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RAA/IGUD MISSION STATEMENT

Five essential reasons to join the Rabbinical Alliance of America/Igud Harabonim

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Av Bais Din:
 Rabbi Herschel Kurzrock

1) **Chavrusa:** Rabbis need to have friends and a place where they can turn to for support and encouragement. Whatever setting a rabbi is in, be it the pulpit, classroom or chaplaincy, etc., there are constraints that the rabbi faces in the interaction with the people he ministers to. The Rabbinical Alliance of America/IGUD is an organization that fosters a warm environment for Rabbis by encouraging its membership to develop friendships and to advocate for each other as colleagues and friends.

Rosh Beth Din:
 Rabbi Dov Aaron Brisman

2) **Limud HaTorah:** Rabbis need to have a platform where they may discuss Torah and Halacha amongst fellow Scholars of Torah. The RAA/IGUD is the address where one may present Torah ideas and discuss positions that will impact Klal Yisrael for the better. The singular purpose of the Rabbinical Alliance of America/IGUD is the furtherance of Torah true Judaism and improving respect for the Rabbinat.

Sgan Av Beth Din:
 Rabbi Peretz Steinberg

As a Rabbinical organization, our membership is comprised of Rabbis who want to see the Jewish people and Judaism flourish in accordance with our Mesorah. Our member Rabbis hail from all segments of the Orthodox Jewish Community, as such we are not beholden to any particular agenda or establishment interest. We encourage our members to engage in our Torah forums and to present position papers for peer review and adoption. The popular *Monthly Rosh Chodesh Kinus Torah and Seudas Rosh Chodesh* encourages Torah scholarship that broadens our knowledge and assists Rabbis to better serve Klal Yisrael.

Menahel Beth Din:
 Rabbi Chaim Komendant

3) **Achi Ezer:** In times of crises the Rabbi needs an advocate and a listening ear to advise. The RAA/IGUD advises and supports its member Rabbis through its network of senior Rabbis and Beth Din. The Rabbinical Alliance of America is available to support its member Rabbis 365 days a year and is committed to championing the needs of its members.

Executive Vice President:
 Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik

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 Rabbi Moish Schmerler

4) **Kovod HaRabbonus:** Professional affiliation. The Rabbinical Alliance of America is a professional association of Rabbis. Of course, we recognize that the Rabbinat is a calling and not a profession, but the reality is, rabbis need to be associated as a professional body to advance the status of Kovod HaRav within the community.

Vice Presidents:
 Rabbi Avraham Amar
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5) **Daas Torah:** Serving as the collective voice of the American Rabbinat. As a Rabbinic organization entering its 76th anniversary the RAA/Igud is well positioned to advance Torah true positions for American Jewry and to society at large.

Director Halacha Commission:
 Rabbi Gil Student

Director of Development:
 Rabbi Dovid Katz

Strengthening the standards of our Mesorah by voicing our opinions to the public via mass media on social issues, e.g. *Sheva Mitzvos of Bnei Noach* and matters pertaining to Israel and the Jewish Community the world over.

By joining the RAA/IGUD you help to strengthen the status of the Rabbinat and increase our value for influencing the growth and integrity of Torah standards within American Jewry.