

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

I am writing to vehemently oppose the appointment of Abba Cohen to the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad. Mr. Cohen is a representative of Agudath Israel of America, which is a radical, sexist splinter group within the American Jewish community. Our tax money and resources should reflect who we are as a community. The American Jewish community is 80% non-Orthodox and even within the Orthodox community Agudath Israel is radical. The appointment should be from the largest group of Jews in America, which is Reform.

Agudath Israel provides a bloc vote in the New York/New Jersey area, which may be your motivation for the appointment. I mean to say you are trying to buy political favors for allies in those areas. There is no excuse for aligning with such a sexist, off-the-wall religious fanatic for this purpose. I urge you to retract this appointment at once and replace it with a candidate that reflects the America Jewish community.

Sincerely,