

GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDIUM

In dedicating to-night's Dinner to the honor of our national presidium-member Rabbi Eliezer Silver, Agudath Israel demonstrates to the world its unique regard for the pre-eminent role which Torah authority must play in Jewish life.

Orthodoxy stands embattled, combating corroding influences from within, and heavy attacks from the forces of secularism from without. In this hour of crisis, when the Jewish world has enthroned a leadership based upon its ranking role in the realm of finance or political statesmanship, Agudath Israel proclaims that the only leaders endowed with the knowledge and spirit necessary to steer our Jewish ship of destiny thru the turbulent waters are the Gedolei Torah, the recognized Torah authorities of our generation.

Thus, in dedicating the 32nd Anniversary Dinner of our movement to Rabbi Silver we are honoring a real leader in Israel, a spiritual giant who has earned a golden niche in history for his spiritual and physical achievement for our people.

Rabbi Silver represents the exemplary Jewish leader, endowed with that rare blending of Torah wisdom and Herculean efforts for the communal weal. As a pioneer for orthodoxy in America for close to a half century, his extensive travels have taken him to every corner of the globe to champion the cause of uncompromising Torah and to alleviate the lot of those in need.

We are indeed proud to have Rabbi Silver as the spark-plug of our presidium, and the increased tempo of our organization's activities since his return to its active leadership best indicates his invaluable contribution to Agudath Israel.

May the Almighty, in this hour of trial and tribulation for the Jewish people, grant Rabbi Eliezer Silver many years of good health to enable him to continue at the helm of world Jewry.

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