



**The State of Israel**

**The Ministry of  
Immigrant Absorption**

**The Prime Minister's Office  
Conversion Division**

# **Information on Conversion**

**Address and Telephone Guide**

The State of Israel was founded as the national homeland of the Jewish people, and you and your families have chosen to link your lives to that of the State. Right now, you are faced with one of the most fateful decisions of your life – whether to join the Jewish people. Many of you perhaps waited and dreamed of this moment, and now the dream is about become reality.

Should you decide to join the Jewish people and our collective history, we would like to offer all the aid and information that we can in order to assist you.

We are aware of all that you must cope with upon coming to a new country, and that you are being asked to undertake a struggle that can often be difficult. However, we are certain that with the help of understanding teachers, and loving families, who will accompany you and assist you to adjust to your new life in Israel, you will be able to successfully cope with the challenges.

The Government of Israel, headed by the Prime Minister, has decided to make the issue of conversion a top priority. To further this aim, the Prime Minister's Office has established a conversion division, which, together with the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, will do everything possible to assist and facilitate the conversion process, through which you can fully integrate into Israeli society.

Part of the conversion process includes participation in a preparatory course that will enrich your knowledge of Judaism and the history and traditions of the Jewish people. The course will also be an intellectual experience, where you will meet individuals who will share with you the characteristics, scope, and history of the Jewish people. Of equal importance, you will also learn about Jewish philosophy, customs, holidays, and experiences.

Special conversion courts will be at your service at the conclusion of your studies, and will complete the process for the granting of your conversion certificate, making you a part of the Jewish people in every way. You will become an inseparable part of the Jewish and Israeli experience, which will ease your integration into Israeli society. Conversion makes you a part of both the Jewish past and the Jewish future, here in our country, Israel.

Individuals eligible to enroll in a conversion course include:

- Non-Jewish new immigrants.
- A Jewish person who joins an immediate family member studying in the course.
- An unmarried couple, for the purposes of the conversion of one member of the couple.

- A person who has been authorized by the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption.

The course includes some 500 hours. At the conclusion of the course, deliberations are held before the Conversion Court. Following deliberations, and according to the judgment of the Court, conversion candidates receive a conversion certificate.

You can avail yourself of study options from a variety of sources that are open to the entire population, including the Institute of Jewish Studies under the supervision of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, and ulpan for soldiers during their period of service. There are also ulpanim under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and Culture, as well as private ulpanim managed by various organizations.

We invite you to join the preparatory course, to expand your horizons, and to understand and become a part of the Jewish and Israeli experience.

Personal absorption counselors at Ministry of Immigrant Absorption branch and district offices throughout the country will be happy to assist you and to acquaint you with the various options, and will do all that they can to help ease this period in your life.

This brochure contains a list of addresses and telephone numbers of government ministries, public institutions, and private organizations that can assist you during your conversion process, from the initial preparatory and study phases until the completion of procedures and registry with the Ministry of the Interior.

**We wish you a successful conversion process and absorption in Israel.**



## Addresses and Telephone Numbers of Government Ministries, Public and Private Organizations

Organization	Telephone Number	Fax
<b>The Ministry of Immigrant Absorption</b>	<a href="http://www.moia.gov.il">www.moia.gov.il</a>	
National Telephone Information Center	(03) 9733333	
Conversion Division The Ministry of Immigrant Absorption	(02) 6214553	(02) 6222807
<b>Main Office</b> 15 Rehov Hillel Jerusalem 94581		
<b>Tel Aviv; Sonia Glass</b> 6 Rehov Esther HaMalka Tel Aviv 64398	(03) 5209198 (054) 5465054	(03) 5209153
<b>Central District</b> 23 Rehov HaTa'asiya; Tami Shafek Cfar Sava 44425	(09) 7632806 (050) 6214648	(09) 7632807
<b>North; Leah Morland</b> 15 Rehov HaPalyam Haifa	(04) 8631127 (050) 6214620	(04) 8631127
<b>Beer Sheva; Etti Ohayon</b> 31 Rehov Shazar Beer Sheva 84894	(08) 6261239 (050) 6214798	(08) 6280529

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<b>Organization</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax</b>
<b>Conversion Division- the Prime Minister's Bureau</b>		
Supervision of conversion and management of conversion courts.		
3 Rehov Kaplan Kiryat HaMemshela Jerusalem 91919		
Rabbi Chaim Drukman; Head of the Conversion Division		
Rabbi Moshe Klein; Deputy Head of the Conversion Division	(02) 6773732	(02) 6773727
Anat Rebibo; Senior Bureau Coordinator	(02) 6773732	(02) 6773729
<b>The Institute of Jewish Studies</b>		<a href="http://www.machon.org.il">www.machon.org.il</a>
Professor Benny Ish Shalom; Institute Chairman 3 Rehov HaAskin Kiryat Moriah 93780	(02) 6216461	(02) 6216480
Nehemiah Citroen; Director of the Jewish Studies Institute P.O.B. 92 Jerusalem	(02) 6216485 (052) 3469976 (02) 6216449	(02) 6216155
<b>Field Coordinators of the Institute of Jewish Studies</b>		
3 Rehov HaAskin Jerusalem 93780		(02) 6216155
Gershon Kleiman; Jerusalem Field Coordinator	(054) 5984012	(02) 6216155
Arnie Kaminsky; Northern Field Coordinator	(050) 7321129	
Eran Cohen; Central and Southern Field Coordinator	(052) 3849013	
Luba Ferber; Haifa Field Coordinator	(054) 4952396	(04) 8552518

