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Dear Norman,

When I said good shabbos to you at the end of the davening at the Great Synagogue on Shabbat Bereshit, I said that I was sorry that you "had to retire." I meant "had to" in the sense of the ineluctable passing of our generation and the handing over of what we hold dear to our successor generation. As you observed, it was what you wanted - and rightly so. But though it must be, it saddens me.

As your classmate in what now seem like days of yore, I have over the years attended to, with a sense of pride, even personal pride, your brilliant stewardship of our beloved alma mater.

Our meeting at the Great Synagogue stirred my memory. I remember that when my son Daniel was a senior at MTA he was in throes of deciding which college to attend. I very much wanted him to continue at Yeshiva, but he was being enticed by the siren calls of more famous schools. I came to see him one night and we went to the cafeteria. As we heaved our trays, by happy chance we met you and you graciously joined us at dinner. We discussed college choice, and you persuasively stated why Yeshiva might be a good choice for Daniel. I was delighted that in effect you were recruiting my son.

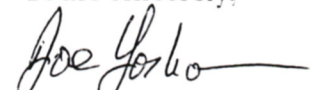
After Daniel was graduated by Yeshiva College, he was admitted to Pritzker Medical School at the University of Chicago. I remember his initial apprehension as a freshman coming from what seemed to him like an obscure school that he would be unprepared to keep up with other students, mainly from the Ivy League and similar institutions. He quickly found that Yeshiva was not a drawback at all and he competed very well.

He is now an assistant professor of neurosurgery at Baylor Medical School. His wife Shira, a Stern College graduate, (the daughter of Rabbi Radinsky of Charleston) was

not long ago named a law partner of Baker Botts. And they have three children.

They are not unique. What is most important is that they, like many other achieving Yeshiva graduates, have made their lives consonant with the Torah that they acquired at Yeshiva. All of them will stand as the monument of what you have done.

Yours sincerely,


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