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RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

United Mashadi Jewish Community of America

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Updated Guidelines for our UMJCA Minyanim

*Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Haim
(Co-Chair)*

To our dear Community Members,

*Mr. Nissim Bassalian
(Co-Chair)*

The Religious Council recently convened and discussed several relevant matters to our community minyanim and schools. With the guidance and approval of our chief halachic authority, Harav Eliyahu Ben-Haim, the following decisions were made:

*Mr. Robert Livi
(Secretary)*

Omitting Tachanun When There is a Berit Mila:

*Rabbi Mordechai Kohanim
Rabbi Yosef Bitton
Rabbi Joshua Maroof
Rabbi Adam Sabzevari
Rabbi Mosheh Aziz*

1. On the day of a Berit Milah in our community, it is appropriate to omit tachanun in Shacharit only if the father of the newborn baby, or the mohel, or the sandak is present, or if the Berit Mila is taking place in that building itself that morning.

If there is a community Berit Mila taking place locally in a different synagogue but not in the same building, it is appropriate to recite Tachanun and not to omit it. However, at the discretion of the Rabbi or Gabbai, that other minyan may decide to omit Tachanun if it is deemed necessary.

*Mr. Shmuel Livian
Mr. Louis Ebrani
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Mr. Mehrdad Kohanim
Mr. Besalel Ben-Haim
Mr. Jonathan Hazghiyon
Mr. Moshe Enayatian*

Omitting Tachanun When There is a Zevad Habat (Naming of a Baby Daughter)

2. On the day where there is a Zevad Habat (naming of a daughter), tachanun may be omitted in that minyan only where the newborn girl is being named.

Omitting Tachanun When There is a Bar-Mitzvah

3. On the day where a bar-mitzvah boy is celebrating his Hanachat Tefilin for the first time, tachanun may be omitted in that minyan only. Tachanun may be omitted even if he is beginning to put on tefillin earlier than his 13th birthday and it is not the exact day of his bar-mitzvah.

Omitting Tachanun When There is a Mourner Present

4. When a mourner who is in Shivaa is present in a minyan in our synagogue, it is our custom to treat the synagogue as a Bet Avel and therefore Tachanun is omitted.



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Tachanun in Mincha-Arvit

5. When Mincha and Arvit are being recited together back-to-back, the section of "Ledavid" is omitted in Mincha. Immediately after "Vayaavor," the Chazan continues directly to Kaddish. This is in accordance with the original Mashadi custom which was observed in our synagogues up until around 15 years ago. However, when Mincha Gedola (early mincha) is recited, Ledavid should still be recited and not omitted.