



Moshe Cohen
**“My Father My Father
 Chariot of Israel and its Horsemen”!(2Kings2)**
 Hacham Edmond Cohen Z”l

I feel sad for you, my father, my pride and joy, rabbi and teacher, head of *Beth Av* for the remarkable Aleppo Jewry, the torch of truth and charity: Hacham Edmond Cohen, Z”L.

Such was my late father: wise, enlightened, tolerant, warm-hearted, a loving father and guide. Loyal both to the spirit of Judaism and to universal humanity. We sought his advice on every step and action that we took. In his wisdom, he returned our love twofold, with good counsel, devoted guidance, practical experience and foresight. He raised and educated his ten children: Moshe (Moise), Stella (Esther), Aliza (Alice), Eliyahu, Rutty (Rita), Haya (Eva), Albert, Nina, Dalia and Garcia.

The task of educating and raising the children was carried out jointly with my mother, Lydia nee Esses,



אדמו"ן כהן ז"ל-בני ברק, ישראל. ליד אחד מספרי התורה של חלב שחונה ונשמר בבית הכנסת של רמות מולין בירושלים. מימין, ג'ק קסב - מסאו-פאולו (חתנו של אדמו"ן כהן) שגרתם לשיקום ספר התורה.

Next to one of the Halab Torah books - proof-read and kept at Ramot Polin Synagogue in Jerusalem. Jack Kassab of Sao Paolo (Edmond Cohen's son-in-law), assisted in rehabilitating the book.

of Blessed Memory – whom he loved, honored and respected. Every Friday night, when reading “Woman of Valor, Who Can Find”, (*Eshet Hayil Me-Yimsa*), he made a point of reminding himself, and us and all those dining at the table, that this liturgical poem had been written for beloved mothers such as Lydia, our own mother – “Madame Cohen” as he used to call her – during the Sabbath

meal, as a token of esteem and respect for yet another successful week of his “better half”.

He educated us towards excellence. He would say: you should study languages, science and a profession, alongside religious studies. Be proud Jews along with being tolerant of others. Confront the simple as well as difficult challenges, while adopting