

**A Note on the May 2008 Update to the
Beth Din of America Binding Arbitration Agreement**

The Beth Din of America, in conjunction with the pre-nuptial agreement task force originally convened by the Orthodox Caucus, has made certain revisions to the Beth Din of America “binding arbitration agreement” for couples entering into marriage.

Most of the revisions are for the sake of clarifying the language as well as the exclusive jurisdiction of the Beth Din of America to be able to adjudicate disputes with respect to those matters that are submitted to its jurisdiction pursuant to this agreement. The one substantive modification to the text of the agreement is with respect to the husband’s assumption of obligation agreement contained in paragraph VII.

The revised language was intended to make clear that the husband’s assumption of obligation to pay \$150 a day in support will only be payable from the time that it is explicitly requested in writing by the wife.