tehiat Hametim.Embaumement, The autopsy, the open coffin.

22 - The 613 Mitzvot

- 22.1 - The love of Hashem, Kivud Av SAV, Kivud Morim, Loving your fellow Jew Pray three times a day, saying Shema, Birkat yatzar Hasher, Restaurants Kosher, saying the Brachot before and after eating, studying the Torah. The Ten Commandments, Hallachot
- 22.2 - What is the law most beautiful that gives us our Torah?
- 22.3 - Statement 10 not to do mitzvot
- 22.4 - Statement 15 mitzvot that are performed not as often, once a month Like once a year or even once every few years
- 22.5 - Hatov Yetzer Harah and Yetzer
- 22.6 - Lashon Harah

23 - Symbolism

23.1 - mezuzah parchment, where to have it, why, where is it appropriate to have on the poles

23.2 - Menorah

23.3 - Chanukia

23. Other symbols that relate to the Jewish population - 4

24 - visiting the sick, caring for widows and orphans

24.1 - visiting the sick

24.2 - Caring for orphans and widows

25 - Teshuvah, Tefillah, Tzedaka

25.1 - Teshuvah

25.2 - Tefillah

25.3 - Tzedaka

Synagogue structure and Torah readings - 26

26.1 - Who leads the synagogue, and what are the tasks of each individual are based on their positions

26.2 - aliyot to read the Torah

Weekdays, Shabbat, Holidays, Kohen, Levi, Israel

26.3 - Ner Tamid

26.4 - Minyan

27 - How much influence the following people on Judaism:

Taanim, Ammoraim, Geonim, Rif Rashi, Rambam, Rosh, Rashba, Tur, the rabbi Akiva Shabbatai Tzi

28 - History of Judaism, the exodus to the modern day Judaism

The expulsions, the different Diaspora, the First and Second Beis HaMikdash, The Roman Empire, Christianity, Nero, Titus, Charlemagne, Spain and Crusades, The Cossacks, Jewish pogroms Holocaust, American and other communities around the world.

29 - Meshiach

30 - The Tanach

Torah develop each of the five books of Moses

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Neviim: detailed design

Joshua

Judges: identify at least 10 judges and their stories

Samuel, Saul, Jonathan, King David

Kings: King Solomon, Kingdoms of North and South

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Ezequiel

The Twelve Prophets

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micha
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zaphania

Ketuvim: the detailed design

Psalms

Proverbs

Job

The Song of Songs

Ruth

Lamentations

Ecclesiastes

Esther

Daniel

Ezra-Nehemiah

Chronic