The high regard in which his peers in Qumran studies held Joe can be seen from their decision to publish in his honor the proceedings of the second meeting of the International Organization for Qumran Studies (IOQS), held in Cambridge, England in 1995. *Legal Texts and Legal Issues: Second Meeting of the International Organization for Qumran Studies, Cambridge 1995. Published in Honor of Joseph M. Baumgarten* (Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 23; Brill, 1997) contains twenty-four fine scholarly essays, as well as a remarkable appreciation of Joe written by Professor Daniel R. Schwartz of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem to honor his teacher both as a person and as a scholar.

Joseph Baumgarten was a rara avis in the Orthodox rabbinate in America: a congregational rabbi who was also a leading scholar in academic Jewish studies. His passing deprives us not only of a good friend and an outstanding scholar but of a model whom we could hold up to our students as genuinely worthy of emulation.

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