



## MARK WALDMAN

March 3, 1941 - November 1, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICES: 11:00 AM WEDNESDAY 11/3/2021 at HEBREW  
MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Age 80, of Southfield, died November 1, 2021.

Devoted father of Shayna Waldman, Esther Waldman, Etta (Jack) Jannett,  
Zipporah Waldman, and the late Avi Waldman.

Loving grandfather of Julia, Layla, and Elijah

Cherished brother of Charles (Barbara) Seferian and Gloria (late Maynard)  
Stone

### OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Yerachmiel Rabin and Cantor Neil Michaels

### INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park

### SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Tuesday morning  
at the home of daughter:

Shayna Waldman

29359 Shackett

Madison Heights, MI 48071

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of Mark Waldman you may do so by making a contribution to:

Jewish Hospice & Chaplaincy Network

6555 W. Maple Rd.

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

248-592-2687

[www.jewishhospice.com](http://www.jewishhospice.com)

OR

Yeshiva Beth Yehuda

P. O. Box 2044

Southfield, MI 48037

248.557.6750

[www.detroityeshiva.org](http://www.detroityeshiva.org)

OR

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# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Shiva

NOV 3 to 9 (ET)

At the home of daughter, Shayna Waldman  
29359 Shackett  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of MARK WALDMAN



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - November 03, 2021 at 10:18 AM

HH

*Peace and Love*

*What a beautiful tribute to Mr Mark Waksman.*

*I was on Oak Park Neighbors and I seen this video so I watched. I never met him but I learned so much about Me. Waksman through this video. oh what a wonderful man he was. I wish I could have met him. Thank you Shaina and Esther for sharing such beautiful stories about your father. You are so blessed to have had such a wise, kind, generous, loving and funny dad. I will never forget the stories that you both shared. Im humbled about your testimonials and I want to focus more on showing and sharing love.*

*Peace and Love* ❤️

Holly Hammons - November 04, 2021 at 02:07 AM

JO

“ *I met Mark once, over 7 months, at the occasion of his son's funeral, on a very cold blustery day. I did not know the man but knew his body was ridden with cancer and his mind was deteriorating. I did not attend his funeral service but watched it in on this site and was moved by the intense love of his daughters. Every father should be so lucky....*

Jeff Oppenheimer - November 09, 2021 at 09:39 AM

DL

“ I was a math student of Mr. Waldman’s back in the 70’s. He was such a spirited, energetic and theatrical teacher. His smile could light up a room. But, the thing I’ll always remember the most is when our class finally grasped a tough concept, he literally would climb up on his desk and start singing “ I can see clearly now....”! To his family, I’m so sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed and forever kept alive in our memories.

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**Debra Leider-Kendler** - November 03, 2021 at 10:11 AM

RS

*Mordechai, Mordechai! We Hardly Knew You! (with apologies to Kenneth O'donnell et al ).*

*I had the distinct pleasure of knowing Reb Mordechai over a period of approximately 20 or more years in a variety of phases in his interesting life. I didn't know him during those early years of his mentoring his young students - as described on this site by several of the beneficiaries of his teaching career.*

*One of my earliest recollections is back when Reb Mordechai was the Spiritual Leader (Rabbi) of the Mt. Clemens shul. There, he was in his moments of scholarly glory. Mordechai was an educated scholar, both in areas of Jewish knowledge as well as in worldly knowledge. It is probably not an exaggeration to suggest that there few areas of the human experience that Mordechai would have felt uncomfortable discussing with others.*

*He spent brief period of time as a resident of the Fleischman Residence during my tenure there. He enjoyed himself during meals, sitting and singing traditional Zemiros irrespective of whether he sang alone - which was the norm. . After he moved from Fleischman, I lost touch with him. We were somewhat reunited when the family sadly lost his son, Avi (brother of Mordechai's other children).*

*By that time Reb Mordechai's overall health had already diminished dramatically. He no longer recognized me, and I did not recognize him either.*

