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Stop the Talking in Shul!

Halacha L'maaseh for the Shabbos table

- During Chazaras HaShatz It is strictly forbidden to talk, (It is permitted, however, for a Rov to answer a halachic question that is posed to him during Chazaras HaShatz; Aruch HaShulchan 124:12.) since one must pay full attention so that he can answer amen properly. Even someone who feels that he can concentrate and respond amen at the end of each bracha may still not talk during Chazaras HaShatz (Mishnah Berurah 26. Consider also, that the person you are talking to, is likely to miss saying amen).
- One who talks during Chazaras HaShatz is called "a sinner whose sin is too overwhelming to be forgiven and we protest (against his actions) vigorously."

 (Orach Chayim 124:7; this may be the reason, why in yeshivos, a rebbe will may, "Nuuu!" to a bochur who is caught talking during Chazaras HaShatz. Perhaps through teaching these pertinent halachos, it will create an awareness and adherence to halacha.) The poskim report that several shuls were destroyed on account of this sin (Mishnah Berurah 124:27). Sometimes we hear of a shul that somehow caught on fire r"l electrical fire and no one can figure out how it happened. Perhaps, Hashem is sending a message to that specific kehillah that the reason this happened (to their shul) was because members of 'that shul' were talking during Chazaras HaShatz) and have been turned into churches due to the fact that talking took place in those shuls (Magein Avraham 151.).

We ask the public to please be mispallel for a sick child in our community – הילד אברהם בן לאה. May the learning of these hallachos of tefillah and keeping quiet in shul be a zchus for his refuah shelaimah.

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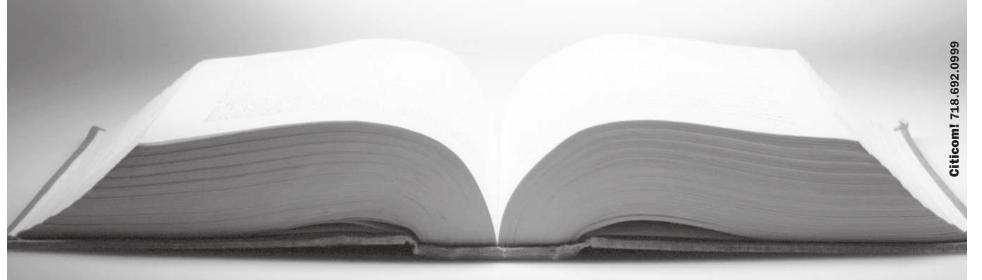
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הוא היה אומר כן למקום שאני אוהב שם רגלי מוליכות אותי אם (0) תבא אל ביתי אני אבא אל ביתך אם אתה לא תבא אל ביתי אני לא אבא אל ביתך שנאמר ") בכל המקום אשר אזכיר את שמי אבא אליך וברכתיך

The Gemarah in Succah (Daf 53a) quotes Hillel Hazakein:

Hashem says, "If you will come into my house, I will come into your house. If you will not come into my house, I will not come into your house. As the Posuk says, in every place where I cause my name to be mentioned I will come to you and bless you".

If we want Hashem to enter <u>OUR</u> homes and bless us, shouldn't we have to show the proper respect when we enter <u>HIS</u> home?



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