



BETH SARA GREENAPPLE

June 27, 1957 - March 2, 2020

SERVICES: 10:00 AM THURSDAY 3/5/2020 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE TRIBUTE PAGE FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL.

Beth Greenapple, an active member of Jewish communities across the country from New York to Detroit, passed away in her home on the evening of March 2nd, 2020 after a long battle with brain cancer. She was 62.

Originally hailing from New York's Long Island, she was the first child of Larry Greenapple and Emily Schneider Greenapple, of blessed memory. After attending Carnegie Mellon, Mannes College of Music, and the College of New Rochelle, she spent many years teaching at various schools in New York state including Solomon Schechter.

After moving to metropolitan Detroit in 1995, she became a fixture at various Jewish institutions in the area and was known for her passion for music education. A former teacher at Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit and at the Roeper School, Beth was a lifelong educator and lover of music. As a friend and student of renowned Jewish musician Debbie Friedman, Beth brought her love for music, her singing voice, and her guitar with her wherever she could, making an indelible impact on many in the metro Detroit Jewish community. She was a founding member and early president of the Jewish

Gay Network of Michigan, and made huge strides in pushing for the acceptance of LGBT Jews in the local community.

Loving friend and partner to Julia Pais.

Devoted mother of Nadav Pais-Greenapple.

Treasured daughter of Lawrence Greenapple and the late Emily Greenapple.

Cherished sister of David (Donna) Greenapple and Steven (Bonnie Lauton) Greenapple.

Proud aunt of Matthew Greenapple, Joshua Greenapple, Benjamin Greenapple, Tyler Anastasio and Morgan Anastasio.

Also survived by her canine Buddy Mishka, other loving family members and a world of friends.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Steven Rubenstein

INTERMENT:

Clover Hill Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

Family and friends will observe Shiva through Tuesday evening

at the residence of Julia Pais

5000 Town Center #2301

Southfield, MI 48075

THE FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT CONDOLENCE VISITS BE MADE:

On Thursday, Sunday and Tuesday:

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM AND THEN FROM 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

On Friday:

1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM ONLY

ON MONDAY:

DUE TO PURIM, THE FAMILY REQUESTS CONDOLENCE VISITS ONLY
BETWEEN 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM.

THE FAMILY WILL ATTEND SERVICES AT CONGREGATION BETH AHM
AT 7:30 PM

HOME RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

7:00 PM Thursday, Sunday and Tuesday evenings.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

BETH SARA GREENAPPLE

you may do so by making a contribution to:

YAD EZRA (FOOD BANK)

2850 W. 11 Mile,

Berkley, MI 48072

248.548.3663

www.yadezra.org

or

GOOD PEOPLE FUND

384 Wyoming Avenue

Millburn, New Jersey 07041

Phone: 973-761-0580

www.goodpeoplefund.org

or

HABONIM DROR CAMP TAVOR

4444 Second Ave.

Detroit, MI 48201

269-215-1399

www.camptavor.org

or

AMERICAN BRAIN TUMOR ASSOCIATION

2720 River Rd.

Des Plaines, IL 60018

847-827-9910

Cemetery Details

Clover Hill Park Cemetery

2425 East 14 Mile Road
Birmingham, MI 48009

Previous Events

Service

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Shiva

MAR 5 to 10 (ET)

Julia Pais
5000 Town Center
Souhfield, MI 48075

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Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of BETH SARA GREENAPPLE



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - March 04, 2020 at 01:02 PM



thank you for allowing us to attend from afar. Our hearts are with you.

Barbara Zucker - March 05, 2020 at 11:12 AM

PM

Beth was a kind, generous, and loving friend. She enriched my life and I'm thankful I knew her. Paul Mareth

Paul Mareth - March 13, 2020 at 09:46 AM

ND

Thank you for sharing Beth's service from afar.

Nancy DeMilio - March 13, 2020 at 10:13 PM

DA

I met Beth over 50 years ago and I can still remember her kind eyes and smile ..I am sorry for your loss . I am Geraldine and Ruel Johnson oldest child Donzalee I wish you peace.

Donzalee Akiboh - August 13, 2020 at 09:30 AM

SJ

“ I am Sam Josephson Kokotek. I acted with Beth at Monticello Tentarena during the Summer of 1973. She played Princess Winnifred in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. I played Sir Harry. We dated that summer. I have a gift of an album BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS dedicated to me and signed by her. I still have the white record sleeve signed by her. She is a lovely warm vivacious presence. No past tense about her. Barukh Dayan Ha-Emet! samjosephson90@gmail.com

Sam Josephson - June 23, 2020 at 09:26 AM

CH

“ I feel such an emptiness that Beth is not here, weaving her magic around her people. And I see that we were all her people. She and I were friends for a long time. From baby-hood in Jackson Heights, NY. Her family moved to Roslyn Heights, mine to Great Neck, still friends. When my folks moved us to New Jersey, we all just travelled a little farther, still friends. At thirteen, I introduced Beth to Dennis -more friends. She and the Greenapple family were an important part of my growing up.
Beth, I always knew how special you were, and will so remain in my heart. Love you.

