IN MEMORIAM

My dear daughter Diane, of blessed memory, was born in October 1951, two days after Rosh Hashanah, during the *yamim nora'im*, the Days of Awe, which indeed seemed to me to be words that could be applied to the days of her academic career—awesome days!

From top grades through the eight years of Hillel Academy Day School in Ottawa and through Ottawa high schools, an Honours B.A. (*Magna cum Laude*) at Queen's University in Kingston, continuing through L.L.B. and L.L.L. degrees at the University of Ottawa, an M.B.A. at York University in Toronto, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies at the University of Toronto—all this to the rest of her family and friends: totally awesome.

Diane was modest about her achievements. When awarding Diane the prize for first year Greek at Queen's University, her professor told her, "You are a remarkable student." She commented later, "Well, it was only for first year Greek—'baby' Greek!"

Diane lived her life

... yearning in desire

To follow knowledge like a sinking star,

Beyond the utmost bound of human thought.

This book is the culmination of my daughter's love of Jewish text and her love of Jewish law and justice.

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