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**Statement of Agudath Israel of America on the passing of
Joyce Garver Keller**

Agudath Israel of America mourns the loss of former executive director of Ohio Jewish Communities, Joyce Garver Keller. As an observer organization of Ohio Jewish Communities, Agudath Israel, together with its professional and lay leadership, worked closely with Joyce for many years. Joyce taught us a lot about Jewish and Ohio politics, but also how to stay *above* politics. Joyce showed us how to passionately advocate for a cause, while earning respect from elected officials on both sides of an issue.

Joyce's weekly reports always ended with the same message from Isaiah 62:1. "For the sake of Zion, I will not be silent, and for the sake of Jerusalem I will not rest." For 25 years and even beyond retirement, Joyce was not silent. Joyce did not rest.

May Joyce's husband Steven and her entire family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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