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JEFFREY H. MANIS 1957-2011 (ז"ל)



יְהִי זִכְרוֹ בְּרוּךְ
*Yehi Zichro Baruch
May his memory always be
remembered for blessing.*

As many members of the Board of Trustees and staff know, our Executive Director Jeff Manis was fond of ending a thought with the words “moving forward” or any number of variations of that sentiment.

With the pain and heartbreak we all are feeling now, it’s very difficult to think about those words. However, those words encapsulate how Jeff viewed Temple operations. Knowing that the daily minutia and details were attended to, he constantly focused on one thing: how can we improve Temple for our members, guests, and potential members?

And, as many Temple members and staff know, Jeff was also very fond of saying, “The answer is ‘Yes.’ What’s the question?” That stemmed from his background in outstanding customer service and making Temple members happy.

Jeff’s family expressed it best. His sisters, Laurie and Stacey, said, “If only we could all be as nice as Jeff, our own lives and the world would be a far better place.” Three people claim Jeffrey Manis as their best friend. His wife Cindy said, “His life was about meaning and purpose. The importance of giving rather than receiving.” Daughter Ashley called her daddy and best friend, “The most amazing person I know.” Son Jason expressed the feelings of every family member, including Jeff’s extraordinary mother Shirley Manis, when he wrote, “You lived life to the fullest, touching so many people in a way that words cannot even explain. I know it won’t be easy, but somehow we will find a way to move on with our lives, just as you would want – living every day for you, through you, and with you. You are my best friend and always will be.”

Beyond the extended family circle, the entire Temple Israel family mourns this loss and will treasure Jeffrey H. Manis forever. May God watch over and bless Jeff with gentleness and with love, just as Jeff blessed us.

We will move forward with Jeff’s kind and loving spirit.

We will move forward with Jeff’s unfailing love for Temple Israel.

We will move forward with Jeff’s warm and generous heart.

We will move forward with Jeff’s under-appreciated, playful sense of humor.

We will move forward with Jeff’s caring and empathetic attitude for everyone he came in contact with.

We will move forward because it’s what Jeff would expect us to do.

We will move forward with Jeff in our heart. Always.



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