



Getting Ready Tips

ALIYAH PROGRAMS

The Jewish Agency for Israel offers a range of Aliyah programs—from absorption centers to *ulpanim* to assistance from to help you settle softly in Israel. Have a look at our programs and their starting dates to better plan your Aliyah. [For more information.](#)

LOCATION

You will want to discuss with your *shaliach* and your family and friends which area of Israel will best suit you and your needs.

ABSORPTION CENTERS

You might want to begin your Aliyah at a Jewish Agency absorption center, living with other new immigrants while you learn Hebrew and the land. Ask your *shaliach* about the best options for you. You can see some of our centers here. [For more information.](#)

ULPAN

You are entitled to subsidized Hebrew classes. Ask your *shaliach* about classes available in your area that are most suitable for your needs, your current level of Hebrew, and the date you wish to begin. [For more information.](#)

INVESTMENTS

Take advice from a tax expert prior to your Aliyah in order to make sure that you are able to take full advantage of tax benefits available to you.

BANK ACCOUNT

Switch to online statements.

Set up internet banking or phone banking so that you can easily access your money.

MONEY TRANSFERS

Make sure that you know how you will transfer money in the cheapest / most efficient way possible.

CELLPHONE

If you are planning on taking your cellphone with you, make sure that it can accept an Israeli sim card.



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HEALTH INSURANCE

Research health funds in the area where you will be living in Israel – most *Olim* sign up at Ben Gurion Airport, or shortly after arriving.

Bring a medical history or medical records.

Should you have a medical problem that will require ongoing treatment it is recommended to find a doctor in Israel ahead of time.

Bring a reasonable supply of any prescription medications. [For more information.](#)

DRIVER'S LICENSE

Make sure that your license is current.

If the license does not carry an issue date, arrange to receive some form of confirmation of this date from your licensing authority. [For more information.](#)

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS LINK

Make sure to check the regulations for professional licensing prior to your Aliyah.

Bring with you all original documents relating to your educational and professional qualifications. [For more information.](#)

BEFORE YOUR FLIGHT

Make sure you have:

- Confirmed your flight and baggage allowance.
- Updated your Aliyah office with your first address in Israel and contact telephone numbers.

Make sure you have packed, in your hand luggage:

- Your passport with an Aliyah visa.
- Originals of all documents presented to your Aliyah office.