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Dear friends,

It is with profound sadness that the entire Yeshiva University family mourns the loss of one of our most beloved leaders, Dr. Mordecai D. Katz.

Dr. Katz served as a Trustee of Yeshiva University for over twenty five years, most recently as its co-vice chairman. He also served as a member of the Boards of Overseers for the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration as well as the Chair of the Board of Overseers of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies. Together with his wife Dr. Monique C. Katz, co-vice-chairman of the Stern College for Women Board of Overseers, the Katzes have long been extraordinary champions for our community.

Dr. Katz was a committed philanthropist whose generosity and leadership have transformed Yeshiva University and the Jewish world. The family's most recent major gift launched the Katz School, which created new portals of entry into Yeshiva University for students of our community. The Katzes also endowed the Mordecai D. Katz and Dr. Monique C. Katz Deanship of Undergraduate Faculty of Arts and Sciences, currently held by Dr. Karen Bacon, a position of enduring impact on developing tomorrow's leaders. The scholarships they funded have enabled scores of students to access higher education.

Dr. Katz graduated from Talmudical Academy, the earlier name of Yeshiva University High School for Boys, in 1948. He is an alumnus of Polytechnic University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and New York University School of Law. He received a Doctor of Humane Letters from Yeshiva University in 1993 for his life-long commitment to furthering its work.

We extend our condolences to Dr. Monique Katz; their children, Dr. Rachel Katz (Dr. Robert Sidlow), Yeshiva University Trustee Michael Katz (Elissa), Gail Katz (Mayer Bick) and Debra Katz (Yecheil Newman); and to the entire family.

The funeral services took place in Israel today. Shiva will begin in Israel and continue in Englewood, NJ.

May the family be comforted among all who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Dr. Ari Berman, President
Moshael J. Straus, Chairman of the Board

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