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Dear Dan,

Enclosed is the ethical will of your great grand mother.

Briefly, Rachel Wolfe was born in England and her family moved to N.Y. when she was four years old. My knowledge of precise details is somewhat sketchy. Her family name was Davis, she married Max (million) Wolfe. Max was a funnier. They moved to Toronto when my mother was 6 months old. (1890). They lived in Toronto till my mother was 12, and then moved to Ottawa. Max died in 1912, and is buried here.

At some point Rachel opened a millinery store on Sparks street. The store burned down, probably just before this letter was written. They did not carry insurance. Rachel moved to N.Y. with her younger daughters. Creating the irony that her children, who were born in the States remained in Canada, and the ones born in Canada remained in the States.

Rachel died in N.Y. in 1921, at the age of 60 or 61.

This is brief - I've got to get back to work

Dad

P.S. Also enclosed is the Globe article on "Israeli Arms deal." Sending part of paper because I thought you would like to have a glance at some Canadian news.

MONTREAL - Rachel Wolfe - Ethical Will

DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 1919

My darling children:

Keep together in fraternal union. Let no sacrifice be too great to ensure your mutual helpfulness and the continuance of your brotherly feelings. Every act of love that you show unto one another will do my soul good.

The example of eleven children of one father and mother standing together in love and faithfulness, will be a more beautiful adornment to the memory of your dear parents than most costly monument which you could erect, and which I do not care for (although I do not wish to control your desires in that matter).

The little property that I leave behind will become yours. I know that I can trust you. You will not show yourselves unfilial in carrying out my wishes as I have stated in my Last Will. The inheritance however which you possess even now is a good name and a training as good as I could give you.

Only remain honest, true, industrious and economical. Put your whole energy into the conducting of your chosen calling. Serve God and have Him always before your eyes. With your associates be amiable, courteous and modest and all will go well with you.

One more word, my darling children. Remain Jews and live as Jews to the best of your ability and in the manner of your times - not only for yourselves as individuals but also for the welfare of the community.

Now my children, if you will remember my written request to you, and study the same whenever you might feel in doubt of the right path to follow, you will find this a standing light to guide you in the road to health, love and prosperity and a noble life.

From your loving Mother,  
RACHAEL WOLFE

