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### President of the Conference Of European Rabbis Receives Légion d'Honneur

Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, President of the Conference of European Rabbis, has received France's highest award, the Légion d'Honneur (Legion of Honour). At a ceremony in Paris, Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, presented the award to Rabbi Goldschmidt in recognition of his contribution to European society.

Established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, the National Order of the Legion of Honour is the highest French decoration for military and civil servicemen.

Reflecting on his award, Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt said, "I am honoured to have received this award, which only strengthens my resolve to continue to serve European Jewry. The French Jewish community is Europe's largest and one of its most significant. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to its Chief Rabbi, Chaim Korsia, and our Vice President Mosche Lewin, who have served French Jewry with distinction. We will continue our work for religious minorities in order that we should build a Europe free from hate that respects our freedom and right to practice our faith."

Since its establishment in the 19th century, the award has been retained by all governmental systems in France and awarded to individuals who have demonstrated unique service to the country.

