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הרב הראשי ואב"ד
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Mr. Morris Zipkin
Congregation Agudas Israel
6442 Stover Avenue
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Dear Mr. Zipkin:

It was with great joy that I received the information that on May 17th you will be paying tribute to Rabbi Hanan and Barbara Balk for all the wonderful things that they personify, and for all that they did, and are doing, for the Cincinnati Jewish Community. I am sure that many people in the St. Louis Community, as well as elsewhere, are equally excited about this very appropriate event.

I have known Rabbi Balk and Barbara Balk for some years, and have observed their dedication and their scope of services to the Community which they grace. I am filled with admiration and pride with regard to Rabbi and Rebetzin Balk, because together they personify beautifully the approach which I deeply applaud. On the one hand, they are deeply identified with the standards of Halacha, which they uphold and promote with all their hearts. On the other hand, they are open and related to every effort that strengthens the total Jewish Community. We know their respective parents, who are leaders in the St. Louis Jewish Community, and are among the most wonderful leaders in many worthwhile activities, both in St. Louis and throughout the world.

My Rebetzin joins me in expressing congratulations to you, and the Cincinnati Community, for your wisdom in sponsoring this beautiful event. We pray that your Community, under the leadership of Rabbi and Rebetzin Balk, shall go from strength to strength, both materially and spiritually.

Sincerely,

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