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Ellen Mendelson Tooley (1933-1995),

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To the memory of my teacher, Professor Saúl Litvinoff
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To my parents, my children, and my wife

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