

# Shearith Israel Congregation

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To the esteemed members of the Baltimore community,

I write to you today on behalf of the Agudas Yisroel of Maryland office under the leadership of Rabbi Ariel Sadwin, an entity that we all know well, especially during these months of the COVID pandemic.

Agudah of Maryland is running a Charidy fundraising campaign this week that needs to have the support of our entire community. As it is not a school with a parent body, nor a shul with membership, it is incumbent upon all of us to participate in this campaign and to partner in the work of this vital organization.

As is well known, since its inception, the Agudah of Maryland has been our community's liaison for matters of government affairs. With its acute focus on helping our yeshivos and day schools and their families, we have seen tremendous growth in the amount of government funds that have come into our community. At a time when the safety of our institutions has been questioned, their efforts have helped increase the availability of important security grants. When any area of our religious observance is challenged, their swift response and careful advocacy helps protect our sacred traditions and values.

During the recent months we have all been the beneficiaries of Rabbi Sadwin and his many contacts across government. Whether it's his communication with the Rabbanim or school leaders on matters relating to shuls and schools, securing government guidance on matters like weddings and mikvah operations, or helping our unemployed community members navigate the system, Agudah of Maryland has been key to the functionality of our community.

As such I urge you to participate in this Charidy fundraising event, in order to ensure that the efforts of this important organization are supported and sustained.

Kol tuv and may we all have a safe and productive week,

  
Rabbi Yaakov Hopfer