

- (2) *A synagogue not adhering to these regulations is not an Orthodox Shule and you are not allowed to pray there.*
- (3) *If no approved synagogue is available in a neighborhood, the people should arrange for a minyon in a private home. If that is not possible, then you should pray in your own home without a minyon. Under any condition do not frequent a synagogue that does not abide to the law regarding mechitzah.*
- (4) *Do not be a member and do not lend your moral or financial support to a synagogue not having a Mechitzah.*
- (5) *Rabbinic authorities should be consulted when in doubt regarding the Kashruth of Mechitzah synagogue.*

The greatest Rabbinical authorities of our time sent a special request to American Jewry to uphold the sanctity of the synagogue by adhering strictly to the Mechitzah. The following Rabbis signed this message:

- (a) *Chofetz Chaim of Radin*
- (b) *Rabbi Chaim Ber Grodzinski of Vilna*
- (c) *Rabbi Abraham Duber Shapiro of Kovno*
- (d) *Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kuk of Jerusalem*
- (e) *Rabbi Isaac Yerucham Diskin of Jerusalem*
- (f) *Rabbi Meir Arak of Tarnow*
- (g) *Rabbi Abraham Isaac Burstein of Taurig*
- (h) *Rabbi Dr. Meir Hildesheimer of Berlin*

The Merkos Harabonim of Chicago expects all Chicago Jewry to abide by the warnings given by the above named religious authorities and follow the ways set up by our Torah. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

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Chicago issued shortly afterward. Paraphrasing and quoting the proclamation, it told Chicago Jewry of the ban.