Set Place (Makom Kavu'a): Enhancement of Prayers

It is an enhancement of your prayers to set aside a regular place for praying (*makom kavu'a*), but it is not required.

NOTE If you have a regular seat/*makom kavu'a* in *synagogue* and you find someone sitting in your seat, it is not proper to ask that person to move if it will upset that person.

NOTE Your *makom kavu'a* extends to 4 *amot*/6'7" away from the actual seat and so you could sit in a nearby seat and still be within your *makom kavu'a.* However, even if there are no other seats available near your normal seat, it is still not proper to upset a person by asking him or her to move from your seat.

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