

**Introd:** Highlight of evening...our tribute to Suvalker Rav, our Rebbe R. Dovid Lifschitz זצ"ל -- period of ספירה..figure רשב"ל

1. גם' סוכה (מ"ה ע"ב) = ארשב"ל ראלתל בוג' עליל' ומועסלין הם.
2. Same plaint rises to our lips when we contemplate Suvalker Rav  
How few/rare are the ירשב"ל of our generation? He wrote to us re Suvalker;  
Ry; קצף גול (12 Torah public-house); Vard Hachelch; שבת תורה; ואורח חיים; חלקי חיים; חלקי חיים
3. But singularity Guest Honor even more pronounced as ponder  
statement of ירשב"ל acc. Rav Kook:

4. That's what Reb Dovid represents to us! He's one of rare בני העצמאות who is concerned not only w his own growth & development but also with בני העולם -- not only of own family but of all Jews-- esp. his תלמידים. They see in him not only a *Rebbe* but also a *father*...

5. That's why he's gained their--our!--love as well as re-  
spect...

6. Here 48 years--שנה ח"מ equals 2 words: ח"מ...מ"ח

7. His *אמנה* not only for individuals but for institution as well -- devoted *לב ליב* to RIETS. When asked him accept this role GH and accolades of former/present *תלמידים*, could easily have feigned *עניוה*, declined or let self be begged. Instead: *והיט דאס העלפן דל לשמחה?* When I said Yes--accepted and kept on asking what more he could do. *He's therefore a role model for all of us, especially those on faculty /administration of RIETS...*

8. Therefore my privelege do two things:

- \* read and give Scroll of Appreciation
- \* give him replioca chair--symbol of R. Dovid Lifschitz Chair in Talmud, endowed by his endlessly admiring and respectful students, the Alumni of RIETS: YURA.