

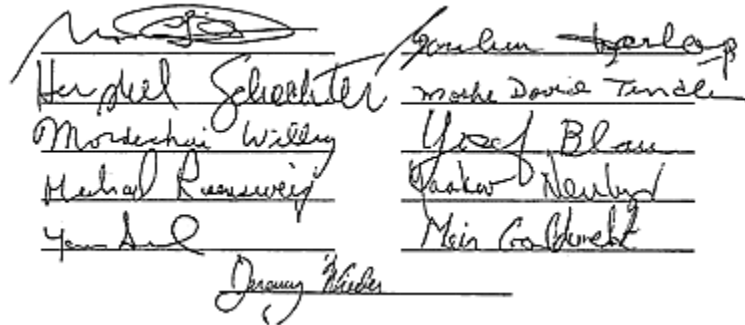
קול קורא לחבר הרבנים ולתלמידיו

- A Message to Our Rabbinic Colleagues and Students -

The past decades have seen a significant increase in the number of divorces in the Orthodox Jewish Community. In the majority of these situations, the couples act in accordance with Jewish Law and provide for the proper delivery and receipt of a Get. Each year, however, there is an accumulation of additional instances in which this is not the case.

We are painfully aware of the problems faced by individuals in our communities tied to undesired marriages. Many of these problems could have been avoided had the couple signed a halakhicly and legally valid pre-nuptial agreement at the time of their marriage. We therefore strongly urge all officiating rabbis to counsel and encourage marrying couples to sign such an agreement.

The increase utilization of pre-nuptial agreements is a critical step in purging our community of the distressful problem of the modern-day Aguna and enabling men and women to remarry without restriction. By encouraging proper halakhic behavior in the sanctification and the dissolution of marriage, we will illustrate diracheha darchi noam v'chol netivoteha shalom, all the Torah's paths are peaceful.



Handwritten signatures of rabbis, including Hershel Schachter, Mordechai Willig, Michael Rosensweig, Yonason Sacks, and others, arranged in two columns with horizontal lines underneath each name.

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* Names listed above: Rabbi Norman Lamm, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Rabbi Hershel Schachter, Rabbi Moshe Dovid Tendler, Rabbi Mordechai Willig, Rabbi Yosef Blau, Rabbi Michael Rosensweig, Rabbi Yaakov Neuberger, Rabbi Yonason Sacks, Rabbi Meir Goldwicht, Rabbi Jeremy Weider