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Ellen Loeb: a woman of valor

A passion for swimming, teaching, friends and family

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TO BEGIN his moving eulogy for his long-time friend and congregant, Ellen Loeb, James Rosenberg, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Habonim in Barrington, quoted Robert Frost's "Acquainted with the Night." And indeed, Ellen Loeb must have been acquainted with many nights during her long debilitating illness.

Through it all, she remained independent, living in her own home, keeping up with her teaching as long as she possibly could, even shopping alone at the supermarket in her motorized wheelchair.

She was especially dedicated to Temple Habonim and its religious school, where she taught for many years. Rabbi Rosenberg spoke of teaching with her over a period of years, a six-week class on human sexuality to ninth- and tenth-graders, and how she was able to communicate this delicate subject to them in a frank and open way. She also taught Sunday school to third-graders, especially enjoying that age group.

She earned her doctorate in nutrition and went on to the study and teaching of human sexuality and a variety of higher education courses in Rhode Island. She made learning and imparting her knowledge her life's work. Intellectual curiosity was her hallmark.

With all that, she raised her three children with love and care and was blessed with five grandchildren.

She loved to swim, and actually managed to clock 1,000 miles at the Barrington "Y," lap by lap over a period of years. She also soaked up the sun at Barrington Beach.

She never forgot a friend. Many years ago she was ill on Passover and a friend did her holiday food marketing. Every year since, she has made it a point to phone that person to wish her a happy Passover.

Ellen Loeb left a legacy that touched and inspired so many lives with her knowledge, courage and dignity.

With thanks to Rabbi Jim Rosenberg for his input to this article.