

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TORAH SYNAGOGUE REGISTER

### *(Physical Features of Synagogue) \**

- 1) A Mechitzah or Gallery is present that meets the requirements of Jewish Law, separating men and women during prayer services.
- 2) A forbidden loudspeaker is not used during the Sabbath and Jewish Holidays.
- 3) An organ or other such musical instrument is not used during prayer services.

### *(Rabbinical and Lay Requisites) \**

- 4) The rabbinical leader must be a member or is qualified to be a member of any of the following rabbinical organizations: the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada; the Rabbinical Alliance of America; The Rabbinical Council of America; Union of Chasidic Rabbis of America.
- 5) The rabbinical leader does not belong to so called mixed rabbinical associations with reform and conservative ministers.
- 6) No member of the congregation can be intermarried with a Non-Jew.

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### THE TORAH SYNAGOGUE REGISTER HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY:—

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*(The following quotations were taken from "The Sanctity of the Synagogue"  
edited by Baruch Litvin):—*

Jewish law forbids men and women to worship in the same section of the Synagogue, even though they occupy separate benches.

There must be a proper partition — *mechitzah* — between the men's and women's sections of the Synagogue. A proper *mechitzah* is one that meets the requirements of the Jewish law. To determine this, competent Orthodox Rabbis — *rabbanim mubhakim* — should be consulted.

A synagogue which does not have a proper *mechitzah* is not a kosher synagogue, and it is not permitted to pray there.

*\*See explanatory footnote on last page.*