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ELIEZER SILVER, RABBI, 87, DEAD

Former Leader of Orthodox
Group in U.S. and Canada

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CINCINNATI, Feb. 8—Rabbi Eliezer Silver, former president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, died here last night at the age of 87.

Rabbi Silver was honorary president of the rabbis' group and was formerly Chief Rabbi of Cincinnati.

During World War II he organized rescue efforts for Jews in Europe and assisted in saving many from Nazi death camps. He helped several Orthodox congregations escape to the West after the war to avoid life behind the Iron Curtain.

In 1943, Rabbi Silver led a delegation of several hundred rabbis to Washington and petitioned Vice President Henry A. Wallace to deliver the "remnants of the people of the Book" from persecution and to open Palestine and all other nations to them.

Rabbi Silver intoned the plea in Hebrew to the Vice President on the Senate steps of the Capitol. Later he presented the petition at the White House.

Rabbi Silver, a founder of



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Rabbi Eliezer Silver

Agudath Israel, a national Orthodox Jewish organization, in 1937, had been spiritual leader of Congregation Kneseth Israel in Cincinnati for almost 40 years. He held pupils in Harrisburg, Pa., 1907-24, and Springfield, Mass., 1925-31.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pearl Burkson Silver; two sons, Rabbi David Silver of Harrisburg and Dr. Nathan L. Silver of Cincinnati; two daughters, Mrs. Yetta Izenstein of Springfield, and Mrs. Bess Gershuni of Brooklyn, New York. The funeral was held today.