

**Rabbi Julius Berman, you have spent your life championing the causes of the Jewish People. As an attorney, you have utilized the nobility of the law in order to save, to protect, and to enrich our people. Your dedication to the vitality of the Jewish people, as one of the most active leaders in Jewish communal life in America, is extraordinary. But the Etz Chaim Award, our yeshiva's most prestigious honor given to a lay leader, affords us the opportunity to recognize you greatest description- a lielong ben hayeshiva..**

**Born to Rabbi Henoah and Sarah Berman in Hartford, Conneticut, you were among the first graduating class of the Yeshiva of Hartford. As a graduate of Yeshiva College and a *musmach* of RIETS, you have sought to advance the lives of those around you. You are a graduate of NYU Law School, first in your class, who eventually became a Senior Partner in the law firm of Kaye Scholer. You have served in countless leadership capacities, as President of the Orthodox Union, president of National Jewish Commission on Law and**

**Public Affairs, chaired the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, were a past chairman of the American Zionist Youth Foundation, and continue to chair the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, among other organizations. Your life has been one of altruism and commitment, a role model for so many. you have lived a life of altruism, and in so doing, have modeled a life of *mesiras nefesh*.**

**Your partner in life, Dotty, is a magna cum laude graduate of Stern College for Women, with a master's degree in education from Yeshiva's Ferkauf Graduate School. She has shared your passion for improving Yeshiva and the Jewish world. Together, you have raised three Yeshiva University alumni in Zev and Judy, Myra, and Elie and Miriam, and many YU grandchildren as well. You are elated by their achievements and by who they have become.**

**But wherever you served, your focus never strayed from our Yeshiva. You serve on Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees, and chaired the RIETS Board, spending more than a decade spearheading its success. Under your guidance, the Yeshiva has attained an affluence of influence around the globe through your championing the Professional Rabbinic Curriculum, supporting June *zman*, and the growth of the *kollelim*. As you extended the legacy of your parents in establishing the Rabbi Henschel and Sarah D. Berman Chair in Talmud, occupied for so many years by your dear friend Rav Aaron Lichtenstein ZT"L, you shared in the Torah in *Eretz Yisrael*.**

**Shaping your life is your intimate relationship to your Rebbe, the Rav ZT"L.. Of the many people who consider themselves a Talmud of the Rav, you lived that description and earned that description, serving as a profound confidant. Central to your being is your tireless efforts to share the Torah of the Rav. Julie, you look to the Rav, to the *mesorah*, to guide you on your**

**path in life. This is what has fueled and focused you to lead so many venues that advance the Jewish world.**

**Your love of the Yeshiva is unmatched and your leadership has been instrumental in shaping the Yeshiva into a world renowned center of Torah. It is therefore my honor, on behalf of Yeshivas Rabbeinu Yitzchak Elchanon, to bestow upon you the Eitz Chaim Award for you unwavering commitment to the Jewish people.**