

Pruzbul Agency-Authorization Form

According to Jewish tradition, this year, 5782, is a Sabbatical year (*Shemittah*). As a result there are many unique Jewish laws in effect. One such law is called "*shmittat kesafim*" - the nullification of all debts.

However, in order to ensure that Jews would continue to provide loans to each other, without concern that the *Shemittah* year would make them impossible to collect, the great sage Hillel enacted the "*Pruzbul contract*." Through this contract, all debts that are due prior to the end of the *Shemittah* year are transferred to a Jewish court, which is then empowered to collect that debt. (All of this is possible, since in modern times the law of *shmittat kesafim* is a Rabbinic law.)

In order to assist our members in completing the Pruzbul contract, Rabbi _____ will convene a special bet din (Jewish court) to meet towards the end of this Sabbatical year, shortly before Rosh HaShana. While it is customary for every lender to appear personally before this court to execute a Pruzbul contract, for those who so desire, the following form may be completed instead. This form grants Rabbi _____ the power to represent the interests of our members before this court and execute a Pruzbul on their behalf.

Please complete the following form and return it to your Rabbi as soon as possible.

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I the undersigned, empower and permit Rabbi _____ to act in my place and on my behalf to enter into a "*Pruzbul contract*" with a bet din. The authority which is hereby given is meant to be in conformity with the Torah and Rabbinic law, and to be in acceptance with the law of the State of Illinois.

Name (please print)

Address

To this I do hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Signature

