

# בית דין צדק דסידני והמדינה

## Sydney Beth Din

Jewish Ecclesiastical Court  
166 Castlereagh St, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia

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### Conversion to Judaism

Thank you very much for your enquiry regarding conversion to Judaism. We enclose our application form, which we request you complete in full and send back to our office together with a passport size photo of yourself and a registration fee of \$250.00 (payable to Sydney Beth Din).

When we receive your completed application, we will arrange a time to interview you in order to discuss the conversion process and all its requirements with you. This initial interview will last about half an hour. We will be interested to hear what has brought you to your decision and what experience you have had of Jewish living. We will almost certainly make some recommendations for further reading.

Once you have begun your general affiliation and immersion into the Jewish community, and started attending synagogue with regularity, we will arrange a number of follow up interviews. When you are formally accepted as a candidate, the Sydney Beth Din will appoint an approved teacher to guide you in the observance of Jewish traditions and customs.

The Sydney Beth Din will continue to monitor your progress through interviews and feedback from your appointed teacher and the Rabbi of the synagogue you attend.

When you are ready, your teacher and Rabbi will commend you to the Sydney Beth Din for final examination into Judaism. A payment of \$150.00 is required at the final examination.

In submitting this application form, you are embarking on an exciting journey of spiritual and self discovery.

The time spent preparing for conversion is highly dependent on each individual and family circumstances. With appropriate commitment and where there are no complications, the Sydney Beth Din anticipates that the process takes around two years from the beginning of formal instruction.

However, after you begin the conversion process, you may recognise that your personal fulfilment is not found in conversion to Judaism. Equally, Jewish teaching recognises that it is possible to be spiritually fulfilled and be a good person without becoming a Jew.

You should be aware that the Sydney Beth Din can make no guarantees that in submitting an application, you will necessarily become accepted into the Jewish faith.

Yours sincerely



Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence  
Registrar, Sydney Beth Din

Date of Completion with  
Signature of officiating Dayan

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### Application for Acceptance into Judaism A separate form must be completed for each adult

Surname						<b>Please Attach Passport Photo</b>					
First Name											
Date of Birth		City of Birth		Country of Birth							
Current Religious Affiliation			Occupation								
<b>Contact Details</b>											
Unit No.	House No.	Street			Suburb		State	Postcode			
Home Phone		Business Phone		Mobile Phone		E-mail					
<b>Your Background</b>						Office					
Religion of Father		Religion of Mother		If Male: Are you Circumcised?				Have you been previously married?			
Full Name of Current Spouse / Partner			Religion of Spouse / Partner					Separated or Divorced? Please give details:			
If Married: Date & City of Marriage			Hebrew Name of Partner if Jewish								
<b>Your Children (If Any)</b> <i>If insufficient room, please add a separate sheet</i>											
Full Name		Date of Birth	M/F	Name of Other Parent		Child Converting?					
		Day   Mon   Yr	M/F			Yes / No					
		Day   Mon   Yr	M/F			Yes / No					
		Day   Mon   Yr	M/F			Yes / No					
		Day   Mon   Yr	M/F			Yes / No					

In lodging my application, I understand that I may not make any booking nor send invitations for a Jewish religious wedding ceremony without the prior approval of the Sydney Beth Din.

**IMPORTANT:** If either of your parents is Jewish, please attach any supporting documentation, such as Ketubah (wedding documents from a synagogue), family burial records, photographs of graves etc.

**ALSO:** Please attach additional sheets explaining in detail:

- (1) Why you want to become Jewish
- (2) What experience you have had of Jewish life
- (3) Any other members of your family who are Jewish
- (4) What steps you have taken to discover more about Judaism

**Please enclose \$250 registration fee payable to Sydney Beth Din**

Signature

Date

Office Use:

Date Received

Day | Mon | Yr

Fee:

1<sup>st</sup> Appointment

Day | Mon | Yr

Teacher

Day | Mon | Yr

Final Appointment

Day | Mon | Yr

Fee:

Approved

Day | Mon | Yr

Mikveh

Day | Mon | Yr

Certificate

Day | Mon | Yr