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An Important Message to Our Rabbinic Colleagues, Students, and Community

We are pained by the challenges facing individuals in our community who have been denied a *get* long after their marriages have been deemed irreconcilable. Many of these challenges could have been avoided had the couple signed a halakhically and legally valid prenuptial agreement at the time of their marriage. We therefore strongly urge all rabbis, educators, and community leaders to counsel and encourage engaged couples to sign such an agreement.

The widespread utilization of halakhic prenuptial agreements is a critical step in inoculating our community against the distressful problem of the modern-day *agunah*. Use of halakhic prenuptial agreements should become standard throughout the Jewish community for all engaged couples. Halakhic prenuptial agreements have been extremely effective in assuring the timely issuance of the *get*. Encouraging proper halakhic behavior in the sanctification and the dissolution of marriage will thereby demonstrate "*de'rakheha darkhei noam, ve'khol netivoteha shalom*" - the Torah's ways are pleasant and all its paths are peaceful.

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