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3 Iyar 5773 Sunday, April 14, 2013

Dear Friends,

The Gemara in Eruvin (13b) states

"Whoever searches for prominence, prominence flees from him. But whoever flees from prominence, prominence searches for him. And whoever forces time, time forces him. But whoever yields to time, time will eventually halt for him."

Such were the ways of my dear parents Max & Marianne Hecht, Aleihem HaShalom

Now that my parents have stopped running, the time has come to pay them back in a manner that is befitting them. LINK – an institution very dear to my heart will honor the memory of my parents in a very special way. At this year's Banquet, my family will be renaming the Shabbos afternoon Ramban shiur (currently given by Rabbi Gavriel Heimowitz) in memory of my parents Max & Marianne Hecht, *Aleihem HaShalom*.

I have been intimately involved with LINK for the last 20 months since its move from Westwood to Pico Robertson, and have personally known and had the great privilege of being able to learn with and call Rabbi Brander my *chaver* for the last 19 years. The *Avreichim* are wonderful Talmidei Chachamim and magnificent human beings. LINK is a special makom Torah in our neighborhood. The sounds of Torah are heard for 17+ hours each day, 7 days a week. Hundreds of people come to LINK each week and thousands throughout the year.

If each of you could take a moment to reflect upon the warm memories that you carry about my parents, understand that this is the same warmth that is felt by all who enter LINK – a supportive, welcoming and nonjudgmental spirit – just like my beloved parents.

My parents are now in the Eternal World of Truth, where only their Torah and good deeds stand beside them. Think of my parents' generosity to all of us: to those that they knew personally and not so personally – their selflessness was one and the same.

I ask you now to join with my family in supporting LINK in its tireless endeavors for the community, and to give generously, just as my parents would have.

With Torah blessings,

Jacob Hecht

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