



AGUDATH ISRAEL OF AMERICA LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES

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Emergency Passport/Travel Issues

Obtaining a U.S. Passport in the U.S.

To apply for a passport within 14 days of travel, call the National Passport Office at (877) 487-2778. Press #1 for English and #2 to make an appointment on the automated system. (If you live in New York City, you will be given a date for an appointment at the New York City passport office located at 376 Hudson Street, 10th floor, New York, NY 10014. If you live elsewhere, you will be given an appointment at the office nearest to you.) Be sure to write down your confirmation number. You will need to bring the following documents to your appointment:

- 1) Proof of travel such as a ticket or travel confirmation
- 2) Appointment confirmation number
- 3) Valid photo ID

You will be writing a check or money order to the U.S. Department of State.

If you wish to speak to a live operator at the National Passport Office, call 877-487-2778 and follow the prompts to speak to an operator.

There are a number of passport expediting businesses that can get you an expedited passport for a fee. We cannot formally recommend any of them, but they can be found through computer research or call our office and we can tell you about some that can be helpful.

Obtaining an American Passport in Israel

If the person who needs the passport is abroad, go to the local U.S. Consulate to apply. For updated information on obtaining a U.S. passport in Israel, visit the Agudath Israel American Citizens Gemach at www.acgemach.org. Rabbi Aharon Spetner, an Agudath Israel representative in Israel, updates information about passports on this website regularly. You may call him for urgent issues at 011-972-52-760-2289. His email address is aspetner@acgemach.org.

Traveling to a Funeral in Israel

If the caller needs to travel immediately for a levaya to Israel, call the Duty Officer at the U.S. State Department for permission to get on a plane without a passport. The number is 202-647-4000. Tell them you will apply for and receive a passport in Israel in order to return to the U.S. For more assistance you may contact Rabbi Abba Cohen at the Agudath Israel Washington DC office (202) 835-0414. Email address is acohen@agudathisrael-dc.org



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Assistance From Your Political Representatives

If you ordered a passport but haven't received and need to travel soon, or if you have another urgent passport concern, you may call your local Congressman or U.S. Senator's office. They can sometimes help to expedite the delivery of the passport.

Israeli Citizens Who Need To Come To The U.S. for Urgent Medical Reasons

If an Israeli citizen needs to come to the U.S. urgently for a medical reason, contact Agudath Israel directly and we will put you in touch with an organization in Israel that may be able to help you get an emergency humanitarian visa. Call: 212-797-9000 ext. 335.