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I knew that Bruce was ready to be president. I knew that Bruce deserved to be president and there was no one better suited than him for the job. Bruce's intelligence, integrity, confidence, and ability to deal with people were perfectly matched to the task of being temple president. How he accomplished it while maintaining his full-time medical practice is beyond me!

The last time we were together was a temple meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020. We didn't hug when we saw each other as we usually did because Bruce said he wasn't feeling well. I checked in with him frequently after that night but he was sick and wasn't up for much talking. Tragically, Bruce died. Jeff Klein stepped in to take over the job but no one could take Bruce's place. Now that I am president again, I find myself asking "What would Bruce do?" as he and I always seemed to agree and see things in the same light.

Bruce and I had a lot in common. We loved Jeopardy but he was better at it than I. He grew up in a house just two doors down from where I have lived for over 35 years. We both loved The Peking Duck House in New York City. It goes without saying that I lost a true friend. And it goes without saying that Temple B'nai Abraham lost a true leader.

I end this with a heavy heart but with gratitude for having been able to call Bruce my friend.