*Yet, the Talmud teaches us that the Holy Arks carried by the Israelites in the desert, held both - the second set of Tablets hewn from a special quarry by Moses. And additionally, the broken shards of the original set, broken by Moses when he found his people worshipping the golden calf.*

*The lesson of the Talmud is: that a scholar who no longer retains his former knowledge (the broken tablets) is to be shown the same respect as a scholar who still has his lifelong knowledge (the whole tablets). the Waldman family. Awmeyn  
May the Almighty console*

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**Rabbi Avie Shapiro** - November 03, 2021 at 11:54 AM



*This is his daughter, Shayna Waldman. Thank you so much for taking the time to write this beautifully worded tribute. This is something I'll cherish forever.*

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**Sshayna Wwaldman** - November 04, 2021 at 01:15 AM

ET

*Shayna,  
I'm sorry for your family's loss. If I remember correctly, your former home was behind Marlowe Place in Oak Park. Did you go to Avery and/or Norup schools? I remember your dad liked to dance and once danced with me.*

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**Esther Ingber (formerly Tschirhart)** - November 04, 2021 at 03:40 PM

GA

*Shayna,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I was a student at oak park high school, though I was not fortunate to have had your dad as a teacher. Many of my friends were your dad's students, and your father left indelible marks on all of them. Your dad was a dynamic teacher who taught with enthusiasm and creativity. You used the word "eccentric" as part of your remembrance. Your dad was a wonderfully eccentric teacher. He made connections with each student and was effervescently positive in his approach. Each student had his or her own nickname and your dad had special shtick with each student to make them feel special. My friends and I talk about him to this day. He was one of the few teachers to attend our class reunion. He was absolutely one of a kind, gifted, and truly consequential.*

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**gary** - November 04, 2021 at 08:40 PM

DH

*I was the third Hamburger brother to have him as a teacher. He would call me "brother of Sheldon and brother of Paul". But sometimes he would forget their names and just call me "brother of his brothers". He passed it off as only he could and we thought it was hilarious!*

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**Daniel Hamburger** - November 07, 2021 at 08:07 PM

LK

*Aww damn. One of my most memorable teachers ever. I literally was just telling a Soh-Cah-Toa story a few weeks ago.  
"You get a niiiiinnne!"  
RIP*

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**lamont king** - November 14, 2021 at 05:53 PM

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**lamont king** - November 14, 2021 at 05:53 PM

NB

“*Sending my most sincere condolences to the entire family. While I was not a student of Mr. Waldman, I was there during his tenure and his legacy will follow him. Please feel free to contact me at nrakotz@aol.com I would love to share tons of student comments upon learning of his passing with the family. The loving memories of his students needs to be shared with all of you. He was very much respected and loved.*

*May his memory be for a blessing.*

*Nancie Rakotz Becker  
OPHS c/o 1986*

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**Nancie Rakotz Becker** - November 03, 2021 at 06:51 AM

LR

“*Mark was my math teacher in high school and would always call me out on being late for class. I can still hear him saying "FORLINE ROSENTHAL~!! YOU ARE LATE AGAIN!". He would then smile and I would take my seat in class.*

*After high school Mark and I developed a sincere friendship and we would love to meet up and dance the night away at parties. He was a wonderful, caring, sympathetic, giving human being. He will be missed by so many people including myself.*

*Rest in peace my friend. I will see you again one day.*

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**Lynn Rosenthal** - November 02, 2021 at 08:49 PM

AD

*BONK!!!*

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**Andy D** - November 03, 2021 at 04:27 AM

BS

*Back in the 1970's, I had a wonderful geometry teacher at Oak Park High School, named Mr. Waldman. If this is the Mr. Waldman from Oak Park High School, I want his family to know that I appreciated his encouragement of me pursuing mathematics in my career, along with his supportive and entertaining approach to teaching mathematics. He used to bring a portable light bulb to class and turn on the light whenever he sensed that a student grasped a mathematical concept. I remember he would say, I heard someone's light go on and then he would turn on the light bulb.*

