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Mr. Ephraim Kholmyansky

Dear Ephraim,

Please accept my warmest congratulations on the publishing of your book – the Voice of Silence.

This unique combination of thriller and historical story-telling will leave no reader indifferent, gradually transforming them from casual spectators into seemingly active participants in the torrid reality of the underground organizations under the Soviet regime. The author creates a plot so riveting that it makes putting the book down virtually impossible.

Naturally, I am not an objective observer as far as the storyline is concerned, having taken part in the underground operations this book reveals for the first time in the Hebrew language, and the author being my friend and comrade in arms in the struggle of the “Judaism of silence” that unfolded at the time. Consequently, I can attest to the veracity of the book’s factual background. The plot is not fictitious, the events described are authentic and the reader will do well to get acquainted with them. I sincerely recommend this book to any who wish to familiarize themselves with this glorious chapter in the history of the Zionist movement and the struggle to preserve the Jewish identity in modern times.

With my highest esteem and friendship,

M.K. Yuli Yoel Edelstein
Speaker of the Knesset