



BERTRAM MANUEL SCHREIBER

November 4, 1940 - August 12, 2019

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

SERVICES: 8:45 am TUESDAY 8/13/2019 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL
A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE TRIBUTE PAGE FOR A WEBCAST
OF THE FUNERAL

Age 78, of Southfield, died August 12, 2019 in New Jersey.

Beloved husband of Rita Schreiber.

Devoted father of Dr. Shani (Rabbi Yosef) Bechhofer, Debbie (Carmi) Shapiro,
Avy Schreiber, and Dr Elli (Ari) Fox.

Cherished brother of Billy (Miriam) Schreiber.

Also survived by many grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi E. Goldberg

INTERMENT:

Eretz HaChaim in Israel.

SHIVA:

The family has returned from Israel and will observe Shiva
through Tuesday morning at the residence
22560 Kenwyck Drive

Southfield, MI 48034

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

8:00 AM SUNDAY

7:00 AM MONDAY AND TUESDAY

8:15 PM SUNDAY AND MONDAY EVENINGS.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **13**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel
26640 Greenfield Rd
Oak Park, MI 48237
(248) 543-1622
info@hebrewmemorial.org
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

Shiva

AUG **16** to **20** (ET)

Residence

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Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of **BERTRAM MANUEL SCHREIBER**



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - August 12, 2019 at 07:09 PM

MD

“ *I was a student of Professor Schreiber's at Wayne State University. He always made mathematics come to life, instilling in me a great passion for the subject that lives to this day. I looked up to him as a mentor and felt honored by his friendship. Whenever I'm contemplating a difficult problem, I still fondly remember the way he would smile and chuckle. I hope you will take some solace in knowing that his memory still touches my life and those of many of his students.*

Michael B. Doyle - August 15, 2020 at 11:50 PM

JP

“ *Professor Schreiber was a delightful man. He had a major influence on me and many of my peers. He always greeted me with a big smile, and would go out of his way to encourage me. My deepest condolences to his family.*

John Peter

John Peter - September 19, 2019 at 10:30 AM



Thank you so much for sharing this, John. Now is a time we are looking back and reflecting on our father's life and the lessons we learn from him.

Shani Bechhofer - June 30, 2020 at 03:06 PM

JB

“ *Dr. Bert Schreiber was a true gentleman. I enjoyed walking home from the synagogue with him after davening (services) . His conduct is a great role model for me. He prayed with great intent and knew the meaning of what he was saying.*

He could educate you on travel, with great stories on parts of the world I knew or some I may never see.

Bert always showed great kindness to my wife Lea and daughter Reut, and me and to my father of blessed memory, and my mom and brother.

May his family find comfort from Hashem at this time. Baruch Dayan Ha-Emet.

Jonathan Brateman - August 15, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *Prof. Schreiber taught us MAT 7700 Advanced Probability Theory I. He graded homework in earnest. He was very nice to let all of us pass this hard course. I remember his attending all kinds of seminar in our department.*

Lewei Zhao - August 15, 2019 at 10:40 AM



Thank you for sharing this, Lewei. It is part of his life we really didn't know that much about - other than he did spend a lot of time grading papers and tests, and his students were a big priority for him.

Shani Bechhofer - June 30, 2020 at 03:05 PM

“ I was so sorry to learn of the passing of my old friend, Manny Schreiber, who was a wonderful and highly learned man, in both the limudei kodesh and secular worlds. I knew Manny well for about 2-3 years when he was a graduate student at the University of Washington (UW), completing his Ph.D. in mathematics, at the same time that I was also a UW Ph.D. graduate student, but in engineering.

He did me a great favor Jewishly, he taught me how to read the haftorah with the proper trop, in this case for my aufruf. For my Bar Mitzvah in Brooklyn I had learned the haftorah using a contrived system which wasn't transferrable to any other haftorah without special notes. Manny first taught me the actual haftorah notes, so that to this day I can read any haftorah with that knowledge. In turn, I did him a favor by driving him to school for about a year and a half, until he completed his Ph.D., since I lived nearby the apartment of Manny and Rita, and I had a car and a parking space at the UW.

