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**To: Eli Blachman and Congregation Ahavas Moische - the Maple Street Shul**

We the undersigned, Dovid Leib Grossbaum, Shimon Herz, Meir Shlomo Junik and Yosef Yitzchok Katzoff wish to express our sincere regrets and offer a complete apology to Eli Blachman and his family and the present and former members of Congregation Ahavas Moische (the Maple Street Shul) and its board for the wrongful actions and words which we spread against Eli Blachman and his family over the past 4 ½ Years.

Due to certain concerns we had regarding Eli Blachman's management of the Shul, in July 2011 we called him to a Din Torah at Beth Din Givas Hamoreh in Bensonhurst. The Beth Din's final ruling confirmed Eli Blachman's chazakah of leadership of the Shul for a three year term, which included all matters relating to the physical, financial and spiritual activities of the Shul. Subsequently, Horav Osdoba intervened upon our behalf and called a meeting of the original Shul Board (from 1979). This meeting took place at the office of Horav Osdoba and in his presence. The goal was to seize control and remove Eli Blachman from his leadership role as president, a position in which he is serving for more than 40 years; and through this, to circumvent the Beth Din's ruling,

Because of this, Eli Blachman and Yisroel Karp were forced to protect Congregation Ahavas Moische and obtained a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) from the Supreme Court of New York State, to enforce the ruling issued by the Beth Din and stop us from interfering with the Shul. The litigation fees caused the Shul enormous monetary losses.

Over the next 4 years we tried to negate this TRO in court by following the advice of several lawyers we hired, even after the court confirmed the Beth Din ruling in Eli Blachman favor. We also spread false and defamatory information about Eli Blachman throughout the Crown Heights community (including false accusations that he pushed Rabbi Schwei).

At this juncture, we desire to end the machlokis once and for all and to bring Shalom and Harmony to all concerned. We wish to admit our error, to ask complete mechilah from Eli Blachman and his family and the Maple Street Shul. We also agree to pay fair monetary compensation to the Maple Street Shul to help defray the enormous costs that were spent to defend the Shul against our actions.

We hereby acknowledge that we are making this admission and apology of our own free will together with our expression of sincere regret for the mistakes that we made.

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**Dovid Leib Grossbaum**

  
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**Shimon Herz**

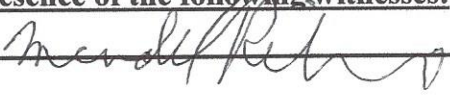
  
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**Meir Shlomo Junik**

  
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**Yosef Yitzchok Katzoff**

6/22/16

**Signed in the presence of the following witnesses:**

**Mendel Rivkin**



**Chaim Fogelman**

  
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