

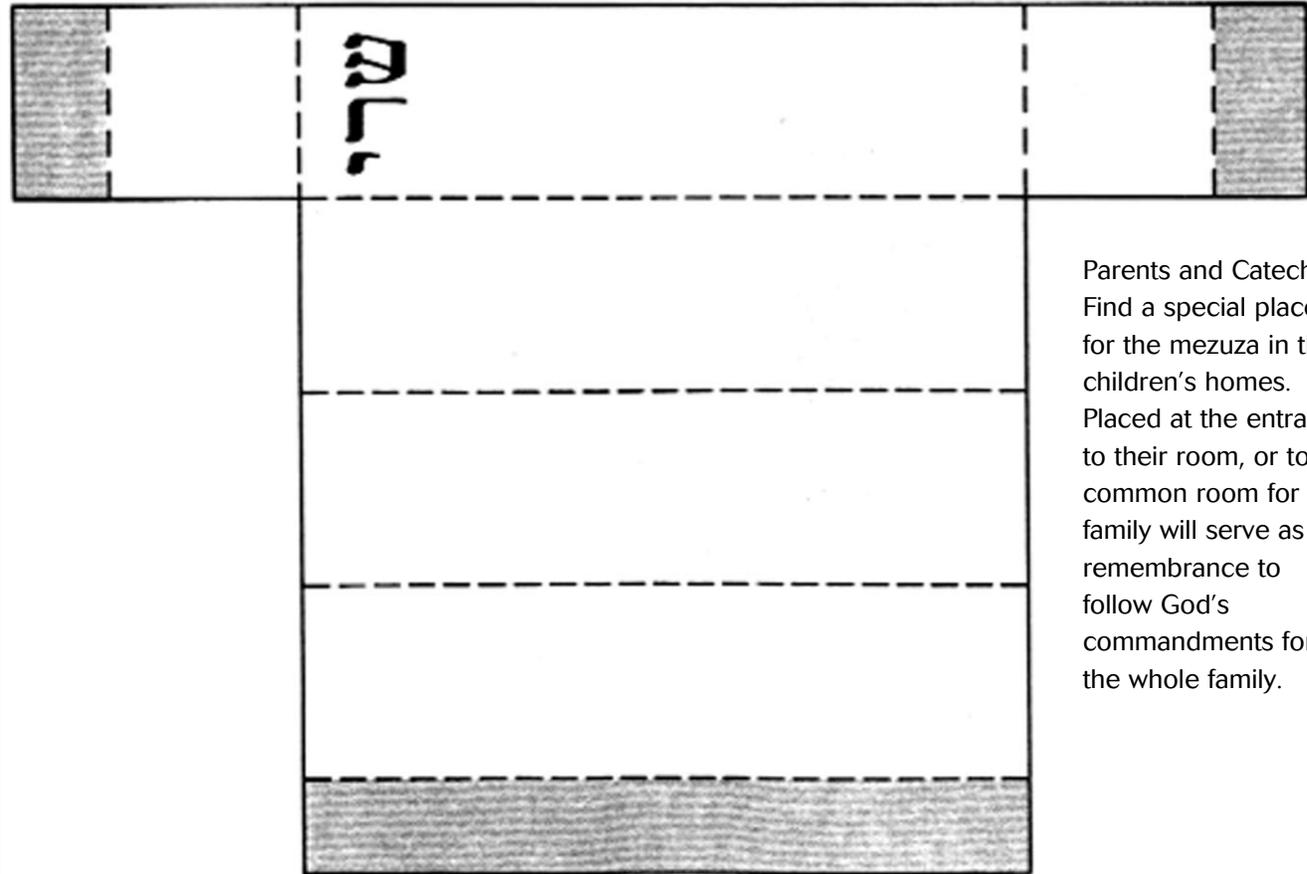
Mezuzah

A mezuzah is a small box containing the commandment to write God's words on the doorway to one's home.

Cut on the solid lines. Fold on the dotted lines. Glue shaded area of 1 short and 1 long side. Cut out and roll up the quote. Put it in the box and seal it. Attach your mezuzah to the top right hand side of the door sash, slanted toward your room. It is a Jewish custom to touch it when entering a house as a reminder of God's commandments. This custom may have its origins in the Egyptian custom of placing documents at the entrance of the house.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.
Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.
Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates....
If you only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today -- loving the Lord your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul -- then he will give the rain for your land in its season, ...
Take care, or you will be seduced into turning away, serving other gods and worshipping them, for then the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you ... so that there will be no rain and the land will yield no fruit; then you will perish quickly off the good land the Lord is giving you....
Teach these words to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.
Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth."

(Deut 6:4-9; 11:13-21)



Parents and Catechists.
Find a special place for the mezuzah in the children's homes.
Placed at the entrance to their room, or to a common room for the family will serve as a remembrance to follow God's commandments for the whole family.

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