

# Highlights of the OU 107th Anniversary National Dinner



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Nearly 1,000 guests paid tribute to the extraordinary and far-reaching work of the Orthodox Union, as well as that of several of its outstanding lay leaders, at the OU's 107th Anniversary National Dinner, held in June at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York. This was the first year the OU held one dinner rather than a series of dinners supporting OU programs and initiatives. The gala event followed the OU's participation in New York's famed Salute to Israel Parade up Fifth Avenue.

Among the dinner honorees were OU Treasurer Herbert (Heshe) Seif and his wife, Harriet; distinguished *posek* (halachic authority) of the OU's Kashrut Division Rabbi Hershel Schachter, *rosh yeshivah* and *rosh bakollel* at Yeshiva University, and his wife, Rebbetzin Shoshanah Schachter; Sylvia and Mel David and Abbott's Ross Products Division. United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales delivered the keynote address. One of the highlights of the dinner was a special National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) dedication in memory of Mikey Butler, *z"l*, who died a year ago at the age of twenty-four, and whose all-too-brief life touched so many in the Jewish community.



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1. Members of NCSY, the OU's youth arm, show their support for Israel as they march across Manhattan at the Salute to Israel Parade.

2. OU Executive Vice President Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb leads the OU contingent at the parade.

3. Keter Shem Tov awardees Mr. and Mrs. Seif chat with Dinner Chairman Dr. Shimmy Tennenbaum and Gary McCullough, president of Abbott's Ross Products Division, which received the National Kashrut Award.

4. Mr. McCullough shares a laugh with Rabbi Weinreb.



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5. The OU's Institute for Public Affairs Chairman and Senior Vice President of the OU Moishe Bane introduces Attorney General Gonzales, the keynote speaker.

6. Rabbi Weinreb, OU President Stephen Savitsky and Mr. Seif present Attorney General Gonzales (second from left) with a plaque.

7. OU Senior Vice President Howard Tzvi Friedman shares a moment with Attorney General Gonzales.

8. Rabbi and Mrs. Schachter receive the Ezra Ben Zion Lightman, z"l Memorial Award. Looking on are (from left) Mr. Savitsky, OU Chairman of the Board,

Honorary President Harvey Blitz, OU Honorary Presidents Rabbi Joseph Karasick and Sheldon Rudoff.

9. Mr. Savitsky presents Sylvia and Mel David with the Yachad National Founders Award while Dr.

Tennenbaum and OU Honorary President Mandell I. Ganchrow, MD, look on.

10. The establishment of the Young Leadership Cabinet (YLC) was announced at a pre-dinner ceremony with Dr. Tennenbaum, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Congressman Anthony D. Weiner (D-NY) and Chairman of the YLC Charles Harary.

11. Attorney General Gonzales; Executive Vice Chairman, Conference of Presidents, Malcolm I. Hoenlein; Mr. Savitsky; Rabbi Weinreb and Dr. Tennenbaum present the Seifs with the Keter Shem Tov Award, the OU's highest honor.