

# Daf HaYomi B'Halacha



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# Today's TOPICS

The Requirement to Appoint Rabbanim

How to Reckon Mandatory Contributions to the Communal Coffers

Benefits of an Official Chazan



#### The requirement to appoint Rabbanim

A congregation that cannot afford to hire both a Rov [halachic expert] and a *chazan* should choose a Rov first. Even in the days when the *chazan*'s recitation was needed for the congregation to fulfill its obligations of *tefilla*, hiring a Rov took precedence — even if the Rov was unqualified to serve as *chazan* (i.e. the congregation would be unable to *daven* at all). This halacha demonstrates the crucial need to hire a Rov who will lead the people in fulfilling *mitzvos* and avoiding mistakes.

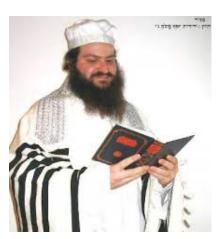
(סעיף כד, ס"ק עא וביה"ל ד"ה שליח)

#### How to reckon mandatory contributions to the communal coffers

There are several communal obligations that any member of the community can compel the others to fund. Some of these are a shul, a *mikvah* and a Rov. The expenses for these projects are divided amongst the townspeople according to their wealth. There are other communal obligations that are paid for based on the number of members in the community (and not on their finances). The expenses that fall into this category are determined by local custom and by comparing the extent to which various sectors of the community would benefit from the service. In many instances, the wealthy would receive greater benefit from the service than the poor.

(סעיף כג, ס"ק סה ו־סו-ע; ביאורים ומוספים דרשו, 75-78)





#### Benefits of an official chazan

Among the benefits of appointing an official *chazan* is that only a qualified person will lead the *davening*. In places where there is no official *chazan* and volunteers lead the service, there is a possibility that unqualified people may serve as *chazan*. Additionally, a *chazan* who is paid for his services and shoulders the responsibility of getting the job done right will likely pay greater attention to every detail. An unofficial *chazan* must also meet the congregation's approval. Someone who forces himself on the congregation is viewed as a thief, and one should not respond *Amen* to his *berachos*.

(74, סעיף כב וס"ק סג; ביאורים ומוספים דרשו,

## Mesterday's HIGHLIGHTS

- The role of the chazan is to help the entire congregation fulfill their obligations. A chazan who hates a member of the congregation and excludes him from his tefillos cannot represent the rest of the congregants either. There is a discussion in the poskim as to whether a ba'al koreh is disqualified if he hates another member of the tzibur.
- During the year following the passing of a parent, it is common practice for an avel to serve as chazan and recite kaddish. Leading the congregation in tefilla and reciting kaddish is a merit for the soul of the deceased and draws it out of gehinom.
- If the ba'al koreh feels hostility towards a congregant, that person should not be

### Tomorrow's TOPICS

- When is it permissible to remove a communal servant?
- Inheriting a communal position
- Disqualifying someone who went to non-Jewish court from serving as chazan

called to the *aliyos* of the *tochacha* of *parshios Bechukosai* or *Ki Savo*. There is a concern that the *ba'al koreh* will intend for the curses to befall his enemy, putting him in danger.

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