

כבוד בית הכנסת Respect for the Shul

“A synagogue is a “Mikdash Me’at”, a miniature temple, and the Shechina resides in it because G-d loves his people and does not want to abandon it even when they are in exile”

(עמוד העבודה ה')

ספר אור הישר

“Whoever goes to the synagogue in the morning and evening is as if he is greeting the Shechina as it is written, “Ach Tzadikim Yodu LiShmecha, Yeishvu Yesharim Es Panecha.” The world exists only in the merit of the synagogues and Batei Medrash”

(ראשית חכמה)

ספר מעלת מצות

“Before one enters a synagogue, he should remove from his mind any bad thoughts that will distract him while he is praying. He should not hurry in as if he is entering his or his friend’s house but he should pause at the doorway to let some fear of Heaven enter his heart, like Yaakov Avinu said, “Ma Nora HaMakom HaZeh”, how awesome is this place”

(עמו קמו"ג - קמו"ה)

ספר מקדש מעט

“Before one enters the synagogue a person should say the phrase, “B’Veis Elokim Nihalech B’Rogesh”, we will enter our G-d’s home with emotion”

סידור הארי ז"ל

“One should not discuss anything not pertaining to prayer in the synagogue because the holiness rests in that place, even after prayers. One who does so is degrading the holiness and he chases out the Shechina”

(עמוד העבודה פרק י"ב)

ספר אור הצדיקים

“Every person must stand in the synagogue in awe and fear, shaking and trembling as a man standing before the king hoping his prayers will be accepted. He should not enter with levity nor with haughtiness; or to socialize. If he did so, it would have been preferable for him to have stayed at home”

(עמו קמו"ה)

ספר מקדש מעט