



## *Preparatory Requirements for Conversion* **Education and Behavior**

In the assessment by the Sandra Caplan Bet Din's panel, a conversion candidate must meet the following intellectual and behavioral standards:

**a. Knowledge.** The candidate should know:

- i. The special days of the Jewish year, their meaning and observance.
- ii. Jewish life cycle observances.
- iii. Basic Jewish beliefs, values and sacred texts.
- iv. The uniqueness of Judaism among world religions.
- v. The customs of synagogue worship and knowledge of some central prayers, including the *Sh'ma*.
- vi. Jewish community life, including the communal resources available to support and enhance an individual's Jewish life.
- vii. Basic features of Jewish history.
- viii. Awareness of the meaning of modern Israel to Jewish life.
- ix. Awareness of the pluralistic nature of Judaism.
- x. Awareness of Jewish dietary laws, customs and values.

**b. Behavior.** The candidate should, by the time of conversion:

- i. Participate in a synagogue or another appropriate, ongoing religious community (e.g., Hillel).
- ii. Incorporate significant elements of Jewish ritual and moral practice in his or her life, with the intention of learning and doing more.
- iii. Sever allegiance to any other religion and its practices.

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See website [www.scbetdin.us](http://www.scbetdin.us) for more information on conversion to Judaism.