

The Aliyah Lift Packing List

HABAYIT SHELI · AN ORGANIZER'S CHECKLIST FOR MOVING TO ISRAEL



Pack for the home you're moving to, not the one you're leaving.

Organizing guidance, not customs or legal advice. Check current olim shipping and customs rules with Nefesh B'Nefesh, your shipper and the Israel Tax Authority.

1 · Before you decide

- ☐ Get the floor plan of your Israeli apartment (or plan for less space than you have now)
- ☐ Measure: kitchen cabinets, closets, the mamad, the machsan, stairwell and elevator
- ☐ Check Israeli bed and mattress sizes before shipping bedding
- ☐ Check every appliance: Israel is 230V / 50Hz, type C and H plugs
- ☐ Decide: full container · consolidated shipment · suitcases only
- ☐ Book a volume survey **after** you decide what's going, not before

2 · The four-pile test (ask it of everything)

Will I use it in the first year in Israel?

Does it work in Israel (voltage, plugs)?

Does it fit the new apartment?

Can I easily buy it in Israel?

Would I pay to ship it if it were new?

Ship ☐ · Sell ☐ · Store ☐ · Let go ☐

3 · The landing kit (suitcases and carry-on)

Your lift may take weeks to arrive. Pack as if it'll be late.

- ☐ Passports, aliyah documents, originals and copies of key records
- ☐ Prescription medications (original packaging), glasses or contacts, first-aid basics
- ☐ About a week of clothes per person, for the season you land in
- ☐ Sheets and a towel per person
- ☐ Mini kitchen: a few plates, cutlery, a pot, a knife, mugs
- ☐ Phone chargers, a power strip, 2–3 type H plug adapters
- ☐ One comfort item per child, plus a few books or games
- ☐ Small toolkit and a tape measure

4 · Worth the lift

- ☐ Heirlooms, art, photos, children's keepsakes
- ☐ Books and seforim you actually use
- ☐ Quality cookware, good knives, favorite baking tools (measure your future oven)
- ☐ Bedding you love, in the right sizes

- ☐ Clothing for **both** seasons, including real winter coats
- ☐ Well-made furniture that **fits** your new rooms
- ☐ A curated set of kids' favorite toys, books and bedding
- ☐ Tools you rely on: drill, toolbox, step stool
- ☐ Dual-voltage electronics

5 · Usually better left behind

- ☐ 110V-only small appliances
- ☐ Oversized sofas, beds and dressers
- ☐ Duplicates, broken items, "someday" sizes
- ☐ Cheap, bulky basics: plastic storage, laundry baskets, flat-pack shelving
- ☐ Anything you're unsure about for customs (ask first)

6 · Pack for the unpacking

- ☐ Label by **destination room in Israel**: KITCHEN · DAILY · KITCHEN · OCCASIONAL · MAMAD · MACHSAN · KIDS · FIRST WEEK
- ☐ Number every box and keep an inventory on your phone (number · room · 3 key items)
- ☐ Pack a **First Night** box, loaded last and unloaded first: sheets, towels, kettle, pot, knife, toilet paper, chargers
- ☐ Tape hardware bags to the furniture they belong to
- ☐ No "sort it later" boxes. Decide now.

7 · Timeline

When	Do
6+ months	Choose your shipping option. Start the obvious declutter
4–5 months	Make room-by-room decisions. List big items for sale
2–3 months	Contact shippers (before Passover for a summer move). Get surveys and written quotes
6–8 weeks	Final sell / donate push. Finalize the suitcase and lift lists
Packing week	Label by Israeli room. Number boxes. Pack the First Night box

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