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Dear Rabbi Dr. Lamm,

There comes a time in one's life in which we reflect from where we came, how we got there, and where we are. In all these respects, as I take a careful look at my life, it is to you whom I owe my thanks.

Why do I wax nostalgic at this time? I don't mean to shock you, but in reality, I am attending my 50<sup>th</sup> (!) High School reunion this week for what was then called "Central Yeshiva University High School for Girls, (Brooklyn)"!!

It seems like just a few years ago that you made that shocking proposal to my parents that a Yeshiva high school in far away New York should be in my future. To a naïve girl of 13, it sounded very exciting. To my parents it was life-shaking and frightening. To their credit, they acquiesced to your ideas, but only because they had great respect for your knowledge, and great trust in your guidance. And thus, I became the first girl from Springfield (possibly from all of New England) to attend a yeshiva high school far from home.

Thereupon, I began a vast change in lifestyle, attitudes, and friends, and acquired an education that I never dreamed possible. I just cannot imagine how my life would have turned out without your foresight, determination, and support, in setting me on that unexplored path. In these ways, it is to you that I and my family owe such a large debt.

So, it is with deep gratitude that, in case I haven't yet said so, I say "Thank you, Rabbi Lamm, for your loving concern and direction in the lives of the Glucks, and myself and my sister." These thanks are 53 years overdue, but have been long in my heart. I extend these thanks with sincerest hopes that they are but a droplet in the ocean of thanks

you have earned throughout your career. It is your due to bask in these accolades for your superb leadership, from the time of your youth in Springfield, and continuing into a long, happy, and healthy future.

Please extend my warmest regards to Mrs. Lamm, and my very deep hopes for your good health, and a very satisfying reign as Chancellor emeritus.

With my heartfelt, and eternal gratitude for your part in sculpting my life, I remain very warmly yours,

Malkie (Gluck) Altman