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It is an honor and privilege to count myself amongst Rav Kahn's ז"ל *talmidot*.

Even when I was a beginner in gemara, I sat in on Rav Kahn's evening Halakha classes at Drisha. At the end of a semester-long course on *Agunot* (chained women - unable to divorce) having carefully gone through a packet of *merkors* (primary sources of gemaras and *Rishonim* etc), Rav Kahn turned to the class and said, "What do you think?" Rav Kahn didn't have an agenda or a conclusion to the course. He downloaded all the key information to us, and interacted with us as equals, as if we were as expert as he was in the sources, with legitimate opinions on the topic – a very controversial topic with high stakes. I was in shock by the extent of his regard and respect for us and our thoughts. In his course in *kisui rosh*, head covering, he similarly shared the sources so his students could make informed personal decisions for their practice.

As the years went on and I progressed in my own learning, I could chart my growth in learning by my ability to follow along in Rav Kahn's *shiurim* and ultimately be an active participant in his class.

I imagine Rav Zracha *HaLevi*, the Ramban and the *Baalei Hatosafos* amongst a circle of *Rishonim* whom Rav Kahn ז"ל introduced us all to, with care, precision, and rigor, welcoming Rav Kahn ז"ל into the *beis medrash shel maalah* - the heavenly study hall, and expressing their regard and *hakaras hatov* for sharing their teachings word by word with those of us long excluded from deep discussions of תורה שבעל פה and the world of Talmud.

