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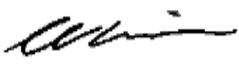
Further notification to the community re Tefillin and Mezuzah issues

Further to our communication of the 27th of May 2014 regarding Sifrei Torah, Tefillin and Mezuzot (STAM) sold by Rabbi Hylton Herring, the Beth Din would like to bring the following to the communities' attention:

1. The Beth Din has met with Rabbi Herring and acknowledges his decision to cease from trading in STAM. We thank Rabbi Herring for working closely with the Beth Din to rectify the situation.
2. The Beth Din again informs the public that there is a Halachic obligation to have their mezuzot checked twice every seven years, irrespective from whom they were purchased.
3. To date Rabbi Herring has paid for all checking regardless as to whether the merchandise was found to be possul or not. However, from the 19th of August 2014, Rabbi Herring is only responsible to pay the reasonable costs for the checking of merchandise found to be possul from the outset, should the merchandise be found kosher the cost of checking is to be borne by the customer. All mezuzot and tefillin must be submitted for checking by the 30th of August 2014, after which Rabbi Herring is no longer responsible to pay for checking.
4. Rabbi Herring, as indeed any other trader in STAM, continues to bear responsibility for the replacement of STAM that he supplied if found to have been possul from the outset.
5. All checking of STAM must take place directly with the following authorised people: Rabbi Rael Drutman 082 347 8744 or 011 640 1834, Rabbi Chaim Klein 011 485 4059, Rabbi Gary Braude 079 978 5243, Rabbi Simcha Frenkel 072 655 7715, Rabbi Dov Kazilsky 071 935 6005. Rabbi Herring recommends using Rabbi Drutman, who he has made an arrangement with, to expedite any checking or replacements without additional costs, subject to point 3 above.
6. Possul mezuzot that Rabbi Herring has supplied should be brought to Rabbi Rael Drutman. Rabbi Drutman will verify with Rabbi Herring that these particular mezuzot were supplied by Rabbi Herring and Rabbi Drutman will then hand over the replacements.

Any unresolved financial disputes relating to STAM merchandise in general can be referred to the Beth Din.

Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of the Beth Din


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