

**Introd:** IM was nt a symbol of an age/philosophy; of 1 genration or anothr; not a phenomenon or emblem. IM was, t put it simply, a מענטש, a persnlty, a noble humn being of flesh & blood who livd/breathd decency/integrty/sweetness/politeness/frndshp

1. I knew IM f most my lf--& most of hs. In my stdnt dys he=young/rising star Rbbt; As cong'l Rbbi—ws belovd/admird; sophstctd in wys comm'l poltes. Was man grt warmth/heart; father figure to many; gr-f figure t others; איש חסד.
2. Got t know hm best since I-Pres, h=Sr VP: Stdnts/קינדערלאך.—I adord hm
3. Allow m focus on 3 aspects his illustrious career in wys tht I knew hm best

4. 1<sup>st</sup>: Hs comml lp well-known. Headd proby mr orgs>I know./foundd mny thm. But wht was very special—did so NOT ONLY f ORTH Js, bt f ישראל. Therby—ws מקדש השם ברבים: Orth Rabbi nt narrow, bt love tht embracd evry J. This=kind of broad lp that manifestd נצי"ב, אדמו"רים... H=our role model J ldr/our eldr-statsman/one mst eminnt alumni/glory t Y-U as a כלל ישראל איד.

5. 2<sup>nd</sup>: At Y.U., h meant mny thngs f me: H=my colleg/collabotr/confdant. . Was f m—both בעל עצה ובר סמכא—advisor/authrty—someone t lean on

6. But mostly—he=my conscnc/נביא Let me elaborate a bit on this role. Ofn, in positon lp, face conundrum of princpl vs practclty; not cyncl bt real.

Thus, כל מי שהצבור ממנה אותו פרנס מלמטה, נקרא רשע, quoted רמב"ם reads: דאני יחטא. Similar Zohar: On אשר נשיא יחטא, Zohar adds 2 words: חוטא. Cannot be a פרנס or a נשיא w-o being considered a רשע or a חוטא. A fact of lf!

Strnge thng t sy--esp by רמב"ם who=ldr hs ציבור. Bt wht mns: Lp~hard decsons -- bettr: dirty ones: choosng betw alternativs neither of whch=perfct/clean/ pure /desirable/even acceptable, but selecting the one which is the least harmful.

"Clean decisions"=risk-free, don't reqr lp. A ldr must embrace risk לשע למטה of being <perfect/ideal/accused of ideolgcl error/moral truancy--if by so doing h carries out mission of protectg מלמטה, commty in real world, sparing thm greater hurt/ mr serious injury/worse morl blemish. Lp not easy task, but that=what lp is all about. דאני יחטא, אשר נשיא יחטא; there is no way out.

Ofn, faced w such crushg decisions, in/out of Y.U., I felt pulld by th contradctry tugs of my respnbties. Whn decide Princpl/whn welfare Commy? Each decision=new, no precdnt. So I consult collgs: & here, IM=usually my CONSCNCE—usually tildt t princpl, bt w a mature understanding of practclty. Which leads me to 3<sup>rd</sup>, last point:

7. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Wise! Hs keen analyss kpt m fr slf-delusn, hs ebulnt sprrt—fr paralyss of pessmsm Hs imp'ce t m md itslf felt in hs combntn realsm/optmsm. Expln:

Gamara חזקת הבתים ב"ב פ' חזקת הבתים these days דף יומי In כ"ח דף learn Hal of real estate. Talm seeks prove שנים ג' חזקת ג' fr statemnt הנביא ירמ' . Jerm proclaims (32:44) destructn Jer, exile inhabitnts, YET—instructs thm write/certify deeds: שדות בקסף יקנו וכתוב בקסף וחתום והעד עדים בארץ בגימין ובסביבי יושלם ובגרי יהודה

Gloomy proph: ובערי ההר ובערי השפלה ובערי הנגב כי אשיב את שבותם נאם ה'  
>exl, y will return, s keep deeds. Fr ths learn: 3 yrs possn=legl proof ownrshp.

**Capcty see thru prsnt catstrophe t ftr rdmpn=peculrly Jsh; srce J optmsm**  
Tht, for m=distngshg charctrstc IM: How often I discuss issues w him: I  
thought: simpl. IM: זה לא פשוט... acknwldgd hard realities lf/ ambiguities/  
pardxs/ inconsstncs/ ambvlncies. He=intelctly mature/wise/truthfl. Ddn't  
disms bad news, possbly failure. **YET**—confdnt tht, as נביא declares verse  
earlier: כי זה אמר ה' באשר הבאתי אל העם הזה את כל הרעה הגדולה הזאת כן אנכי מביא  
עליהם את כל הטובה אשר אנכי דבר עליהם. Ultmtly=optmst. Foresaw rdmptn w-o  
being pollyansh, w-o foolg slf.

In a way, then, in discussg w IM communal or unvrsty problems, I felt as if  
talkg t Jeremiah—depressg in his clear and unimpeded view & analysis of  
current sit'n, Yet ult'y hope/light/confdnc--optmsm

8. If I had to sum up hs lf/prsnlty/essenc one word: **BEAUTFL**: א-שינער איד--  
רבי: איזו היא דרך ישרה שיבור לו האדם. כל שהיא תפארת לעושיה ותפארת לו מן האדם

9. So I **knew hm in mny guises/functions/aspects**. For he left a multi-facetd  
legacy. I shll miss hm in all of his aspects.

His demise affects each us in so mny diffrt ways--& thrfr s hard t say goodbye.

Poet: "*F h tht lives mr lives thn one/More deaths thn one must die*".

**For me, Is Miller died many deaths. I mourn him f all of them.**