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Public Notice

This year, 5782, is a Shemita (Sabbatical) year. Part of the observance of Shemita includes the forgiving of loans. It is a mitzva to forfeit all outstanding loans during Shemita. It is therefore necessary to make a pruzbul, a contract transferring all debts receivable to a rabbinic court, to allow one to collect all outstanding loans.

The Alter Rebbe writes in Shulchan Aruch (*Choshen Mishpot, Loans, 1:35-36*): *Every G-d-fearing individual should be strict to make a pruzbul; this involves no loss and is easy to do. He should gather three qualified men and form a beis din and make the following declaration: "I hereby transfer to you all debts receivable which I have, so that I may be permitted to collect them whenever I wish." .. The proper time for the enactment of the pruzbul is at the close of the sixth year before Rosh Hashanah of the seventh (Shemita) year.*

It is strongly recommended that women make their own *pruzbul*. Their husbands may make for them a pruzbul as above. If this can't be arranged, they can do a written pruzbul, as per the instructions below.

Procedure for **Oral** Pruzbul: It is sufficient for the lender to read the text of the pruzbul in front a *beis din*. This can be done before three adult Jewish men who constitute a *beis din*. One approaches this "*beis din*" and states:

"I hereby transfer all my debts to you so I can collect them whenever I want."

It is preferable to recite the pruzbul declaration immediately after Hatoras Nedarim on the morning of Erev Rosh Hashanah at a time when three competent people will be available. [Such was the custom of the Rebbe in the previous years of Shemita, in accordance with the ruling of the Alter Rebbe].

Procedure for **Written** Pruzbul: Many prefer to record a pruzbul in writing for various reasons or in a case where the option of an oral pruzbul is not practical or available. Usually, the lender comes before three men and reads to them a particular declaration. The three judges then sign a document to this effect.

Easy Pruzbul Form - The following form should be filled out and submitted to the Beis Din **before Rosh Hashanah**.

This may be done by online by emailing it.

With blessing for a kesiva vachasima tova,

[Signed:] Rabbi Avrohom Osdoba
Member of the Badatz

Rabbi Yosef Yeshaya Braun
Member of the Badatz

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This form is to be used by those who, for whatever reason, will not be doing an oral pruzbul (reciting the pruzbul declaration – as explained above. on the morning of Erev Rosh Hashanah immediately after Hatoras Nedarim).

Please include your complete name and address and date this form.

I, the undersigned, transfer to you, Horav Avrohom Osdoba, Horav Yosef Yeshaya Braun and Horav Shmuel Kraus all debts that are owed me, in writing or verbally, so that I may collect them at any time I desire.

If you're also acting as an agent for someone: **I'm also transferring to you the debts of _____ as their agent.**

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Please submit to the Beis Din.

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