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Mr. Ronald Gottlieb
Congregation Agudas Israel
6442 Stover Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

Dear Mr. Gottlieb:

It is my pleasure to extend greetings on the occasion of your synagogue's gala dinner. I applaud your decision to pay tribute to your rabbi and our esteemed alumnus, Rabbi Hanan Balk, and his wife, Mrs. Barbara Balk, at this time. Through their unending dedication, the Balks have been able to have a tremendous impact in Cincinnati. Rabbi Balk's devotion to your synagogue and his desire to reach out as a leader and teacher in the greater Jewish community are inspiring. Mrs. Balk's decision to give of herself to the community - teaching, chairing events, and serving on the board of Jewish communal organizations - is equally laudable. Please convey my sincerest congratulations to the Balks on this well-deserved honor.

While I cannot join you at this event, I am ever appreciative of the ongoing warm relationship between Rabbi Balk, your synagogue and Yeshiva. Please convey our best wishes to all who will assemble to show their support for your synagogue and pay honor to the Balks. May the Almighty grant Rabbi Balk, Mrs. Balk, and the leadership of your congregation many more years of creative and meaningful activity for the sake of Torah, Israel, and the Jewish People.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert S. Hirt".

Rabbi Robert S. Hirt
Vice President