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In a *psak* (decision) issued by a panel of the Beth Din of America on October 30, 2014 regarding a request by Ms. Leah Choai for a *Get* from her husband, Mr. Yechiel Friedman, the panel found that Mr. Friedman should give a *Get* to Ms. Choai as soon as possible, but no later than November 21, 2014. To date, no *Get* has been given by Mr. Friedman.

Therefore, in accordance with Jewish law, it is proper and appropriate that members of the Jewish community abide by the *Harkhakot De'Rabbeinu Tam* (the distancing measures described by *Rabbeinu Tam*) prescribed by Jewish law in situations such as these, as set forth in *Sefer HaYashar, Chelek Hateshuvot, Siman 24; Rama, Even HaEzer 154:21; and Teshuvot Yabia Omer, Even HaEzer 7:23*. These *Harkhakot De'Rabbeinu Tam* may include the following restrictions, exercisable by the community as an expression of their voluntary religious choice:

- Members of the Jewish community should not speak to Mr. Friedman other than when absolutely necessary.
- Members of the Jewish community should decline to host him in their homes, or to provide him with food or drink, or invite him to their parties or otherwise socialize with him.
- Jewish communal institutions, including synagogues, should adopt the following sanctions against him: (i) that he not be permitted to occupy any elective or appointive position, nor to serve as an employee, within the institution or within any of its affiliates, (ii) that he be excluded from membership in the institution or in any of its affiliates, (iii) that he not be given any honor or recognition, nor be granted any right or privilege of participation within liturgical services on any occasion whatsoever and (iv) that his name be announced on a regular monthly basis at the conclusion of Shabbos services, and be published in the bulletin of the institution, with respect to his refusal to deliver a *Get* to his wife, with a call to the membership to limit their social and economic relations with him, until such time as he participates in the *Get* process.

  
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