

The Flatbush Rabbinical Court's - "Bet Din"



The Flatbush Rabbinical Court recently celebrated its second year of selfless service to Brooklyn's Jewish community. Entering its third year, the bet din has already solidified its niche in the community, successfully responding to the needs of litigants and couples with either monetary disputes or marital problems. "Had such a bet din been established 10 years ago, many problems in the community would not have been," said Mr. Chalm of Shaare Zion Synagogue.

The bet din offers rabbinical arbitration, family matrimonial counseling, halachic guidance, rulings on monetary disputes, wills and documents. Their work is confidential, timely and effective.

Recently a decree was issued by the Sephardic Rabbinical Council about the grave sin of going to a secular court without first getting permission from a bet din. The halacha states: anyone who brings a case to be adjudicated before a secular court is an evil, wicked person and is considered as one who cursed, abused and raised a hand against the Torah of Moshe Rabbeinu.

The bet din is recognized by major rabbinic authorities both here and abroad, including Israel. Headed by leading authorities and authors of halachic works, including Rabbi Menachem Zecharia Silber, Rabbi Yizchack Yossef, the son of Rabbi Ovadya Yossef, and endorsed by Rosh Bet Din Central Rabbinical Congress, they are at your service, here to help you. Currently located at East 10th Street near Ave P, the bet din is looking for a permanent location to better reach its aims.

Indeed, the *zechut* (merit) of helping such a dream come true in our community is inestimable; various sponsorship opportunities are available. Meanwhile, letters of recognition and high praise from rabbis and Gedolei Hador are pouring in.

For more information, contact the bet din at (718) 785-7114. □