

OU Honors Gustave and Henriette Jacobs with Chair in Kashrut Education



At a dinner reception attended by a large gathering of Jewish communal leaders at Orthodox Union headquarters in New York this past June, one of the OU's most enthusiastic and longstanding leaders, Gustave Jacobs of Forest Hills, New York, and his wife, Henriette, were honored at the naming and dedication of the Henriette and Gustave Jacobs Chair in Kashrut Education.

The chair will support the growing variety of education programs offered by the OU Kashrut Department to synagogues and schools across North America. It will specifically support the newly announced "Coming to a Yeshiva Near You" initiative, in which Orthodox Union rabbis visit Jewish schools to shed light on the increasingly complex world of kosher certification.

In his tribute, OU President Stephen J. Savitsky—who is also chair of the OU Kashrut Commission—cited Mr. Jacobs' years of service to the OU, his involvement in its activities and his philanthropic spirit.

Mr. Jacobs, who has been a member of the OU Board since 1969, declared that while it is easy to keep kosher today—just look for the OU symbol—it is important nevertheless for those who keep kosher to understand the intricacies of Jewish law as the kosher marketplace burgeons. That is the purpose of the chair he endowed, Mr. Jacobs said.



1. *Guests of honor Gustave and Henriette Jacobs.*
2. *Mr. Savitsky congratulates Mr. Jacobs.*
3. *Mr. Jacobs included a siyum of a Talmudical tractate as part of his remarks.*

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