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax</b>
Yigal Barber; Ashdod Field Coordinator	(050) 5853675	(08) 8565895
Eran Cohen; Ashdod Field Coordinator eranc@jazo.org.il	(052) 3849013	(08) 8565895

**The Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sport**

[www.education.gov.il](http://www.education.gov.il)

<b>Department of Adult Education – Conversion Ulpan Division</b> 22 Rehov Kanfei Nesharim Jerusalem 91911	(02) 5601413	(02) 5601383
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Moshe Adoryan; National Director (050) 6283323

**Ministry of Education Conversion Ulpan District Directors**

**Jerusalem District; Ora Ringel** (02) 5601328  
(054) 7363401

**Tel Aviv and Central District; Vered Mor** (03) 6896026  
(054) 4903944

**Haifa and Northern District**  
Margalit Medina;  
Conversion Ulpan Director (04) 8353728

Maimon Amar; Conversion Ulpan Deputy Director (054) 4251090  
(050) 6727675

**Southern District; Shimon Shetreet** (052) 3354422

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax</b>
<b>The Ministry of the Interior</b>		
	<a href="mailto:oc-info@moin.gov.il">oc-info@moin.gov.il</a>	

National Information Line	(02) 6294777	(02) 6294755
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Citizenship Division 22 Rehov Hillel Jerusalem 91023	(02) 6294792	(02) 6294793
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Dora Shwartz; Division Director	dor_sw@moin.gov.il (02) 6294724	
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Miriam Weiss; Status Clarification	(02) 6294715	
Authorizations Division	(02) 6241718	(02) 6241082
Mazal Cohen; Division Director	(02) 6294719	

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14:30 p.m. – 17:30 p.m.

**“Or LeNoar”**

36/A Rehov Borochoy Kiryat Ata 28201	(04) 6440066	(04) 8452788
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David Dromer; Organization Head	(050) 6557160	
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**“Or Torah Stone”**

13/A Rehov HaGefen Efrat 90435	(02) 5488447	(02) 5488455
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Rabbi Shlomo Riskin; Head, “Or Torah Stone”

Renana Birnbaum; Conversion Ulpan Director	(051) 6508091	
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**“El Artzi” – The Jewish Experience**

36/A Rehov Borochoy	(02) 8450235	(02) 9973965
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Yehudit Yitzhaki; Organization Head

Herzl Nissan; Organization Director	(052) 4239705	
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<b>Organization</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax</b>
<b>The Religious Kibbutz Movement</b>		
	<a href="mailto:mesimot@kdati.org.il">mesimot@kdati.org.il</a>	
Assignment Division of the Religious Kibbutz Center	(03) 6072732	(03) 6957039
Shmaryahu Miller; Division Director	(054) 7792946	
<b>Hebrew Language and Conversion Ulpanim</b>		
<b>Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu</b>		
(Beit Shean Valley) 10810 shimons@seliyahu.org.il	(04) 6096527	(04) 6096909
Meirav Pollak; Conversion Ulpan Director	(054) 6540985 (04) 6096985 (04) 6096621	
<b>Kibbutz Ein HaNatziv</b>		
(Beit Shean Valley) 10805 kahn@hanatziv@org.il	(04) 6062670	(04) 6062971
Devorah Kahn; Conversion Ulpan Director	(050) 79485560	
<b>Kibbutz Lavi 15267</b>		
maz@lavi.co.il	(04) 6799367	(04) 6799299
Ariella Sitsmer; Conversion Ulpan Director	(052) 5796050	
<b>Kibbutz Yavne</b>	Miriam@kv-yavne.co.il	
Dalia Heksher; Conversion Ulpan Director	(08) 854311	(08) 8548323
Meshulam Shevet; Hebrew Ulpan Director	(050) 6422971	
Elchanan Itali; Conversion Ulpan Director	(08) 8548232	
<b>Kibbutz Be'erot Yitzhak</b> 60905	(03) 9371972 (050) 7537136	(03) 9334911
Esther Porsher; Hebrew Ulpan Director		

