



HARVEY TURKEL

June 27, 1944 - March 19, 2020

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: 10:30 AM SUNDAY 3/22/2020 at BETH EL
MEMORIAL PARK

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, THE FAMILY HAS ASKED THAT ONLY A
FEW PEOPLE ATTEND THE SERVICE AND THAT THEY WILL OBSERVE
SHIVA PRIVATELY.

Age 75, of Oak Park, died March 19, 2020.

Harvey worked for the City of Detroit for 43 years.

He worked as a network administrator/computer tech for the Detroit City
Council.

He was active with Youth Hostels, AMEINU (Zionist Organization), Jewish
Historical Society, Oak Park J.C.C, the Oak Park/Huntington Woods Senior
Group, the Oak Park Democrats. He was an avid camper and traveller.

Beloved brother of the late Susan (Michael) Liebowitz.

Cherished uncle of Amy and Marc Liebowitz.

Also survived by many dear friends.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Matt Zerwekh

Rabbi David Polter

INTERMENT:

Beth El Memorial Park

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva privately

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

HARVEY TURKEL

you may do so by making a contribution to:

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

14450 West Ten Mile Road

Oak Park, MI 48237

248-967-4020

www.emanuel-mich.org

Previous Events

Service

MAR **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Beth El Memorial Park Cemetery
28120 6 Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Tribute Wall

ES

“ So sorry to learn that Harvey passed away. He was a constant presence at Temple Emanu-El and a kind and friendly person. He will be missed.

Elayne and Dan Steinhardt - March 21, 2020 at 10:32 AM

 Syma Echeandia

“ Harvey also enjoyed contra dancing.

Syma Echeandia - March 20, 2020 at 08:40 PM

JS

“ This is very sad. Harvey was one of our best & most skilled travelers in The Detroit Anthropology Group, Michigan's largest travel club. He was a member of our All-Continents Division, having traveled to all 6 inhabited continents at least once. We have never had a member who was more helpful & more inspiring, to me and our travelers. His countless hours of research on other cultures & other countries helped our travelers to avoid ethnocentrism when visiting other lands. Harvey was loved and admired by all of our members, and he truly embodied the spirit & motto of our group, "Traveling in, Learning About, and Enjoying the World in Which We Live". Bon voyage Harvey.

Jim Saad, Grosse Pointe Park, MI

James M Saad - March 20, 2020 at 02:46 PM

LR

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I first met Harvey in my twenties when I was visiting his sister, Susan, who was a very close friend. Not that long ago, I was with two of Harvey’s travel-to-China companions. The stories shared were warm. Sincerely, Linda (Pulleyblank) Rose, née Rosenthal

Linda (Pulleyblank) Rose, nee Rosenthal - March 20, 2020 at 02:14 PM



I am very sorry to hear of Harvey’s passing. The Midweek Meanderers were having a New Year celebration the last time I saw him. A great guy who introduced me to the Detroit Anthropology Travel Group, from which I have travelled with many times.

RIP, Harvey
Marilyn Teeter

Marilyn Teeter - March 20, 2020 at 02:29 PM



Sorry to hear this, condolences to the family, went on many outings with him and the Midweek Meandering group.

Ursula Emmons - March 20, 2020 at 04:05 PM

LM

Harvey will always be remembered for his fine qualities that he shared with me and others. He was a true friend who loved all living creatures, especially our beloved pets, nature, and travel. He left cherished memories for me, as well as for my two sisters.

Linda Matenky

Linda Matenky - March 20, 2020 at 06:18 PM

DS

What a kind, gentle soul.

Diane Seaman - March 20, 2020 at 10:51 PM

EI

Harvey was a friend who liked to talk about his travels and always encouraged my travel goals. I knew his late sister Susan and a number of his friends. He introduced me to outings on Tuesdays with Midweek Meanders and he became a member of my organization, Ameinu Detroit. I wrote about him for a Jewish News story about public transit I'll miss how he'd share articles he thought I'd like. He was so sweet and nice! Before chemo treatment, Harvey had the most beautiful curls. I'm sad about the pain he experienced through his illnesses but he held up well, even with his visual difficulties. I'll miss you, dear Harvey.

Esther Allweiss Ingber - March 22, 2020 at 09:52 AM

EI

Linda Matenky, you were such a faithful friend to Harvey.

Esther Allweiss Ingber - March 22, 2020 at 10:02 AM

AW

I respected Harvey for his kindness and for sharing his Jewish faith with me through taking us Midweek Meanderers to the synagogue at Lincoln Center.

anita Walters - March 22, 2020 at 02:49 PM

SC

Harvey was kind, considerate and a good friend, he will be missed

Susan Cohan - March 22, 2020 at 04:03 PM

SS

I met Harvey in my 20's and was also active, like Harvey, with American Youth Hostels. I was backpacking chairperson. Harvey and I used to talk about our trips. He was always traveling and exploring the world. I was good friends with his sister, Susan, and still friends with Susan's husband, Michael Liebowitz. I left Michigan years ago but would see Harvey occasionally, such as at Temple Emanu-El.

Sandy Kraus Spekman

Sandy Spekman - March 24, 2020 at 03:18 PM

UJ

Harvey has been a good friend of ours for over 40 years. Harvey was kind , and a person of the highest integrity. He was the best and most unique traveling companion. He would travel to Europe for two weeks carrying only a 12 lb. pack. He was fluent in 6 languages, including Norwegian which he learned after working two weeks on a farm there. He taught himself French by reading the Belgian comic book TinTin in junior high. Our last trip with him was March 2019, winter rafting on the Jordan River, Bellaire MI. We will surely miss him.
Paul and Ursula Jacques

Ursula Jacques - March 26, 2020 at 08:42 PM

JM

Harvey was a best friend to both my sisters and he became my friend too. He was kind and generous and I totally trusted him. He was full of information and knowledge and so eager to share. He was at home in all parts of the Jewish community. As he traveled to places near and far, I could always look forward to the next postcard. His last years of illness were increasingly difficult, but he did not give up. Harvey, I will always miss you - your smile, your advice and your many kindnesses.
Judy Matenky

Judith Matenky - March 28, 2020 at 09:27 AM

DR

Harvey was a lovely friend. He gifted me with some of his mother's china and serving pieces because he said there was no one else to give them to. I will cherish them even more now since he is gone. He was a great helper to me on a trip to Costa Rico. I could not lift my luggage, let alone carry it, and he did it for me. I met him years ago through AYH. I had not spoken to him, probably, in 5 years and did not know he had cancer. I regret not talking to him during his illness and being able to say goodbye.

Debbi Ross April 10, 2020

Debbi Ross - April 11, 2020 at 11:09 AM