

8/4/96--Eulogy for Gabriel Levine

*Am here to spk eulogy not only bec rel'p YU/RIETS, bt: friend>20 yrs

*GL was brill't--in busnss/comml l'p. To vry end--concrnd commy;
bought parcel few day<stroke...High Intellgce--not surpris'g--Brainy Litvak!

* But equally--לב טוב--Loved J people, Torah
Levites--carried משכן--& *Oh, how many משכנות he carried...*

* But esp loved RIETS (& YU)--2 reasons: Older bro=מוסמך;
& *believed* in RIETS..saw products...

* GL -- fam'y man...all yrs I knew him devotd wf/ch/gr-ch (LINDA), wf's fam

* Esp fortuitous & right that --Blanche. She & illustr's fam--YU...

* But: a much larger fam than he thought. כל המלמד בן חברו תורה כאילא ילדו

* HAFTOR (Isaiah 49): Zion: Gd forsakn me, Forgotten.. שאי סביב עיניך וראי,
...כולם נקבצו באו לך--all grads RIETS are his ch/gfr-ch--& all this day *mourn...*

*For RIETS/YU--a terrible loss. Was special to us

* 10 yrs ago, at Centnnl חג הסמיכה HD, citat'n: "Our trad tell us that the voice of
archangel Gabrl can b heard 'round th world. Your voice can b heard oftn &
proudly in keepg our hertg alive. You hv been a guardian angel, watch'g over
YU f you knw we guard our ftr by supportg the tchg of our young ppl"

* GL's צדקה was phenomenal--h alwys wantd b GIVER/taker...less intrstd rcvg
honors/contrbutg mnngfully RIETS...when told we *need* hm accept honors--
reluctly consentd, *but* "only after I deliver"

* Thrfr note w sp sadness: agreed w him sp celebtrn acad yr 96-97 convoc'n
1st receipt "רייז ספקטקר medallion" -- singl most imp't award by RIETS 100 yrs

*Talm (ברכות כח ע"ב)--re: ריב"ז who survvd חורבן (ת"ב=)...: כשחלה ריב"ז נכנסו
תלמידיו לבקר, כיון שראה אותם התחיל לבכות...אמרו לו: רבינו, ברכנו. א"ל יהייר שתהא
מורא שמים עליכם כמורא בשר ודם. ... שפת אמת: כאדם הדואג ושומר על בוי"ד שלו ...

--GL 's personal חורבן also on ת"ב... & he practiced lesson of ריב"ז -- *he
worried over us as much as over self..was wonder to behold...*

-- and that was ברכה he bequested to us--his biolog'l & spirt'l fam...
to knw that charity is not of th pocket but of th heart; tht to be humn-- בוי"ד--
means to be selfless & loving & idntfy w th cause you support: own בוי"ד

* In that sense, he was a grt TEACHER as wll as supportr--so we mourn him w
you--as benefactor/head of our fam/teacher/& one who left is w undying ברכה