## Morris B. Abram

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His genl record=well-known; no need repeat his brilliant record in law/civil rights/govt/ etc. Concentrate on pers'y/J contrib's

<u>Suave</u>/sophisticated/brilliant--yet <u>compassionate</u>/friendly <u>Southern charm</u> mixd w אידיש חן --wht a marvlous <u>combination!</u>

Love family: wf Bruna Molina; ch-Ruth/Ann/Moriss/Adm/Josh

Courage: Neither cancer/KKK could mk ths mn cower, neither anti-Amer'n propgand/a-S diatribes could intimidate him

J Orgs: headed <u>AJC</u>om/Natl Conf <u>Sov Jy</u>/Conf <u>Presdnts Major</u> A-J Orgs; short stint Pres <u>Brandeis</u> U; and Ch, <u>BD/CSL/Y.U</u>--& mmbr Trustee Com . choose new <u>Pres</u>. (I 've since forgvn hm)

In all public If (civil/J/polit), he couldn't be pigeon-holed as Extrmst/Modrt. Anyone wh opposd KKK as vigorously... was not modrt. So f 1-man 1-vote. Rather--examind each case on own merits & determed he approach. Maimnds: שיהא אדם שם Dainyt. Bt not mean he made he judgments ad hoc; Naipur-opinions/p-y. Bt when h arryd at decision, pursued it w convicted, passion--bt w fairness. Thus, h gave lie t myth tht moderts= wimps. Struck me as man who always a passionate moderate.

Brought <u>litigator skills</u> to <u>commty work</u>: at CSL/BD--a master at work...found'g <u>Ch/BD/CSL</u>--76-78. Rcvd <u>HD from Y.U.</u> I shll <u>evr b gratfl</u> f hs advc/counsel/guidnce as <u>newly mintd Pres</u>

Israel: Read his letter/record 22 Sept 1999 on UN/Annan/Isr

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Rel Dimension: "[I am] without a [J] background (which I so much wish I had)"--high praise Lubavitcher Rebbe

Read: his letter to me of July 24, 1986

Today: R.CH. Nisan-- שלא חיסר בעולמו כלום וברא בו בריאות טובים בעולמו טובות טובות טובים להנות בהם בנ״א

When in company MBA, felt: <u>all's well w world</u>. & that if anything <u>went wrong</u>, this <u>charmg</u>, <u>brave man--whose favrt motto="if elevator broken, use stairs"--would set it aright</u>. We <u>ought bless G-d f gift of such a man</u> in our midst

End: Used t write t me (mostly by hand) 2-3x yr,.

Annual ck to Y.U. w gracious note "wish I could do more"

Morris, after all I've said about you, I wish I could do more-because you deserved it

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