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Beth El Temple
2637 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Honoring Eric Morris Mendlow

I write on behalf of the Jewish Men's Rap Group, a fraternal Jewish organization founded at the Hebrew House of Oberlin College in 1995. The JMRG was established in the tradition of the ancient rites of Jewish disputation and discourse based upon the eternal axioms and principles of nature which the rational faculty reveals to all those who meditate thereupon.

Our friend, Eric Mendlow, was a frequent and welcome visitor to the Hebrew House in those heady days and played an important role in the intellectual and creative ferment that lead to the establishment of the JMRG. We remember Eric for his deep and honest concern for the welfare of all man- and woman-kind, for his mature and serious commitment to the principle of reflection before action, and his dedication to and innate embodiment of Jewish moral values. Above all else, we think of Eric as someone whose concern for others drove his every word and action.

At times, we even teased Eric for being too concerned about others, and sometimes dismissed his fixation with the moral high ground as naïve or unrealistic. With the benefits of age and further reflection, however, we are moved by his selflessness. We find his unwavering commitment to moral perfection a genuine emulation of Our Creator.

We were greatly saddened to hear of Eric's passing into the World to Come. This world is a colder, courser, and more apathetic place without him. Please transmit our blessings to his family, may they be comforted amongst the Mourners of Zion.

Very truly yours,
[signature]
Joshua Safran
*Chief Operating Officer/
Administrar of Oaths*

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