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"Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving, His Courts With Praise"

*From the Desk of
 Rabbi Yehudah A. Azancot*

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Recommendation

Dear friends,

Over the past decade I have had the opportunity, both on a personal basis as well as on a professional level, to witness the exceptional personality of **RABBI YERMI LEVY** נר"ו his tireless devotion to his congregation and his unique contributions to the community.

Rabbi YIRMI נ"י has proven to be a highly responsible, conscientious, serious, committed and charismatic leader. With unparalleled devotion and dedication he nurtured the Mill Basin Sephardic Congregation and tirelessly he dedicated time, effort and love towards its expansion and development.

His Congregation was established in 2005, and grew from a Minyan of 10 families to almost 200 active families and it is still in constant expansion. Today the congregation is serving the Mill Basin, Georgetown and Bergen Beach neighborhood and has become the most important and dynamic Sephardic congregation in this vicinity.

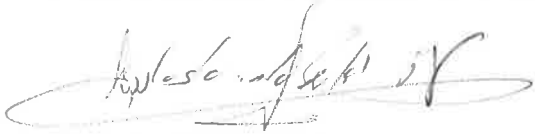
Together with his congregants, Rabbi Yirmi launched the building campaign. A lot has been purchased and the construction started last June with plans Be"H to inaugurate the new building for this upcoming Rosh Hashana. The new home of the Mill Basin Sephardic Congregation will be named **TIFERET OVADIA** in memory of the late Chief Rabbi Maran Rabbi Ovadia Yosef Zatz"l, as Rabbi Yirmi levy is one of his disciples and the congregation follows the Halakhic ruling of this Master.

Rabbi Yirmi is a gifted educator with exceptional communication skills. His talent has earned him the appreciation, recognition and gratitude of all his friends, colleagues and congregants. He was able to plant the confidence and the commitment into his congregants and to encourage them to embark on this wonderful and ambitious project. A magnificent Sephardic Synagogue, a place of worship, an educational and cultural center a home to invigorate Jewish identity and to invest in future generations is no longer merely a dream.

Our generous Community has been asked to partner with TIFERET OVADIA to help fulfill these growing needs and to participate in the completion of this MIKDASH ME'AT. Today, in order to keep the project going, Mill Basin Sephardic Congregation, has had to divert funds from resources that would otherwise be dedicated to a Hessed fund that supports many less fortunate families.

Through your heartfelt contributions you will be not only be fulfilling the Misvah of Zedakah, but also be partner in the establishment of a glorious congregation that is devoted to this most important Miswa of KIRUB in the area; with your support, "TIFERET OVADIA" will make an impact on hundreds of Jewish souls and preserve our precious Torah Legacy and Sephardic heritage.

In the merit of this Miswa, may you and your families be blessed with good health and prosperity, long life, peace and happiness! Amen. תזכו למצוות

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yehuda A. Azancot', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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LETTER OF APPROBATION

What words are sufficient to describe a person who spent over a decade taking care of a synagogue, almost single-handedly? Add to that the fact that his dedication, devotion and tireless work for the Shul has been recognized by both Rabbis and laymen, his sermons and lectures have been acclaimed by hundreds of people, and his personality is pleasant, always smiling and soft spoken. Rabbi Yermi is a true Talmid Hacham, an outstanding leader, organizer and developer and his biggest asset yet is his love for our cherished Torah and his eagerness to bring hundreds of people back to Torah and fulfillment of Misvot; fortunately, in this area, he was quite successful.

One way of telling about the scholarship and wisdom of a Talmid Hacham is to find out from which Rabbis he obtained his knowledge. Rabbi Yermi Levi was one of the students of none other than the Torah giant, the greatest Possek of our generation, Maran Harishon Letsion, Hagaon Rabbi Ovadia Yossef zt"l. Maran has inspired Rabbi Levy with selfless and tireless work for Yisrael, and imbued him with a sense of obligation to make every effort to influence his community to embrace our cherished Torah and observe its laws and traditions. Furthermore, Hashem endowed Rabbi Levy with a rare talent: a remarkable eloquence in speaking which accounts for the growth of his membership from a mere Minyan to over 200. Rabbi Levy has been accessible to his congregants for answering questions or giving advice at any time of the day or night.

Rabbi Levy has embarked on an ambitious and difficult project: to erect a building which will house the new quarters for his synagogue and Bet-Midrash. This project started last June with the hope to complete the work by this coming Rosh-Hashana. The final building will be called TIFERET OVADIA named after his teacher and mentor, Maran Hagaon Ovadia Yossef zt"l. In this new building the Tefillot will be conducted daily, and the sound of Torah learning will not cease day and night. As you know, construction means huge expenses and require constant help to keep up with them. I have known Rabbi Levy for many years, and I know he will continue with all his heart and soul to help tirelessly and give of his own time and effort to meet all spiritual needs of his community. I urge everyone who reads this letter to make an extra effort to help in this great cause of Torah and with the Zechut of this great Misva of upholding the Torah, may Hashem bless you with good health, long life, joy, prosperity and Nahat from your children, Amen.


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