Procedure for single entry of cars to the marked area to the south of the upper Western Wall plaza

1. The marked area to the south of the Western Wall plaza is intended primarily for serving the security forces and facilitating the arrival of persons with restricted accessibility, persons with a medical disability and the elderly. Therefore, the entry of vehicles into this area (hereinafter: ‘the area’) is subject to security considerations and the needs of the Israel Police. Moreover, in periods of security sensitivity, when there is a need to allocate additional policing forces, the area is available to the Israel Police as needed. In cases where there is a large crowd in the plaza, or because of safety constraints, entering the area with a vehicle is very limited.

2. In view of the importance of making the Western Wall accessible to the public and for operational needs, on regular days (weekdays), and on a space available basis only (usually at times that are not hours of activity), a single entry is possible, by prior arrangement, for a vehicle for worshippers and visitors of the following kinds:
   2.1 Disabled persons with an accessibility disability.
   2.2 Persons with a medical disability (such as oncology patients, dialysis patients, etc.).
   2.3 Elderly persons (from age 75).
   2.4 Women at an advanced stage of pregnancy.
   2.5 Women who have recently given birth (for one month from childbirth).
   2.6 Official guests of the State of Israel and diplomats.
   2.7 Clergy and community leaders, Knesset members, ministers, public figures in an official position, policemen, judges, religious court judges, members of the Jerusalem Municipal Council, journalists, persons holding positions relating to the Western Wall and former chief rabbis.
   2.8 Bridegrooms and brides from five days before the wedding and during the seven feasting days (upon production of an invitation).
   2.9 Organized prayer in times of trouble.
   2.10 A prayer event (rabbis officiating at the event and suppliers).

3. The entry of vehicles into the area for suppliers, service providers, persons holding a position, guests of the Foundation and invitees, on a space available basis, for the purpose of the Foundation’s ongoing activity, as well as entry for suppliers. Invitees and service providers of institutions located in the Western Wall plaza and invitees to events of the Western Wall Heritage Foundation.

4. At times of sunrise prayers, entry of vehicles will be allowed according to a separate procedure – the Sunrise Parking Procedure.

5. It should be noted that entry of vehicles at Jaffa Gate between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. is only to approved vehicles. A worshipper/visitor who wishes to arrive between these hours needs to arrange for the entry of the vehicle at Jaffa Gate by contacting the Jerusalem Municipality on telephone no. *2180.

6. There is no entry for vehicles on Sabbaths and holy days, except for operational vehicles of security forces and medical personnel who are on duty.

7. The entry of vehicles of a commercial or marketing nature will not be allowed.

8. To arrange entry, please contact 02-6260969.
9. It is clarified that there is no undertaking to allow a single entry and it is dependent on the various factors stated above.

10. The procedure was written in the masculine, but it applies to both genders.

Procedure for the Entry of Vehicles into the Marked Area to the South of the Upper Western Wall Plaza during the hours of Sunrise Prayers

1. General

1.1 As is well known, the issue of parking in the Western Wall plaza in general and at the time of sunrise prayers in particular is complex. On the one hand, there is a shortage of parking space in the Western Wall plaza at sunrise. On the other hand, there is a high demand from worshippers who need to park their vehicles near the Western Wall at this time.

1.2 The Western Wall Heritage Foundation (‘the Foundation’) and the Israel Police do all that they can in order to strike a balance between the various needs within the framework of the limited solutions area.

1.3 Within the framework of this procedure, the Foundation is interested in regulating the manner of submitting the request for receiving entry approval for vehicles for morning prayers at sunrise, while determining criteria for submitting the request and its approval.

It should be clarified that entry approvals that were given before the date of publication of this procedure will be canceled, coupled with the giving notice of this in advance, and worshippers who held entry approvals as aforesaid will be required to submit a new request in accordance with this procedure.

1.4 The entry approvals that will be given to entitled persons will allow parking in the Western Wall plaza from 3:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. (hereinbefore and hereinafter: ‘sunrise hours’). It should be clarified that receipt of an entry approval for vehicles does not guarantee a parking place in the Western Wall plaza, and parking will be allowed on a space available basis and according to the instructions of the Israel Police.

2. Entitlement to submit a request

2.1 A person who satisfies one of the following criteria will be entitled to submit a request to receive approval for entry of a vehicle during sunrise hours:

2.1.1 A regular worshipper at the Western Wall during sunrise hours who is over the age of 70.

2.1.2 A regular worshipper at the Western Wall during sunrise hours with a significant medical disability that affects walking.

For the purpose of the criteria stated in sections 2.1.1-2.1.2, ‘regular’ – at least five days a week (between Sunday and Friday) or alternatively a regular day in the week when the worshipper comes to pray in the morning at sunrise.

2.1.3 Someone who regularly gives a class at the Western Wall at sunrise at least five days a week between Sunday and Friday.
2.1.4 A supplier of the Foundation or a supplier of yeshivas where access to them is through the Western Wall plaza, who, according to the request of the Foundation and/or the yeshiva (as applicable), needs to arrive at the Western Wall plaza during sunrise hours.

3. **Manner of submitting a request**
   3.1 It will be possible to submit a request according to the procedure as long as it is published on the Foundation’s website, at the address [www.thekotel.org](http://www.thekotel.org).
   3.2 The request must be submitted together with the following documents:
      3.2.1 A request form for approval for entry of a vehicle into the Western Wall plaza at sunrise, together with a photograph of the applicant.
      3.2.2 A photocopy of the applicant’s identity card.
      3.2.3 A ‘Western Wall regular sunrise worshipper’ affidavit.
      3.2.4 An affidavit regarding a medical condition, signed by a physician (relevant for the criterion stated in section 2.1.2 above).
   3.3 The request may be submitted in one of the following ways:
      3.3.1 By email to the address: racheliz@thekotel.org.
      3.3.2 By facsimile, to the number 02-6667014.
      3.3.3 By hand in a closed envelope, on which ‘Request of a Regular Sunrise Worshipper’ is written, to the Foundation’s offices, which are located in the Western Wall plaza (the Strauss Building).

4. **Process for approving the requests**
   4.1 The Foundation will examine the compliance of the requests with the conditions of entitlement stated above.
   4.2 Requests that comply with the conditions of entitlement will be sent for the examination of the Israel Police, which will examine them according to its procedures.
   4.3 Upon receipt of the Police’s approval, the Foundation will issue an approval for entry during sunrise hours to an applicant whose request was approved.
   4.4 It should be emphasized that actual entry will be on a space available basis and according to the sole discretion of the Israel Police.
   4.5 By submitting the request, the worshipper gives his consent to the Foundation to publish on its website the names of holders of approvals and that within this framework his name will also appear, together with the reason why he should receive entry approval, if he does receive it (except approval that is given for medical reasons).

5. **Reservations**
   5.1 The Foundation will be entitled to conduct checks from time to time regarding the compliance of persons holding entry approvals with the conditions of this procedure.
   5.2 In cases in which it is discovered that a holder of entry approval is not a ‘regular worshipper’ at the times that he declared or that he has made use of the approval outside the scope of the authorizations given to him, the Foundation will be entitled to cancel the entry approval, without prior warning. In such a case, the holder of the entry approval will be
required to return the approval that was given to him by the Foundation immediately upon first demand.

5.3 The Foundation will be entitled not to approve a request and/or to approve it in part, even if it satisfies one of the criteria stated above, at its discretion and/or at the discretion of the Israel Police.

5.4 The Foundation will be entitled to change the conditions of this procedure from time to time and notice of this will be published on the Foundation’s website.

5.5 This procedure is written in the masculine for reasons of convenience only, but it applies to both genders equally.