



My Dear Friends,

This has been a week to remember.

We have remembered Rabbi Soloveitchik, marking his 30th Yahrtezt, by reflecting on the way we narrate our personal and institutional journeys through the prism of his Mesorah.



*As the grand students of Rabbi Soloveitchik, we will never stop writing notes.*

We have remembered the essential humanity and holiness of every individual in an event devoted to Stomping out the Stigma of mental illness. This is an evening that embodies the character of our YU family. Our students share their stories and struggles with much strength and courage in a room enveloped with great love and support. By recognizing the shechinah in each person, they bring the shechinah into their hearts and into our lives.



And we have remembered the Holocaust on Yom Hashoa, commemorating those who perished and expressing our appreciation for those who survived through the medium of stories, ritual and prayer. We honor their lives by contextualizing our journey as a continuation of their own.



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In the days ahead we will continue to remember. In our Yom ha-Zikaron ceremony we will remember the bravery and heroism of our fallen soldiers and relive the grief for the neshamot of those who were killed in acts of terror. And we

will remember the blessing from Hashem of being raised in an era in which the State of Israel is not simply a dream but our reality as we celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with the largest Yom Haatzmaut student celebration outside of Israel.

Standing together with our students in our historic Lamport Auditorium not only reminds me of the flow of generations past but also inspires within me confidence in our future. Our students embody our values. By planting their roots in the life journeys of our past heroes and aligning their destiny with the greater story of the Jewish people, they fortify themselves for a life of growth and success in an evolving world.

Each one of us, as alumni, faculty, administration and friends are deeply blessed to be part of this sacred community, as we work together to support our students, the leaders of tomorrow. They represent the hopes of our past and the promise of our future.

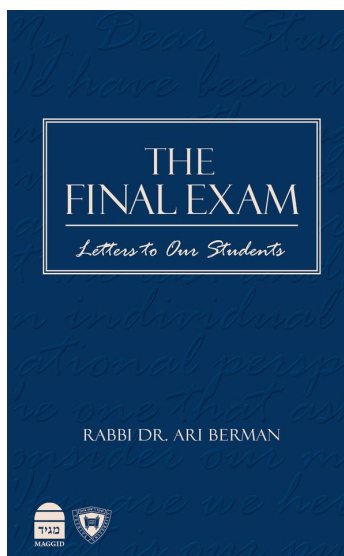
Am Yisrael Chai.



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