EXCERPTS FROM THE ISSUES OF THE AGUDATH HARABONIM ON THE REVISED KETUBAH AND BETH DIN OF THE CONSERVATIVE RABBIS

In view of the false and heretical decisions and reforms of the conservative rabbis in recent years, and in view of their revision of the Ketubah and their establishment of a BETH DIN OF "PORTZIE GEIDER" (breakers of religious safeguards and standards), we urge all rabbis — based upon KFIRA (hereby), the Agudath Harabonim declares to the Jewish public that — like the reform rabbis — the conservative rabbis have the status of "PORSCHIM MIDARKEI TZIBUR" (secessors from the correct way of religious Jewry) and of "KOFRIM BATORAH". According to Jewish law, THEY HAVE NO RABBINIC AUTHORITY and SHOULD NOT BE ENTRUSTED WITH ANY RABBINIC FUNCTIONS.

The contemplated Beth Din of the conservative rabbis and the reforms and decisions of that Beth Din have no validity and should not be relied upon under any circumstances. The revised Ketubah of the conservative rabbis is forbidden and should not be used.

It is forbidden to participate in a wedding wherein the revised Ketubah is used. This injunction applies to the performers of the marriage rite, the witnesses and the participants in the Sheva Berachos, as well as to the bride and groom and their escorts. It also applies to the Cantor and to the Shammash.

We solemnly declare that the false decisions and reforms of the conservative rabbis undermine the very foundations of Judaism. The contemplated Beth Din and the revised Ketubah of the conservative rabbis are conducive to the serious transgressions of the laws pertaining to Arayoth and will lead to illegitimate marriage and destroy Jewish family life. This will compel us to prohibit marriage into the families whose members married in accordance with the false decisions and reforms of the conservative Beth Din. This will also force us to introduce into each community a book of records for the registration of such families.

In matrimonial matters our sages of all ages — the Talmudic sages, the post Talmudic authorities, known as Poskim, and the Geonim of the Ysad Arba Arashoth and of later periods — proclaimed the strongest prohibitions and the strictest admonitions in order to safeguard and preserve the Laws of the Torah.

We hope and expect that American Jewry will comply with our issue and heed our warning and thus secure the continuance of the purity of the Jewish family life, and bring upon themselves the blessings of the Torah.

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(Please display this on Bulletin Board before Yom Tov and read it from the pulpit before Yizkor.

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(בכבוד למחסן של מנהיגי שני ימי הרפורמה)}

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