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Dear Rabbi Silverstein:

On behalf of the 1700 members of the Rabbinical Assembly world-wide, we are so thrilled to write this letter of tribute in honor of the occasion of your 42 years of service to Congregation Agudath Israel, and marking the 100th anniversary of the congregation.

Through your leadership and efforts, the congregation has grown not only in size, but also in dedication to Torah and the Jewish people. It is a vibrant center for Jewish life and Jewish living that inspires its members and our entire movement. It is a testament to your spiritual and organizational leadership.

Forty two years of devoting oneself to a community is a great achievement! We know how committed you have been to the well being of each member of your congregation. And we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to your family, who have provided love and support to you and the community over so many years.

We are particularly grateful for your leadership to the Conservative movement. We note you were the youngest, at age 46, to serve as RA President (1994-1996) since prior to WWII. We commend your service to the Movement in top leadership roles for the next 25 years, continuing today with your re-election as President of Mercaz Olami.

Among many accomplishments we thank you for leading the RA in partnering to produce Rabbi David Lieber's edited *Etz Chaim Torah Commentary*, joint efforts to promote observance of Shabbat, Kashrut, and conversion, the launching of a short-term Social Action internship at the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center in DC, and much more. Your vision and activism have not waned, as you now devote so much to strengthening our movement's relationship to Israel and promoting the unity of klal Yisrael as an advocate for religious pluralism.

Yashar Koach, Alan – may you and your congregation go from strength to strength in service to the Jewish people, and may this celebration be a harbinger of joyous occasions yet to come.

With respect and appreciation,

Jacob Blumenthal
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