ON COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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לכל מל שעוסקים בצרכל צבור באמונה הקב"ה ישלם שכרם ויסיר מהם כל מחלה וירפא לכל גופם ויסלת לכל עונם

Community leadership by people who are genuine and sincere (באמרנה) often yields poor results. We hear the complaints frequently. Yet the promise is made that the difficulities will be overcome and, despite apparent hardships, it is good to assume the burdens. Thus:

- * No one appreciates what you're doing and there's no reward in it. So: הקב"ה לשלם שכרם -and that's > human reward or recognition.
- * The worry, the toil, the criticism--it can get you sick and it leaves scars! Reply: ויסיר מהם כל מחלה וירפא לכל גופם
- * You've often got to make difficult choices so that sometimes people are hurt. Reply: ויסלה לכל עונם
- * People get angry with you and it destroys old friendships. Answer: וישלח ברכת והצלחה בכל מעשל ידיהם עם כל ישראל אחיהם.