Cindy Hartman - March 07, 2020 at 12:35 AM

JB

“ The first time I met Beth, and Julia, was after Cindy Hartman and I were married. Cindy's daughter was in middle school and we visited during spring break (I think Nadav was four at the time). Beth was a great person to know. Very kind, good sense of humor, and a beautiful smile. And she approved of Cindy's new husband. We live 900 miles away, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, so we couldn't visit often. But when we did It was wonderful being with Beth. She touched many lives and we are all the better for knowing her.

joseph bear - March 06, 2020 at 10:38 PM

JK

“ I met Beth at the Conference for Alternatives in Jewish Education, and we just clicked. I always looked forward to seeing her, and though we were never “close,” I felt we just appreciated each other. I’m so sad to hear this news. May her memory be a blessing for you all as well.

Jessie Kerr-Whitt - March 06, 2020 at 09:57 PM

AY

“ My fondness memories from my childhood are singing "this little planet" in our living room with Beth and her guitar. I love you Beth and I miss you.

Ayla - March 04, 2020 at 03:59 PM

RA

“ It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to get to know Beth when she moved to Detroit. I know so few members of my father's family personally, and to meet cousin Beth and subsequently, Julia and Nadav, was a real treat. Although I'm no longer in Detroit, I have followed Beth's story on Caring Bridge and think of her often. My heart goes out to Julia and Nadav, as well as Larry and the rest of the family. She was a very warm and caring individual. May she be remembered among the mourners in Zion and Jerusalem.

Robin Spencer Arm - March 04, 2020 at 01:26 PM

ZM

“ A memory we hold dear- one Saturday evening in autumn we decide to have a beautiful bonfire, with friends, music, delicious food and song- a Havdalah Service. It was a huge turn out but the light from all the candles shown upon Beth’s beautiful face as she strummed her guitar and led us onto gorgeous melody as we closed out shabbat was an amazing sight to behold! I will never forget BETH and the music and joy she brought to our home that night. All the friends who attended and the light shining on all of our faces that particular fall evening was unforgettable 😍. The Marcus Family

Zoe and Howard Marcus - March 04, 2020 at 12:51 PM

 Emma Kretchmer

“ My deepest condolences. I am sorry to hear about the loss of someone who lived a life of fulfillment and had amazingly positive impacts on everyone they encountered. I wish the best for you and your family during this somber time.

Sincerely,

John Kruszewski, Class of 2017

Emma Kretchmer - March 04, 2020 at 12:34 PM

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“ Thinking of you and your family at this time. Beth brought so much joy into anyone she encountered. You are in my thoughts and prayers ❤️

Sincerely,

Peyton Kinchen, Class of 2017

Emma Kretchmer - March 04, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Nadav and Julia - I am so sorry for your loss. Beth was an amazing woman and she will be missed dearly by her students and the entire Roeper community; she will live on in our hearts and memories for years to come. Wishing you and your family the best during these difficult times.*

*With love,
Lukas Sznewajs, Class of 2017*

Emma Kretchmer - March 04, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *I think that what captured my heart the most about Beth was her smile and motherliness. Her kind words and upbeat spirit made me feel hopeful for the people in the world. Too often we are clouded with hateful words and angry emotions in our day to day lives - and Beth is one of the few in this world who seemed to view every dark corner of our world with rose colored glasses. I'm thankful for our interactions, however brief they may have been. Whether it was catching up on our lives at a Roeper event or simply running into each other at a grocery store, I always have a smile across my face when I talk to her. She was a bright, fantastic, inspiring, one of a kind woman and her kindness reaches such deep levels to each and every person she meets. May your family find peace. We are here for you.*

*Sincerely,
Emma Kretchmer, Class of 2017*

Emma Kretchmer - March 04, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ I am so grateful for your love. For your love for Nadav that overflowed into love for his friends. How you opened up your home, invited me and others to come work on a project with Nadav or just to hang out, how you provided us with food to share. I love your love for Roeper, how you took the time to stop and care for children and students. To ask how our days were and listen because you saw us as valued individuals. I love your singing, too, and how you invited others into that expression of human emotion. And I pray your family finds the strength every day to keep singing in their hearts.
Sincerely,
Jonathon Borja, Class of 2017

Emma Kretchmer - March 04, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ I have known and been close with Beth for the better half of my life. Nadav and I have a million memories from middle and high school when we would carpool and visit each other, becoming close with each other's families. To me, the impact Beth has had on myself and our community as an exemplar of wisdom, integrity, and chesed couldn't be underscored enough. Now we're far away from each other, and it has been some time since we all met - but as this was happening I felt the pain too. I can't imagine what it all must be like, but I go through it alongside you, and always am here to support you. I always wish you the best.
Sincerely,
Jake Janowitz, Class of 2017

Emma Kretchmer - March 04, 2020 at 12:32 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dennis Spivack - March 04, 2020 at 12:29 PM

DS

“ Richard and I send our love and support to Julia, Nadav and all the family and friends who both mourn and celebrate Beth. We were friends for over 50-years and our bond will forever be in my heart and mind. And I can say with confidence that the best of Beth shines on in Nadav.

