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Mariam Berzon
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Re: Coach Arthur Tauber

Dear Ms. Berzon:

During my lifetime, I have admired some but venerated only a handful. The handful included Coach Arthur Tauber who personified great skill with dignity and compassion together – the quintessential mensch.

A specific example of the influence of Coach Tauber on his students was the 1953 – 1954 fencing season. Coach Tauber was away the first half of the season (I believe in Israel on a mission). We won only one or two matches during his absence. After he returned, we won almost every match for the rest of the season. Without him we were mediocre. With him we were a team with which to be reckoned.

I look forward to being with him again soon and participating in the reunion in his honor.

Very truly yours,


Howard Spear
(Yeshiva College, 1955)

Cc: Coach Arthur Tauber