

Edmond J. Safra Memorial--3/19/00

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**1<sup>st</sup> tm I met hm**--טלית ותפילין; impressd: mn who lives comfrtly 2 wrlds:Bankg/Tor. Ths capcty: als othr aspcts hs life:J/nn-J; Seph / Ashknz; innr lf/outr lf; finance/ philan'y; pvt/public; officl/internl. He was a colossus astride 2 continents...

**David>Abner**: הלא תדעו כי שר וגדול נפל היום בישראל  
-should be ידעתם... So: only later wll y realiz hw grt th loss  
-שר וגדול--some derv value/pleasur fr POSITION; =שר  
-Others--fr innr resources, self;=גדול; S= BOTH!..

-Ws Prince mny ways-intrntl recgntn, fame. **Hon. Doctr Y.U.** 1985  
-He had a passion for Honor/Honors...intrgty; deep down=ענו  
-So, finnc/philanthry--many kinds, bt esp **ED, Scholp**

-In his philanthrp---S kept up Seph trad: **TuM Y.U.**...  
-**Madda**: -Endowed Edmond J. Safra/Republic National Bank of New York **Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine at AECOM** (1997)  
**Tora**: Name **צפרא** =dawn...H supprtd/nourshd scholrs: מוקיר רבנן  
-Supportd majr Torh insttns--incl 300 Talm Tors Isr.>70000 st;

**At Y.U.**-**RIETS**; thru RIETS establ'd >30 new Seph congrgtns  
-Establ'd scholarships f deserving/needy Sephardic students at YU.

**Jacob E. Safra Inst.Seph St** (1982)=largest progr its kind in USA-->300 st now Y.U.>800 Seph alum; courses in Seph rel codifiers/philos—as:.... ; responsa/customs; Bibl exegetes; liturgical chants/cantillations; Histry all Seph comm'ties from Talmc period t present; Lang's: Heb/ Ladino/ Judeo-Arbic; Seph public's

Finally: **Family**: wife Lilly/bros Jos(Vicky)&Moise(Chella)/sisters

**Epitaph:Paraphrs** כי מרדכי היהודי משנה למלך אחשורוש וגדול ליהודים  
S the J was virtually king in hs vocation, great among Js, acceptd by th multtude of hs brethrn, seekg th good of hs ppl, & spkg peace t all hs loved ones