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EULOGY\_ Samuel Gerber, June 13, 1977

~~In~~ The Haphtorah, the weekly reading from the prophets tells us of Samuel's farewell address to the people following the appointment of Saul as King of Israel. Samuel resigned his office as Judge. In his speech, he said to the people, "I have served you from youth unto old age, and all the time ~~he~~ <sup>I have</sup> had served as the spiritual leader of the people ~~he~~ <sup>I have</sup> had never used ~~his~~ <sup>my</sup> office for personal gain. He who can say I took an Ox from a man--who can say I took a donkey,- who can say I oppressed a man because of my

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position,-who can say I have ever taken a bribe from you. The prophet ~~gells~~ <sup>and declared that</sup> Isaac, no person <sup>can</sup> ~~can~~ point a finger <sup>at</sup> ~~to~~ him and say he had abused his office as High Priest and judge of Israel.

This speech of the prophet applies to----- <sup>דב"ר ד' שלמים</sup> ;

Captain Sam. <sup>IT</sup> ~~They~~ describes his relationship with his job and people of the city of Portland. his relationship with those he worked for and those he came into contact with in an official capacity. All can testify to <sup>his</sup> honesty and high standards . With his fellow workers in the Fire Department, he was loyal to them and they

As his illness progressed these past few weeks, and as he entered into a twilight zone of consciousness he was heard to say, "Men get that hose and follow me. So deeply was he concerned with his job and his men. He was a very simple man - no airs. <sup>Capt Sam</sup> He had responsibilities & duties he carried them out without question. Rabbi Nechunya ben Haknah was asked by

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to him. In a job where confidence and reliability are essential,

Captain Sam supplied both. \*

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Capt Sam <sup>also</sup> was this type of man. ~~As his illness progressed~~ He never degraded his co-workers,

his friends or family. He had only love and respect for his family.

Sam revered the memory of his mother and father. He spoke often

about the love and respect for his Jewish heritage that they had

had instilled in him ~~as~~

As ~~his illness progressed~~ <sup>he saw</sup> the inevitable end of all men drew

drew near, he became clearly aware of relationship with

*ה'תשנ"ב*

the holy one, blessed be He. One day, when I saw him just

before the end, he asked me *מה עשית* *למה עשית* *על* *לילה* *זה*, why is this

night different from all other nights of the year. This

question which Jewish boys and girls, men and women, have asked

for thousands of years on the night of Passover, on the celebration

of the Jews leaving Egypt--~~he asked me XXXXXXXX~~ *What an* *is*

*evidence of his <sup>pure</sup> faith and belief in his*  
*creator - as he sought to find comfort in the*  
*moment of trial.*

Philip, Linda, Gloria and Nancy, you knew your father as only children can. And your own many cherished memories of him. The greatest honor and respect you can show for him is to live according to the ways of the religion he loved and respected. May G-d comfort you his children, grandchildren, his beloved sister Bertha and brothers Philip and Saul with all the mourners of Zion.

his students for his philosophy of life - he  
said to them *nan de jidga jidga jidga ke man*

All the days of my life I have never  
sought respect or honor through the  
degradation of ~~his~~<sup>my</sup> fellow man.