



DAVID MANDEL

August 28, 1929 - October 7, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICE: 1:30 PM SUNDAY 10/10/2021 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

THE FAMILY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT ALL ATTENDING THE FUNERAL SHOULD WEAR MASKS.

A LINK WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON SUNDAY FOR A LIVE ZOOM OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

With great sadness, we report the passing of David Mandel. David was a Holocaust Survivor who spent time educating children and adults on his experiences. David went on the March of the Living twice and was the subject of two documentaries including "Auschwitz: If you cried you died" and "The Fire Within". He spoke at various venues making a huge impact at middle and high school, recognized with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Grand Valley State University. David was the owner and president of the William Klein Store for Men in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was known for his smile, jokes, lilted, davening, blowing the shofar and his overall goodness. His story, determination and love of Judaism and all people leave a strong legacy. Our lives were enriched by his presence and forever changed by his love. May his memory be for a blessing

Age 92 of Ohio, formerly of Florida and Michigan, Born in Mukachevo, Czechoslovakia, died October 7, 2021

Devoted son to the late Zisel and the late Isaac Mandel.

Beloved brother of the late Yaakov Moshe Mandel, late Shmuel Tzvi Mandel, late Betzalel Tuvia Mandel, late Yehuda Aryeh Mandel, late Esther Malka Mandel, late Tzvi Klein, and the late Shirley Shoenig.

Cherished uncle of Anita (Zvi) Feigenbaum, Sheri (Billy) Sax, Audrey Heller (Phil Sneiderman), and Steve (Beth) Swartz. Great Uncle, Great-Great Uncle, Cousin, Great-Cousin, Great-Great Cousin and Honorary Zeyde to hundreds

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Akiva Feinstein.

INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

No formal Shiva will be observed

CONTRIBUTIONS:

To further honor the memory of

DAVID MANDEL

you may do so by making a contribution to:

BROWARD COUNTY MARCH OF THE LIVING

online to: <https://browardjewishbroward.org/honor-memorial-giving>

or by mail to:

Broward County March of the Living

5890 South Pine Island Road

David, Florida 33328

954-252-6900

Previous Events

FUNERAL

OCT **10**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of DAVID MANDEL



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - October 08, 2021 at 01:21 PM

HC

Always the utmost gentleman and meticulously dressed, sincere and endeared to others by his gentle soul, a dear friend I will remember memories of.

Helaine Norman (widow of Rabbi Michael C - October 10, 2021 at 01:21 PM

SL

*Always had a smile and a hug
We ever blessed to know him and to speak to him about the way things were
David treated my granddaughter Ashley as though she was his granddaughter He did that she was the granddaughter that he never had
May his memory be for a blessing*

Sandy Leibov and Ashley Metzelar

sandy Leibov - October 10, 2021 at 01:40 PM

LC

DAVID AND I WERE FRIENDS FROM 1947, IN GRAND RAPIDS , UNTIL NOW IN CLEVELAND, WHERE I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING WITH HIM EVERY WEEK. MAYHIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING. LEONARD CAMINER

LEONARD CAMINER - October 10, 2021 at 02:34 PM

MF

David was a friend from the time that he arrived in Grand Rapids, we often played golf together in Grand Rapids and FI, most of the times he won. Although he no longer is with us in person, his memories and passion of teaching his stories of the holocaust will forever be enshrined. The Grand Rapids Jewish Feneration, West Michigan Jewish Historys new Holocaust website, will forever tell his story as part of the Holocaust new display that is being erected by the family the Henry Pestka family in honor of their father in the Federick Miejer Sculpture Gardens of Grand Rapids. My family is proud to be underwriting the website that tell Davids story for generation to come and all of the Holocaust survivors that lived in Western Michigan.

Peg & Mort Finkelstein

Morton Finkelstein - October 10, 2021 at 03:03 PM

BA

“ *I did not know Mr. Mandel personally, but I was a teacher who taught about the Holocaust and recognized him from a video I had shown many times to my middle school classes. I approached him and explained this. He was gracious, witty, and generous with his time and thanked me for teaching about the Holocaust. He later met my husband and joked that he thought I trying to pick him up. I will never forget him or his story. May his memory be a blessing.*

Barbara - November 10, 2021 at 10:40 AM

RC

“ *David was our family friend in Grand Rapids and my generous employer. He made my hours in Klein’s Men Shop a learning experience-teaching me the value of forging relationships, wanting the best for our customers and having a good time. He was “present” to me and to all his circle before the term was popular. He was a great guy. May the memory of his life inspire generations still unborn. Ruth Caminer Copeland*

ruth copeland - October 16, 2021 at 05:40 PM

RD

“ See inspiring documentary by David and his friend Mike Vogel at Utube, titled "If you cry, you die" and share it with your friends and relatives.

Uncle David, loved by all

Rabbi Chaim and Blumy Davis

Passaic, NJ

niece and nephew

rabbi chaim davis - October 12, 2021 at 06:58 PM

DE

He was a great man. My husband worked for him for years at William Kleins. He was so gracious even with our young daughter. Bless your family with your loss.

