

Dear Friends,

Today, fact seems so much more unrealistic than fiction. Saadya a”h personified life and *simcha*. It seems unfathomable that he is not in this world. Saadya was happy with life, no matter what it handed to him, but his years in the Makor College Experience at Yeshiva University were the fulfillment of a dream.

In fact, when the acceptance letter arrived in May, three years ago exactly, Saadi was overjoyed but not surprised. This had always been his plan; Saadya epitomized the ideal, “If you don’t have a dream, how can you have a dream come true?” and his dream was attending Yeshiva University. (Actually, he assumed he was on staff, inheriting his father’s position on faculty.)

Through Makor, he lived that dream, B”H, so manyfold; his graduation photo exudes the extraordinary joy he felt as the great day approached. Now, we can help Saaadi find that joy only through our *mitzvos* and by remembering him with equivalent levels of happiness. Dr. Glucksman’s suggestion that enabling more young men to find that same joy and fulfillment would be an extraordinary way of assuring that Saadya’s *neshama* will continue to smile as those students live their dream.

All of us loved him so much; our days were made so much happier as they reflected his infectious smile and *simchas hachaim*. Whatever we can do to perpetuate that *simchas hachaim* will be a true *aliyah* for his beautiful *neshama*.

With so many thanks and much appreciation to all of you who feel his loss,
Ahava Ehrenpreis and family