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax</b>
<b>“Machanaim”</b>		
	<a href="http://www.machanaim.org">www.machanaim.org</a>	
2 Rehov Lunz Jerusalem	(02) 6256006	(02) 6257117
Dr. Pinchas Polansky; Director	(054) 4665902	
Miriam Kitrovsky; Conversion Ulpan Director	(054) 6658907	
<b>“Machon Meir”</b>		
2 Sderot HaMeiri Jerusalem	(02) 6511906	(02) 6514820
Yosef Dinovitz; Conversion Ulpan Director	(054) 4645985	
<b>“Nachalat Tzvi”</b>		
42 Rehov Eliyahu Meridor P.O.B. 33145 Jerusalem	(02) 583621	(02) 5836478
Rabbi Shimon Ya’akov; Institution Head	(050) 8441161	
Moshe Eisen; Director	(050) 8441162	
<b>“Itim”</b>		
	<a href="http://www.itim.org.il">www.itim.org.il</a>	
Information and guidance about the Jewish life cycle.		
9 Rehov HaUman Talpiot P.O.B. 91046 Jerusalem	(02) 6482205	(02) 6480726
Dr. Shaul Ferber; Director	(052) 4507305	

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax</b>
<b>“Amuta LeSidurei Giur”</b>		
123 Rehov Jabotinsky Ramat Gan	(02) 6120505	(02) 6120506
Avishai Doam; Organization Head and Ulpan Division	(050) 5478421	
<b>“Shavei Yisrael-Machon Miriam”</b>		
58 Rehov HaMelech George Jerusalem 94262	(02) 6256230	(02) 6256233
Meir Fixman; Organization President and Director Renanna Birnbaum; Conversion Ulpan Director (Spanish)	(02) 6256230  (051) 6508091	
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Yemin Ord, D.N. Hof HaCarmel 30895	(04) 8234667	(04) 9541826
Rabbi Menachem Waldman; Organization Head	(04) 8234667 (054) 4351060	(04) 9541826
Ze’ev Rubins; Institute Director	(050) 576579	
<b>Special Rabbinic Conversion Courts Court Administration</b>		<a href="mailto:gyurisrael@rbc.gov.il">gyurisrael@rbc.gov.il</a>
22 Rehov Kanfei Nesharim Jerusalem Switchboard	(02) 6582822  (02) 5311333	(02) 5311134
Rabbi Eliyahu Maimon; Director of Special Rabbinic Conversion Courts	(050) 6229120 (050) 5311176	
Meirav Biton- Bureau Director	(02) 6203752 (050) 5600899	

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax</b>
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Rabbi Pinchas Boltiansky; Court Emissary	(02) 6203777	
Devorah Fraiman; Senior Secretary	(02) 6203768	
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Rabbi Yosef Meicor, Rabbinic Court Emissary	(050) 6229125	
Rabbi Yitzchak Ya'akovovitch, Rabbinic Court Emissary	(03) 6086625	
Michal Guri; Senior Secretary	(03) 6086625	
<b>North</b>		<a href="mailto:shmaria@rbc.gov.il">shmaria@rbc.gov.il</a>
28 Rehov Yalag Haifa	(04) 864996	
Rabbi Shmaryahu Shor; Rabbinic Court Emissary	(04) 8603141	
Chana Orgovy; Senior Secretary	(04) 9603141	
<b>Netanya</b>		<a href="mailto:tomar@rbc.gov.il">tomar@rbc.gov.il</a>
3 Rehov Bareket Netanya	(09) 8300814	(09) 8341457

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax</b>
Rabbi Amir Mengistu Rabbinic Court Emissary Ethiopian Division, North	(050) 6229137	
Circumcision and Ritual Bath Division	(09) 8300816	
Rabbi Tomer Shraga; Rabbinic Courts Director	(050) 6229133	
<b>South</b>		
"Or Etzion" Conversion Center Court		
Shapira Center (Next to Kiryat Malachi) 79411	(08) 8587545	(08) 8502035
Rabbi Yosef Avior	(054) 6812712	
<b>Beer Sheva</b>		
4 Rehov HaTikva, Kiryat HaMemshela Beer Sheva		
Rabbi Alon Nagosa; Rabbinic Court Emissary, Ethiopian Division, South	(050) 6229134	
<b>Israel Defense Forces Conversion Court</b>		
Doar Tzahal 01983, HaKiryat, Tel Aviv		
Switchboard	(03) 5695183	(03) 5693173
Sgan Aluf Eyal Laufer; Rabbinic Court Officer	(050) 7783301	
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Conversion Information Center "Ta Nativ"	(03) 7374565	(03) 7576935
Tel HaShomer Base	(03) 7376014	
Noa Kleiman; Head, "Ta Nativ"	(03) 7377695	

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- Guide for the New Immigrant
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- Education
- Guarding Your Health in Israel
- A Guide to Ulpan Study
- Health Services in Israel
- Housing
- The Life Cycle in Israel
- Military Service
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