DeniseBThorne - October 15, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *My father serviced the sewing machines for Wm. Klein, Inc. David always took care of him. He was always respectful of my father's frugality which I now know was rooted in their common diaspora. In fact, whenever my father was in the store servicing one of the machines, David would frequently bring him "up front" (my father wearing his coveralls) and show him a suit that was on sale. If he saw that the suit fit him particularly well, or that my father liked it but was inhibited by the price, he would discount the suit even further until he capitulated. On those rare occasions in life when my father looked his best from the perspective of couture, it was because of David Mandel. David always did what he could to help my father achieve his American dream including giving my brother Terry one of his first jobs at the Breton village store. There he was introduced to the world of haberdashery which remains with him to this day.*

Emmanuel Zervos - October 12, 2021 at 12:51 AM

JS

“ My name is Judy Subar. I met David when he was a young man who had recently arrived in Grand Rapids. My sister Beverly invited him to her Creston High School prom in around 1951. We “Kids” did not really know much about his past history but we always knew “Dave” in connection with Ahavas Israel and Klein’s Men’s Shop and involvement in our close knit Jewish community. Years later my husband Jerry Subar and I attended a very large event at Fountain Street Church. The speaker was a Holocaust survivor who was one of the twin sisters who Mengali had experimented upon as part of his gruesome research. After the event Jerry spoke to David and encouraged him to speak out to the public as to his sad history which Dave had not talked much about. I remember Jerry and he in our house having a long conversation downstairs in the family room and it was the beginning of Dave appearing in schools and public. Dave was one of the first to speak out and tell his very important story. His public speaking assures that we will never forget.

Judy Subar - October 10, 2021 at 05:06 PM

CL

“ A beautiful service. I could feel the love for David emanating out of my computer screen. We say: may his memory be for a blessing. And I could hear from every person that spoke how many memories, and therefore blessings, there truly are.

Carol Lempert - October 10, 2021 at 03:12 PM

AT

“ The funeral service was truly a beautiful, loving, and a glowing tribute to a wonderful man. I will always remember him with a smile on his face while singing after holiday dinners. He and John always had such a good time together.

Aunt Temmie - October 10, 2021 at 03:08 PM

ST

“ A lovely service for one of the world's nicest people. Beautiful eulogies from the family. Sorry Beth & I couldn't get back to Detroit for the service, and see so many we haven't seen for so long. May David's memory bless us all. He will be missed and remembered.
Steve and Beth Swartz and Family

Steve - October 10, 2021 at 03:02 PM

DJ

“ David was a kind gentleman with whom I had the pleasure of speaking to him. We were both members of Temple Beth Torah Sha"aray Tzedek in Tamarac Florida. I am a current member also. Our conversations were wonderful. My he rest in peace.

David Jaspan - October 10, 2021 at 01:33 PM

JM

“ I offer my sincerest condolences to the family of David Mandel of blessed memory. I knew him from Temple Beth Torah in Tamarac. He was a kind and gentle soul who had such an inner strength to have survived his years during the Holocaust. He made sure we would never forget by speaking to the youth about his experiences and how we must make every effort that it happens never again. David will be missed by many....he touched so many lives in a beautiful way.

Jacqui Montag
Plantation Florida

Jacqui Montag - October 10, 2021 at 01:30 PM

SP

“ It seems so little time to remember our time together with David over the past 69 years. We worked, we played, we davened, we even dated sisters. We have missed him since he left us here in Florida, and we will miss him forever.

Sidney Pachter - October 10, 2021 at 01:18 PM

DL

“ I was based in Grand Rapids selling menswear and met David at William Klein Men's Store. He not only became a client, but a mentor, father figure and very good friend. He told me to settle down, have a family, not to stay a bachelor like he did . When I met my future wife Denise, he was the first person she called to tell him of our up coming wedding. That was 30 years ago.

Dave shared with me in an intimate setting, his passionate story of his travels back to Poland with his brother. I never knew this about him and we both cried as we viewed this profoundly devastating story and video.

My wife and I are thrilled that he was able to share his documentaries to the world, Never Forget.

I will miss your smile and our times together, you will never be forgotten.

Rest in Peace,

Denise and Neil Lund

Denise & Neil M Lund - October 10, 2021 at 11:26 AM

LD

“ A true gentleman and my mentor in the menswear industry. I just retired from a 46 year career in menswear, of which probably would not have happened without David's influence. When I retired this past May, MR magazine did a small article on my career. I've posted a selection from it where I thank David for his tutoring and mentoring.

Rest In Peace, much love and respect,
LARRY DYKHOUSE



Larry Dykhouse - October 08, 2021 at 05:16 PM

AH

As a member of Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzdek (TBTST) in Tamarac, FL, it was a pleasure to meet and worship with Mr. David Mandel. He always greeted me with a warm, kind countenance. To me, Mr. Mandel was a very distinguished individual, but at the same time a man of humble character. I recall how he once said to me, please, drop the "Mr. Mandel", my name's David. May his name and memory be for a blessing.

Aubrey Harley
Tamarac FL.

Aubrey Harley - October 10, 2021 at 03:01 PM

SK

David was a regular on Shabbat mornings davening Pesukey De-Zimra at Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzdek (TBTST) in Tamarac, Florida. What we remember is David taking young people under his wing as a part of his family. His love for everyone was truly a blessing. Thank you to his family for sharing him with us in South Florida. May his memory be for a blessing.

Sherry & Stew Klawsky

Sherry Klawsky - October 10, 2021 at 07:31 PM