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### Approbation

I was delighted to hear that my dear students, **Elyahu Jacobi** and **Maor Neim**, pillars of the Queens and Great Neck communities, had developed an app dedicated to presenting accurate *Zemanim* for Sephardic communities all over the world. The name of this app is quite fitting, "**Rabbi Ovadia Yosef Calendar**," in that it correctly encompasses all of the opinions of Maran zt"l as they apply to the vastly complex world that is daily halachic times.

Of the many calendars and apps on the market, this is the first of its kind that I have seen to incorporate *Zemanim* based specifically on the chief Sephardic luminaries of prior generations, including Maran Ha'Shulchan Aruch, Peri Chadash, Minchat Kohen, Yabia Omer, Yalkut Yosef, and Halacha Berura, and apply them to one's current geographical location. It is clear from these Poskim that the calculations of *Zemanim* must be adjusted to reflect one's latitudinal and longitudinal discrepancies relative to *Eretz Yisrael*. As this app is modeled after the highly popular *Zemanim* calendar created by my esteemed friend and colleague, **Hagaon Harav Leeor Dahan Shlit"a**, author of the "*Amudeh Hora'ah*" series, the accuracy of the formulas necessary to derive the precise *Zemanim* presented on the app are truly unparalleled in the realm of Sephardic Halacha.

With so many features available on-screen, such as the methods used to determine any given time clearly delineated and snippets of laws and customs of special days all on a clear and user-friendly interface, this app will certainly be an invaluable tool for Sephardic Jews everywhere to perform Hashem's Mitzvot with alacrity and according to the rich traditions of their Poskim. I humbly bless the developers with continued growth in the service of Hashem, boundless success in all of their endeavors, and may they continue to use their unique talents to enhance the Jewish nation's Torah and Mitzvot observance for many years to come.

Respectfully,

Meir Gavriel Elbaz