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Rabbi Dr. Alan Silverstein,

Rabbi Alan Silverstein is the creator of concentric circles of goodness and warmth.

At their heart is family. The toast, when I was privileged to be at Caldwell to celebrate his first 25 years there, was always 'To Alan and Rita' and of course to his children and grandchildren too.

The next circle is Agudath Israel, the congregation he has served for 42 years. It's a community which embraces everyone in the warmth and practicality of its outreach and the depth of its in-reach into Jewish learning and practice for every age group. Alan is the inspiration, the leader of its leaders, who stay because of him and the congregation they've created together.

Moving outwards, the next ring is Rabbi Silverstein's service to through his presidency of the Rabbinical Assembly, his mentorship of colleagues and his influence across Jewish America.

Expanding further still takes us to his work across the seas, for Israel and for Conservative / Masorti Judaism worldwide. We were privileged to host Rabbi Silverstein here in London on several occasions. In turn, he welcomed me and colleagues from all over the world to Agudath Israel, into his shul, his office and his plans for the future of Judaism.

I wish Rabbi Silverstein a happy retirement, but only from Caldwell: we need his inspiration all around the Jewish world.

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