

The more I learn about my Sabba, the more I wish I could have known him when he was in his prime. I always knew that Sabba was a professor at the University of North Carolina, but I never quite understood the extent of his brilliance or how popular his name was in the field of Philosophy. Two years ago I took a Jewish Studies class at the University of Maryland titled "The Fundamental Principles of Judaism", it was basically a secular approach to the Rambam. When it came time to write our research paper I asked my professor if I could use the book "Challenge" in which some of my grandfather's writing is featured. He asked who my grandfather was and when I replied "George Schlesinger" he looked at me wide eyed and said, "Your grandfather is George Schlesinger"?? I suddenly realized I might have to live up to a much higher standard, but I told him yes and we talked for a little while about Sabba, my professor was very familiar with his work. Soon after that I found out that my logic professor, who had no connection to Judaism, was also familiar with the work of George Schlesinger and it was then when I began to grasp the scope of my Sabba's popularity, and how much impact he had as a secular scholar. When I told Sabba I was taking these classes, he wasn't quite able to discuss the topics with me, but by the smile on his face and his ignited sense of enthusiasm, I could tell just how proud he was of me, and how happy he was that I chose to take these classes.

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit with my Savta late on a Friday night and look at a photo album. This album mainly documented the time from when Savta and Sabba got married, to the time when my father was about five years old. Among the pictures, were articles describing every one of Sabba's new jobs and promotions,

and with Savta's detailed commentary, I felt like I was literally watching Sabba rise through the ranks of his profession, and although he wasn't in the room, I don't know if I ever felt closer to him than I did that night.

Sabba was both a giant in Torah and a giant in science, and while he may be gone now physically, his work and his legacy will remain here through his son, his grandchildren, and many young students of Torah and philosophy for generations to come.

Since starting college four years ago, I've begun to open my mind to some of the topics that Sabba has studied and written about. While much of his work remains too complex for me, I am at least at a place now where I can appreciate the complexity. It's ~~so~~ a shame that only in the last few years of his life, I ^{did} really start ~~to~~ appreciate him for the great man that he was.