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NEW YORK --Rudolf G. Sonneborn, the man who mobilized massive behind-the-scenes financial support which made possible the post-World War II immigration to Israel and the effort which enabled the fledgling state to defend itself during its 1948 War of Independence, will be presented with the S.Y. Agnon Gold Medal on May 8th at the Hotel Americana.

The medal represents the highest national honor of the American Friends of the Hebrew

University. The announcement of the event was made by Professor Milton Handler, honorary chairman of the Friends' Board of Directors and national chairman of Legacies and Bequests Program, who is serving as dinner chairman.

Mr. Sonneborn has achieved fame by combining a distinguished career as an oil refining and chemical manufacturing industrialist with a leadership position in Jewish community affairs that



R.G. SONNEBORN

inent Jewish communal leaders--are dinner co-chairmen.

American Friends of The Hebrew University, with headquarters at 11 East 69th Street, New York City, is the American Jewish community organizational arm in funneling support to the University.

ANTI-SEMITE, ANTI-ISRAEL

NEW YORK (WNS)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel, speaking at the annual Statesmen Award Dinner of the Synagogue Council of America, said that "discrimination" was a common element between the person who is an anti-Semite and the man who is anti-Israel.

The former says every man is equal, except the Jew; the latter says every nation is equal, except Israel.

has few peers in American history. He has been a leading figure in several petroleum trade associations and a senior member of the firm which subsequently merged with Witco Chemical Corporation. But it is in his role as a Jewish community leader that Mr. Sonneborn stands alone. Thirteen major organizations, including U.J.A., Israel Bonds, and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, have had him in their top echelons.

Messrs. Edward Ginsberg of Cleveland, Ohio, Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, Illinois, and Joseph J. Schwartz and Robert I. Wishnick of New York -- four prom-



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