

Marital mediations

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Information for Rabbi Garelik's Marital Mediation process

Languages:

Rabbi Garelik is fluent in Yiddish, Italian, Hebrew, and English.

Mediation procedures:

Following are the mediation procedures with Rabbi Garelik.:

Rabbi Garelik is an employee of Rabbinical Org. and these are their guidelines.

1. These mediations are not in the form of a "Din-Torah", rather they are mutual meetings and are not binding. Rabbi Garelik's goal is to try dispelling any misunderstandings and unnecessary quarrels, and finding a peaceful resolution. Rabbi Garelik will not make the decision for a Get; this will be the decision of the parties alone.
2. Any emails/correspondence will be kept strictly confidential. Both parties agree and confirm that any correspondence will not be forwarded to anyone other than the parties they were sent to
3. All appointments are confirmed by email.
4. All correspondence is done by email. Absolutely no phone calls.

Step 1:

Both parties will send an email to Rabbi Garelik confirming that both parties:

1. Are Lubavitchers, and listing all the names of parties involved.
2. Are willing to have Rabbi Garelik mediate this case.
3. Want to do resolved the issue in a peaceful way.

The email of EACH party should include:

4. A short, one-paragraph description of the nature of the dispute.
5. A list of any Rabbonim or professionals that have been involved in the case. (even partially)
6. Confirmation that neither the husband, nor the wife owns a home.
7. Confirmation that the wife is not pregnant.
8. As per the wife's discretion, if she feels more comfortable, Mrs. Garelik can be present at the meetings. Please notify in the email.

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When an email confirming the above points is sent to and received by Rabbi Garelik, he will in turn send a confirmation stating whether he will take the case and if so, start step 2 of the process.

Step 2:

Option 1: Email

Stage 1:

1. Once Rabbi Garelik has agreed to deal with the case, a deposit of \$250 should be mailed to the US address above. Checks should be made out to Rabbinical Org. (Generally, it is the husband who carries these fees, unless otherwise instructed)
2. Each party will send an email, generally explaining their side of the story and their claims – if any.
3. Rabbi Garelik will respond with a list of questions.
4. The parties will respond to Rabbi Garelik's questions.
5. If necessary, there will be a follow-up email to clarify anything that is still in question.

Generally this should be enough to figure out the case and Rabbi Garelik will send a proposed solution to both parties.

Stage 2:

If after this stage, the case is still not resolved, the case will proceed to Stage 2 – a subsequent series of emails.

*Fees: Stage #1 - \$350
Stage #2 – additional \$200*

Option 2: Sessions

1. Once Rabbi Garelik has agreed to deal with the case, a deposit of \$250 should be mailed to the US address above. Checks should be made out to Rabbinical Org. (Generally, it is the husband who carries these fees, unless otherwise instructed)
2. Prior to setting a date for the first session, each party should send a general description of their side of the story and claims, and if necessary, Rabbi Garelik will respond with question for clarification.
3. Once the story is clarified, a date for the first session/meeting will be set up and confirmed by email.
4. If a session is cancelled within 4 (four) days of the confirmed date, the cancellation fee is \$150, to be paid by the cancelling party. (If Rabbi Garelik cancels, \$150 will be deducted from the total fee.)
5. A session can last up to two and a half hours (unless it seems that we are wrapping up).

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6. Generally, one session should be enough to clarify the matter. However, if the parties or Rabbi Garelik feel the need, a second or third session may take place.
7. When needed, subsequent to the session(s), Rabbi Garelik will follow up with an email (if the parties request it) detailing the proceeding of the meeting. The email will be sent to both parties for confirmation. Both parties must confirm by email that all details were noted.
8. Rabbi Garelik will then study the case and send his proposed resolution to both parties.

Fees:

Session #1: \$400

(If the parties wish to meet separately, they can split the time evenly for the session)

Subsequent sessions: \$250

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