After he graduated and they moved to Detroit, I would see Manny on a number of occasions when he and Rita would visit Seattle, and I certainly recall their coming out here more than 30 years ago for the funeral of Manny's beloved father, Isidore, which I attended. Manny's exuberance was always noteworthy; he had something to say on so many topics, and he infused all of his comments with his strongly-held feelings, but he always accompanied them with his infectious smile.

I remember being a little of envious of him and other professors whom I knew, since they were always able to travel abroad to present papers. I was not permitted by my company to attend foreign conferences and give papers because I worked in industry which had a more restrictive environment compared to that in a university. Manny spoke to me about the unusual places around the world where he had attended these conferences and I enjoyed hearing about those experiences.

May his memory be for a blessing to the entire family,

Eugene Normand, Seattle, WA

Email: seehuge@aol.com

Eugene Normand - August 14, 2019 at 10:21 PM



*Thank you for sharing these memories, Eugene. It's so interesting to read about his early life as a student etc. He did do a beautiful haftora reading, that's for sure! Wishing you only the best,
Shani Bechhofer (a daughter)*

Shani Bechhofer - June 30, 2020 at 03:09 PM

GW

“ *Avi and Family,
We were saddened to hear about the passing of your dad.
May his name be an abiding blessing. Keep his memories close and
he will be with you forever. Hoping the sun shines for your family
soon as you celebrate his glorious life.*

The Wines

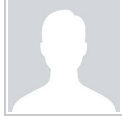
Robin, Gary, Jaimee AKA Rivkah and Carly

gary wine - August 14, 2019 at 02:53 PM

RK

“ *I will always remember Bert as the friendliest and the most
welcoming member of the math department when I joined as new
faculty. He was a Functional Analyst by training with an affinity for
Probability. You could always count on him to attend the Probability
& Statistics seminar and make discerning comments or ask
pertinent questions about the work presented. I will miss him in the
department. My deepest condolences to his family.*

Rohini Kumar - August 14, 2019 at 06:51 AM



Thank you for this, Rohini. These are such important tidbits of information for us as we remember his life and contemplate his legacy. Thanks for taking the time to post this. I can just imagine him making comments like that in a seminar - he did the same for my dissertation drafts (which had nothing to do with mathematics)!

Shani Bechhofer - June 30, 2020 at 03:11 PM

BM

“ *It is very, very sad that Bert passed away...He was an exceptional human being, an outstanding mathematician, and a dear friend. He was the one who hired me as the chair of mathematics at Wayne State, and we soon became close family friends.*

Bert was a very kind, warm, and active person. He was interested in everything and helped everybody. He created a unique, big, loving family, and he was loved by so many people. For us he was surely a role model.

Our sincere condolences go to Rita, their 4 children, great many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We will always remember Bert and will pray for his family.

Boris and Margaret Mordukhovich

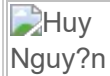
Boris and Margaret Mordukhovich - August 13, 2019 at 10:39 PM

JK

“ *Bert was my dear friend, a mentor and a father figure to me. He and Rita adopted us when we moved to Metro Detroit from Germany 21 years ago. His passing is a loss to our department, to the Jewish community, and especially to my family.*

Bert was a gadol.

John R. Klein - August 13, 2019 at 09:57 PM



Huy
Nguy?n

“ I shall miss you, dear Dr. Schreiber. I appreciate any moments with you, in and outside the classes.

Huy Nguy?n - August 13, 2019 at 04:38 PM



MG

“ We are very saddened by this news. Our thoughts are with the family.

Mitch & Cheryl Greene

Mitch Greene - August 13, 2019 at 01:01 PM



AG

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family. I remember all of you well. in the Young Israel community.

Alan Gordon

Alan Gordon - August 13, 2019 at 10:54 AM



TB

“ I am so sorry to learn of Dr. Schreiber's passing. He was always a kind and supportive person. He would consistently support the student seminar where he would keep the speakers on their toes with his thought provoking questions. However, I would say that my fondest memory is when I last spoke to him in his office, and he let me know that he considered me and my husband, Carlos, as his friends. Not colleagues, but friends. I will miss him.

Tiana Bosley - August 13, 2019 at 10:04 AM

SR

“ I can't remember a family simcha from the past, nor imagine one in the future, without Manny's beaming smile, freilach dancing, and his ever-present camera. From the time I was a child, whenever I had a conversation with Manny, he made me feel that he really cared about what I had to say. He took to heart the mantra "family first." Our branch of the family will miss him deeply.

