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Dear Marcel,

Happy 95th Birthday!

It's a great honor and pleasure for me to convey to you my warmest best wishes on this most joyous occasion! May you celebrate many happy birthdays in the years to come!

You are indeed a most remarkable man! Throughout the trials and challenges of a forced-labor camp in Romania during World War II, fighting in Israel's War of Independence, resettling and building your empire in Canada, and supporting scientific research in Israel, you have shown resilience, character, good judgment, morality, compassion, generosity and vision.

Through the Israel Academy of Sciences, since May of 2005, you have supported 95 PhD students of the highest academic caliber in the sciences, enabling them to concentrate on their doctoral studies, without financial worries about their young families. The easy way would have been to hand over a check, but you wanted to pay back your 1944 debt to the Jewish People, which gave you a new identity and hope for rebuilding from the ashes of Europe.

The fellowship helps young men and women thrive technologically, scientifically and intellectually, so they can carry the flag for future generations. Out of 72 graduates of the program to date, 23 completed their post-docs and have taken up faculty positions in Israel's universities, 9 are key experts in Israeli high-tech companies and 2 are doctors in Israeli hospitals. The rest are still in universities, busy at their postdoctoral training, so they can join their colleagues as senior scientists, contributing to Israel's future.

Throughout your long and amazing life you followed your vision and made a huge difference in so many lives! You led the way and others followed. New fellowship programs were modeled after yours!

I wish to thank you for the privilege of supporting research with you. May you enjoy good health and happiness for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Ruth Arnon