

Dear Rabbi Lamm,

I thought you might enjoy seeing a copy of the enclosed press release.

It took months of behind-the-scenes maneuvering, but with G-d's help we began the first day of 5700 and have had the minyan every 5700 and 216 01'. There are many restrictions; each minyan must be arranged ahead as we are forbidden to look for a tenth man within the building, and certain individuals who would be glad to help we are forbidden to ask at all. But, umbeshrign umberufn, so far so good, and every week has brought all the greater nachas because of the program's very fragility. One man, an employed engineer, has already decided that as soon as he is employed he will move to Sharon — as a result of our minyan.

Warmest good wishes,

Sincerely,

Myron B. Kaufmann

| In an unusual and perhaps unprecedented move, the Conservative congregation in Sharon has taken steps to facilitate the establishment of an Orthodox one.

| As a result of a unanimous vote of its ritual committee, Temple Israel of Sharon has authorized a plan whereby some of its own members volunteer for an Orthodox Sabbath-morning minyan on a temporary basis, until enough Orthodox families move into the town to establish their own minyan.

| The Orthodox minyan is held weekly on a separate floor of the Temple while the Temple's regular Conservative service goes on as usual in the sanctuary.

| The action was taken after Temple members learned that the few Orthodox families in Sharon had for some time been seeking to persuade like-minded families to settle there, but without success.

| The stumbling-block had been that few Orthodox people in the Boston area have wanted to move to Sharon until after an Orthodox minyan is established, at least for Sabbaths. It is hoped that the temporary minyan will solve that problem.

| A spokesman for the Orthodox group said that as soon as there are ten Orthodox families in Sharon they will form their own congregation and apply for a Young Israel charter. The temporary minyan is intended to tide over the early arrivals until that time.

| Conservative backers of the Temple Israel move expressed the opinion that any increase in the number of observant Jews in Sharon will benefit Jewish life in the community as a whole.

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