(Paul) and Sheri Robbins

Sheri Robbins - August 13, 2019 at 01:33 AM

DS

“ Bert always greeted everyone with a smile and a hello that contained a bit of a chuckle. I remember he--years back--put a photo of ol' Mack Hall on his office door, after the tear-down, so I knew he was sentimental. So groovy. I assume his 'Butterfly Curve' page is still on his office door, so I knew he loved his subject. So cool. And there might still be another page on his office door, with words to the effect of "Please vacuum my office. Thank you. (And then please remove this sign when you lock up.)", so I knew he had a sense of humor. So appreciated.

I shall miss you, Dr. Schreiber.

My condolences to all his family and friends, to all his near and dear ones.

Donald Sherry

Donald Sherry - August 13, 2019 at 01:26 AM

RP

“ Bert was exceptionally kind and personable. I enjoyed listening to his stories about the department and his time as Dept. Chair. I always remember seeing him in the Faculty Lounge chatting with that day's speaker or conversing with colleagues. My condolences to his family and close friends. May they find solace in the memories they have.

-Richard Pineau

Richard Pineau - August 12, 2019 at 07:38 PM

GY

“ The news of Bert's death came as a shock. He was a great colleague and friend. My heartfelt sympathy to Bert's family. I hope that a lifetime of wonderful memories will give the family strength in the days ahead.

George Yin

George Yin - August 12, 2019 at 06:26 PM

PW

“ Bert was a true gentleman, kind, thoughtful and happy. I remember the many occasions we talked about Math and other things. I will miss him a lot.

Peiyong Wang - August 12, 2019 at 04:57 PM

RS

“ A sweet, pleasant man. This is a tremendous loss to his family, his community, and Klal Yisroel! Hamakom Yenacheym Esschem B'soch She'ar Aveiley Tzion v'Yerushalayim!

Rabbi Avie Shapiro - August 12, 2019 at 03:41 PM

DK

“ *Dr. Bert Schreiber was a wonderful man and member of the Southfield Community. I remember him over the years wether at YIOS, Akiva and Wayne State U. Always with a smile and upbeat attitude he would greet everyone. I remember his children, in particular Shani who won the Akiva Talent Contest in 1971. But most importantly the devoted chessed he did for my father and my mother wheeling them to shul every Shabbos morning. I was immensely impressed with his example of chessed. May his entire family be comforted among the mourners of Israel.*

Dr.Sammy Kelman - August 12, 2019 at 02:29 PM

RB

“ *My deepest condolences to Bert's family. He was always kind and cheerful, and will be missed.*

Robert Bruner - August 12, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Xuelian Xu - August 12, 2019 at 01:39 PM

AV

like 2nd Father to me

Alex Voss - August 12, 2019 at 02:18 PM

LE

*Bert helped us a lot when we came to the country. We will never forget this. He also helped me to become more "Jewish".
ברוך דיין האמת*

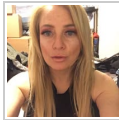
Lenny

Lenny - August 13, 2019 at 04:34 AM

DS

A super nice, classy guy, very sweet man, proud Jew, and a proud member and supporter of the Orthodox Jewish community. His children, all of whom were my schoolmates, take after him in many wonderful ways and are a proud tribute to the way he was. Sadly missed. To the family, may you be comforted among the mourners of Jerusalem and Zion. From Debbie Schlusel

Debbie Schlusel - August 13, 2019 at 02:07 PM



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Debbie Schlusel - August 13, 2019 at 02:11 PM

OM

*Dear Rita and the family, our deepest condolences. It is hard to put these words.. To recognize that smiling, life loving, caring and always understanding Bert is passed away..
I am grateful for Bert and you for all you have done for me and Lenny, and for me and Lev.. No judgment, just friendship Your were and always will be my first family in this country.
With love Olia and Lev*

Olga Makaan-Limanov - August 13, 2019 at 11:36 PM

CG

I was so sorry to learn today (from Hans Feichtinger in Vienna) of Bert's passing. We wrote 3 papers together in the 1980's and saw each other at conferences before and after that. He was always a joy to work with and be with. I am sorry he is gone.

Colin Graham - December 21, 2020 at 06:31 PM