

Einhom Service

The Making of Converts

The prospective convert is asked to answer 'Yes' to the following questions:

1. Do you believe God is one and unique and does not share His supremacy with any others?
2. Do you believe that His spirit is different from any other spirit?
3. Do you believe God differs from everything in Heaven and on Earth?
4. Do you believe God, the Father of all being, created us in His image and gave us free will?
5. Do you believe humans like all other creatures came out of God's hands good and pure?
6. Do you believe Torah and His laws were given to his Holy One Moses and that the laws and teachings were revealed on Sinai?
7. Do you believe God has chosen Israel to be His priestly people, teaching his uniqueness to Israel is the agency to the world?
8. Do you believe everyone who considers himself a Jew has the responsibility to bring Go'd word to everyone else?

After each question, the convert is to answer yes.

The rabbi then opens the holy ark and brings him in front of it and the convert makes a speech paraphrasing yes to the above questions. The service is completed with the convert declaring the Sh'ma.

The rabbi places his hands on the convert's head and gives him the priestly blessing and recites psalms 118:26, 16:5, and Ruth 2:11-12.

*We bless you from the House of the Lord.

*Lord, my heritage, my lot, You and You only make my lot secure. You mark out delightful places for me. Your heritage is superb.

*May the Lord reward you for what you have done. The Lord, to whom you have come to find shelter beneath His wings.