

In response to the great suffering the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe experienced in 1648-49 (שנת ת"ח ות"ט), Rabbi Yom Tov Lippman HaLevi Heller, author of the Tosfos Yom Tov, felt that the Jewish community needed to collectively raise itself to a higher spiritual level through prayer and, therefore, composed a prayer for those who refrain from talking during davening:

נוסח מי שכרד שתיקו רבינו החוסמות יום טוב, בומן הגזירות בשנת ת"ח ות"ט:
מִי שְׁבֵרָךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, אֲבָרָהֶם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן, דָּוִד
וְשְׁלֹמֹה, הוּא יְבָרֶךְ אֶת כָּל מִי שְׁשׁוֹמֵר פִּי וְלִשְׁוֹנוֹ שְׁלֵא
לְדַבֵּר בְּעֵת הַתְּפִלָּה, הַקַּב"ה יִשְׁמְרֵהוּ מִכָּל צָרָה וְצוּקָה וּמִכָּל
נֶגַע וּמַחֲלָה, וְיַחֲלוֹ עָלָיו כָּל הַבְּרָכוֹת הַכְּתוּבוֹת בְּסֵפֶר תּוֹרַת
מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּינוּ וּבְכָל סֵפְרֵי הַנְּבִיאִים וְהַכְּתוּבִים, וְיִזְכֶּה לְרֵאוֹת
בְּנֵים חַיִּים וְקַיָּמִים וְיַגְדֵּלם לְתוֹרָה וְלַחֲפָה וְלַמַּעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים,
וְיַעֲבֹד אֶת יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ תָּמִיד בְּאֵמֶת וּבְתַמִּים וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן:

He who blessed our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses and Aaron, David and Shlomo - may He bless everyone who guards his mouth and tongue and refrains from talking during the prayer service. May the Holy One, blessed is He, protect him from every trouble and distress, from every plague and illness; may all the blessings written in the Torah of Moses and in the books of the Prophets and the Writings be applied to him; may he merit seeing his children alive and established - may he raise them to Torah, the wedding canopy and good deeds; may he serve Hashem, our G-d in truth and integrity; and now let us respond Amen.

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