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Private *Minyonim*

In response to numerous calls asking about private *Minyonim* taking place in homes, yards, porches, on the street etc.

We wish to state very clearly that this is very wrong. Let us all not forget for a moment that the primary concern and *Mitzvah* for us all at this juncture is *Pikuach Nefesh* which supersedes all other *Mitzvos*. Even *Safek Pikuach Nefesh* is *Doche Kol Issurim*. The Public Health Authorities have stated again and again that any gatherings should be avoided and social distancing can save lives. Therefore, simply put, the *Mitzvah* of saving lives is ***Doche the Chiyuv of Tefilla Betzibur***.

Therefore, at this time the *Chiyuv of Tefilla Betzibur* is suspended. **No *Minyonim* should be arranged regardless where they are taking place. People should *Daven Beyechidus*.**

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