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Dear Mrs. Ben Zion

Almost at the same time that the sad news of your husband's death reached me a part of him which still lives came into my possession. The book and your kind letter which were sent to me in August, only reached me a week ago - upon my return to Jerusalem from a 8-monthly research leave abroad. That you have lost your husband is a sorrow which none can

share with you, but it may
be some consolation to
know that Dr. Benzioms
work will live and go on.

What a pity that your
husband's family waited
until my return to send
me the work, so that I
did not have the chance
to communicate with your
husband himself. This
untimely end seems par-
ticularly tragic for me
as I have lost a colleague
in our common field of
research just at the time
when his labours have

come to world wide recognition.

In conclusion may I say to you the words which the Sephardic Jews were wont of old to use to those who mourn

מה שיעשה הזמן, יעשה השכל

Once more my deepest sympathy

sincerely yours

Gerhard Scholem