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I remember one of the last lengthy conversations I had with Bruce. I was walking the length of the Mall in Washington, DC. I was quite upset by a challenge in front of me. When Bruce called me, he said "I am listening." He proceeded to listen to my rants for a good amount of time without interruption. I think I managed to walk from the Jefferson Memorial to the Lincoln Memorial without so much of a breath. This snapshot, this moment in time, perfectly encapsulates Bruce's leadership style and humanity. He was a listener-and a good one! No wonder he excelled at his chosen profession. He had a keen ability to help, mostly by letting you work out the problem while he listened. In our fast-paced world, so many people do not have that skill. So many of us fill up awkwardness and silence with meaningless words. Not Bruce. He was comfortable in the silence. I am profoundly grateful for his leadership. He was compassionate, but firm, loving, and reasonable. The world lost the broad shoulders that so many of us at Temple B'nai Abraham used for solace and to bolster our collective community goals. May we each strive to continue his work with the same passion and love that he brought each day to our world.

zichrono l'vracha  
May his memory be for a blessing,

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