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REGISTRATION FOR
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Registration for a Kupat Holim

One of the most important things to do following aliyah is to register with one of the health funds. As a new immigrant (*oleh hadash*, NOT temporary residents A/1) you receive free health coverage for the first six months after receiving new immigrant status, provided that you are not employed, and have registered with a health fund.

Medical services in Israel are provided through four health funds: Kupat Holim Clalit, Kupat Holim Maccabi, Kupat Holim Meuhedet, and Kupat Holim Leumit.

In order to register the following steps are necessary:

1. Bring the following documents to the postal bank (*bank hadoar*) found in all post office branches:
 - Referral slip for health insurance that you receive upon obtaining *oleh* status, either at the airport or at a Ministry of Immigrant Absorption branch office.
 - *Te'udat Oleh*
 - *Te'udat Zehut*

At the postal bank you must indicate which health fund you wish to register with, which fund your spouse wishes to register with (spouses are entitled to register with separate funds if they wish) and which fund to register any children you may have under the age of 18. Children over the age of 18 register separately, presenting either their own *te'udat oleh* or their parents' *te'udat oleh*. The clerk will take the referral slip, sign your registration form with the name of your desired fund indicated, and give you a copy of the form.

There is a registration fee of NIS 10 for each adult being registered. There is no fee for the registration of children under the age of 18.

2. Take your copy of the registration form to the office of the health fund you have chosen in order to receive a membership card. **Note that you are not considered a member of the health fund until this step has been taken.**

Note that most post offices do not have a separate counter for postal bank services. Such services are provided at all post office counters. The majority of post offices are open from Sunday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

For your convenience it is possible to register for a health fund immediately following your arrival in Israel, at the Ben Gurion airport branch of the post office, which is open from 7:00 a.m.-19:00 p.m.

The health fund that you have registered with will issue a membership card for each family member. The card will be sent to the address indicated on the registration form, or to the post office nearest to your place of residence.

You can request a listing of doctors and services in your area from your health fund office.

Once you have registered with the health fund you are then insured, and entitled to receive medical services from the fund.

Membership in a health fund is valid for one year. Should you wish to transfer to a different fund you may do so only after the one year has passed. Check with your health fund for details on the procedure of transferring from one health fund to another.

NOTE: Receipt of health services is contingent upon registration with a health fund. Therefore, it is vital to register with a fund as soon as possible following your arrival in Israel. Failure to register with a health fund may result in unnecessary bureaucratic complications and unexpected expenses when seeking health care.