**Green Speech [EZ Speech No. 16250]**

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Remarks by Mr. Bill Green roasting his friend, Sid Brown.

dearly beloved . . .

we are gathered here together THIS EVENING in loving memory of sid[ney] brown, who is missing and presumed dead after duck-hooking HIS TITLEIST-3 into the woods off the [no.]th tee at [name of golf club] two weeks ago. rather than simply taking a drop and a one-STROKE penalty, he insisted that he’d find that [god-]damned GOLF ball if it’s the last thing he did. [BEAT] apparently it was. we were informed last night that the police HAVE given up the search. alav ha-sholom, sid[ney], may you rest in peace.

NOW, NOT TO SPEAK ILL OF THE DEAD, OR ANYTHING, BUT here’s a man who ownED two houses, a billion-dollar business, and his own frickin’ jet, and he goes traipsing THROUGH THE WOODS after a golf ball worth *MAYBE* THREE DOLLARS! *REALLY*?!? I WANNA TELL YA . . . :

SID’S SO CHEAP, HIS HEARING AID HAS A SOLAR BATTERY!

SID’S SO CHEAP, HE RIDES A CROWDED SUBWAY JUST TO GET HIS SUITS PRESSED!

SID’S SO CHEAP, HE NAMED *HIMSELF* AS SOLE BENEFICIARY IN HIS WILL.

SID’S SO CHEAP, HE’S STILL WAITING FOR THE *TORAH* TO COME OUT IN PAPERBACK!

BUT THAT’S NOTHING! HOW’S THIS FOR CHEAP: SID INVITES A CONGREGATION OF 25 OF HIS BEST AND MOST BOSOM BUDDIES TO AN ALL-EXPENSES-PAID GOLFING JUNKET TO [NAME OF COURSE], ONE OF SCOTLAND’S MOST FAMOUS AND CHALLENGING GOLF COURSES. AND AFTER LISTING ALL THE WONDERFUL PERKS THAT WERE TO BE PROVIDED BY THEIR HOST ON THE TRIP, SID’S INVITATION CLOSES WITH THE IMMORTAL WORDS, *“DRINKS NOT INCLUDED!”* IN RED LETTERS. BOLD-FACED.

“DRINKS NOT INCLUDED!!” CAN YOU BELIEVE IT??!?

BUT ALL KIDDING ASIDE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SID[NEY] BROWN WAS ANYTHING *BUT* CHEAP! HE WAS, IN FACT, GENEROUS BEYOND THE CALL. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, SID WAS ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESURRECTION — YOU SHOULD PARDON THE EXPRESSION — OF THE NOW-THRIVING KELLMAN-BROWN JEWISH ACADEMY IN [NAME OF CITY]. AND HE SUPPORTED SO MANY OTHER CAUSES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN HIS LIFETIME — JEWISH AND OTHERWISE — IT’D TAKE ME HALF AN HOUR JUST TO LIST THEM ALL.

I KNEW SID FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, AND I WAS PROUD AND HONORED TO BE HIS FRIEND. HE WAS ONE OF THE SMARTEST PEOPLE I’VE EVER KNOWN, AND ONE OF THE FUNNIEST. HE WAS A WONDERFUL HUSBAND, A GREAT FATHER, A RESPECTED BOSS, AND A WISE AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER. IN SHORT, SID[NEY] BROWN WAS A MENSCH.

THANK YOU.

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