Our Beth was filled with song, so it's appropriate that I think of her today with this verse from "Over the Rainbow":

*"When all the world is a hopeless jumble,
And the raindrops tumble all around,
Heaven opens a magic lane.*

*When all the clouds darken up the skyway,
There's a rainbow highway to be found.*

*Leading from your window pane,
To a place behind the sun, just a step beyond the rain."*

*With love,
-Dennis*

Dennis Spivack & Richard Secunda



Dennis Spivack - March 04, 2020 at 12:22 PM

LL

“ My earliest memories of Beth are when she was a child living in Roslyn, New York. One of the more delightful things about visiting her parents was the loving and affectionate greetings you received from Beth. That never changed as she grew into adulthood. She remained close to everyone in our family and even bonded with our distant relatives in Israel. Her untimely death is a tragedy felt by our entire family. Larry and Evie Lieberman.

Larry and Evie Lieberman - March 04, 2020 at 10:46 AM

AT

“ Julia and Nadav, I am so sorry for your loss. Beth was one of my favorite teachers at Hillel Day School. Her drama class was so much fun and it was a good break from the rest of the school day. Beth encouraged us to be creative and to use our imaginations. I remember crawling across the floor like Anansi the spider. I also remember learning to mime a wall and a door. Still can do those things. Such a great skill to utilize in the name being silly or lightening the mood. Lastly, it was really awesome to work with Beth briefly at the Whole Foods in West Bloomfield. She was a really cool person and I will miss her.”

Anna Tsentsiper - March 03, 2020 at 11:54 PM

DG

Nadav&Julia so sorry for your loss. I remember her One Happy Lady all the time

Doug Goldberg - March 04, 2020 at 05:45 AM

KS

Nadav & Julia
We are so very sorry for your loss.
Ms. Greenapple was one of the most wonderful teachers our daughter had at Hillel. She brought positivity, sunshine, creativity to the children. As parents, we felt like she always loved everyone's children. The world has lost a lovely light.

Keirsten Schwartz - March 04, 2020 at 08:53 AM

KJ

“ I met Beth 12 years ago when I first started teaching at Roeper-- vibrant, compassionate, and deeply connected and committed to all of her work and passions. I will cherish how you gave me a reason to awaken to the educational philosophy of George and Annemarie. I will aspire to volunteer my time and talent in the same selfless way that you unfailingly gave your time and talent to our community at Roeper. You've had a vital impact on the course of my life and I am so sad today. I will miss you.

Karen Johnson - March 03, 2020 at 08:16 PM

RM

“ Beth taught for me when I was the director of ATID. I remember her as a passionate, dependable and highly motivated teacher. She always showed up ready to not only teach, but to inspire! She loved Jewish music and always opened her heart in kindness and spirituality. She will be terribly missed by several communities. Yehi zichra baruch.

Rabbi Jason Miller - March 03, 2020 at 06:59 PM

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Rabbi Jason Miller - March 03, 2020 at 06:59 PM

PS

“ *Beth is a very kind and loving soul. I will miss her smile and hugs. Such a wonderful being. May you rest now dear sweet friend 🥺💜*
😊

Patty Schniers - March 03, 2020 at 05:09 PM

LT

“ *Beth was a joy to know and a delight to sing and teach with. Her smile was brilliant and contagious, and her love of Judaism shone through every note.*
Although I hadn't seen her since this last relapse, I will miss her voice, her pride in her son Nadav, and her general enthusiasm for life. Beth created sacred space simply by being fully present, and it was an honor to have known her.
~ Lea Thomas

Lea Thomas - March 03, 2020 at 03:47 PM

SM

“ *The Clergy, Trustees, Members, and Friends of Temple Israel of Catskill, NY mourn the passing of Beth Greenapple, cousin of our treasurer and dedicated member, Debbi Davis. To each of you we extend our heartfelt condolences. May you be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

*Most sincerely,
Steven A. Mann, President
Temple Israel of Catskill, New York*

Steven Mann - March 03, 2020 at 02:55 PM

ME

“ I knew Beth as a teacher, fellow independent consultant, and friend, but my favorite memories of her were communal, watching little Nadav run around with the other littles at services and Shabbat dinner, creating an inclusive Jewish LGBT space and community, if even for a short while. I'll miss her. May her survivors be comforted as though from heaven.



Marcy Joy Epstein - March 03, 2020 at 02:21 PM

RG

“ Beth possessed a beautiful smile and a bright personality. It was a pleasure to know her during the time we both taught at Roeper School.

Rosalie Golden - March 03, 2020 at 02:08 PM

FP

“ Beth was a unique soul; an excellent teacher, compassionate human being and a woman of enormous talent. When I moved away she was one of the people I missed. She was always there when I needed her and was such a caring and loving soul to her students. The world will miss her!

Frances B Pearlman - March 03, 2020 at 01:39 PM

GG

“ I have known Beth since I had my health issues when I hit my 40's, and she gave me so much care and love and sang to me such beautiful songs during such a dark time in my life. I will miss her, her intellect, her listening and just her being. May you find peace and love , I am honored to have known her and call her my friend.
Gary H. Grossman

Gary H Grossman - March 03, 2020 at 11:48 AM