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התקבל עליו תפקיד רבני  
במסגרתו של בית המדרש  
האונדל, 3870 רידנג רואד,  
סינטי, אוהיו.

I have recently accepted a Rabbinic position at the North Avondale Synagogue, 3870 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Synagogue is an Orthodox Synagogue, with a "Mechitza" separating the men and ladies' sections. The "Mechitza" is presently approximately four and one half feet in height. I accepted the position on the condition that a *psak* regarding the height of the "Mechitza" be submitted to the Rosh Yeshiva *hagadol*. The congregants maintain that the height of the "Mechitza" has been consistent for many years, and sufficed for other Rabbis who in the past held the position of spiritual leader of their Synagogue. I responded to the congregants, not G-d forbid belittling previous Rabbis, that the religious atmosphere in the United States is different today than in the past, and that the Rosh Yeshiva *hagadol* requires a "Mechitza" of approximately 65". The congregation agreed to follow the ruling of the Rosh Yeshiva.

Although I realize how busy the Rosh Yeshiva is, and that unfortunately he is not in the best of health, I would appreciate if at all possible this question could be answered as soon as possible. I am shortly assuming the new position.

I have spoken to Rabbi Elimelech Eliezer regarding this *psak*, and he is familiar both with me personally, as well as this particular question.

I would like to wish the Rosh Yeshiva a *shana tova* and simply express my appreciation to the Rosh Yeshiva *hagadol* for blessing the Greater American Jewish Community with being our *hacham*.

Sincerely yours,

Avrohom Schnall

cc: Dr. Paul Nathan Pres. N. Avondale Synagogue