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“I do not remember precisely when I came to know Ed Kaplan. I vaguely recall something I had written prompted that eminent scholar of French literature at Brandeis University to reach out to me—a theologian and member of a Catholic women’s religious order—about thirty years ago. We met only on occasion and corresponded infrequently. Yet from the beginning, I felt an affinity with him, especially because of his immersion in the life and work of Abraham Joshua Heschel, whom I had been reading since college. Ed seemed to imbue Heschel’s spirit in his own gentle way. Ed knew far more about mysticism than I did, and I always appreciated that he recognised my own inchoate yearnings for the God beyond all knowing as well as my deep bond with Jewish friends. Ed Kaplan was a beloved companion on the way. I mourn his loss and am immensely grateful for what he taught by word, deed and presence.”

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