

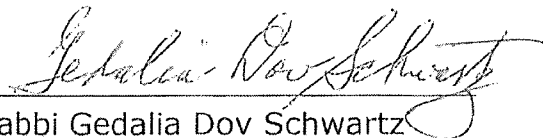
**RAV GEDALIA DOV SCHWARTZ SHLIT" A AND RAV SHMUEL FUERST SHLIT" A
IN SUPPORT OF ORA**

To the Chicago Jewish Community,

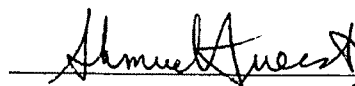
The plight of *agunos* is a terrible challenge that, tragically, our community has had to face. We are deeply pained by the heart-wrenching stories of women from our community who have been denied a *get* long after their marriages have been deemed irreconcilable. By withholding a *get*, recalcitrant husbands maliciously distort the beauty of our Torah and cause a grave *chillul Hashem* while inflicting immense pain to their wives who remain chained to dead marriages.

The **Organization for the Resolution of Agunot – ORA** – is an outstanding nonprofit organization which resolves *agunah* cases within the confines of Halacha and civil law. ORA is the only nonprofit organization addressing the *agunah* crisis around the world on a case-by-case basis. They have assisted in the resolution of over 165 *agunah* cases, including a number of cases from our own community. We have worked with them and fully support their efforts to bring these women מאפילה לאורה ומשעבוד לגאולה, from darkness to light and from captivity to freedom.

We call upon all members of our community to please join us in supporting ORA's critical work.



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