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**Brandy Sinco (formerly Gail Sinkoff)** - November 03, 2021 at 09:06 AM

MA

*I too was a student at OPHS,,,class of 1972. May his memory be a blessing!!!*

*Martin Abrin*

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**Marty Abrin** - November 03, 2021 at 10:06 AM

RA

*I am saddened to hear of Mr. Mark (HaCohen) Waldman a"h. I have the fondest memories of the many visits & conversations that I had with Reb Mark (Mordechai?) at Beaumont Hospital over the last 8 years or so.*

*He was truly a testimony of dedication to deep rooted Jewish values NEVER ever forgetting his rich love and knowledge of Jewish teachings & practices. A living example & true inspiration for all who knew him in this way.*

*May his memory serve as an eternal blessing for his entire family & community friends.*

*Beaumont Hospital Chaplain - Rabbi Aharon Amzalak.*

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**Rabbi Aharon Amzalak** - November 03, 2021 at 10:54 AM

PS

*My name is Paul Shafer, OPHS '72, now retired and living in Seattle. This is for Marc Waldman's family. I apologize that this comes to you after the fact of Marc's departure; please understand it is hard to keep track of vital events from afar.*

*My family moved to Oak Park in 1970 under duress. The history and circumstances were adverse including financially. Marc, like anyone else in OP, owed me nothing. But what he did was far greater. My college in Michigan closed for the entire quarter break in fall '72, leaving me stranded and not able to afford to fly to my own family who by then had moved to Miami. Marc took me in for several days to help me survive during that difficult time. It wasn't just that he did it, it was the way he did it. He had a manner of, "of course you are welcome with me, the less said about it, the better...now eat your dinner." He saw more than he let on, and acted with humanity. Why people in my family who had the wherewithal to intervene did not, while Marc, who lived a humble life, chose to do so, is something I will never understand.*

*I cannot ever pay Marc back directly and he would never have expected it. What I can do and am doing is to help others in need, which I have the privilege to do here in Seattle. Among others, for several years I was a full-time volunteer cabinetmaker for our Children's Hospital, building and donating items for them to sell to raise money to pay for treatment for gravely ill children. I did this in the spirit of Marc Waldman. Over the years I have tried to find him to say "thank you", but that proved hard to do even with the Internet. Please, Marc's family, accept my message and cherish it as I do. If you wish, reach me at [phshafe@yahoo.com](mailto:phshafe@yahoo.com). All the best.*

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**Paul H Shafer** - October 04, 2022 at 11:22 PM

ME

*To the family of Mark Waldman, I was a student of Mr. Waldman in 1972 at OPHS, and I will never forget the experience. I have taught math and physics myself and took the life lessons I learned from him to heart and they have always been the basis of my lessons and the physics books I have written. My students have all gained from my experience with his enthusiasm and good teaching! I was just today telling a story about the notebooks we used to have to prepare and how the only store in town that sold the type of notebook he required would say "Oh, you must be in Mr. Waldman's math class!" I also remember how he loved to see when we scribbled all over our textbook, slamming his fist on the desk and saying how great it was to see someone really working hard! I can see from the other tributes that his other students remembered the same things I do, and it is a great tribute to him to see such a legacy remembered so vividly by the students who were lucky enough to have had him. He has had a very creative effect that will ripple through all of us who keep sharing his lessons and enjoying the memory. A life well lived.*

*Marti Ellen Cowan Class of '73*

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**Marti Ellen** - May 12, 2023 at 07:51 AM

  
Zipporah  
Waldman

*Thank you! I appreciate all the stories about my dad being his eccentric self.  
~Zipporah Waldman*

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**Zipporah Waldman** - February 24, 2024 at 11:41 PM

LT

*Mr Waldman was my math teacher in OP - I believe it was Algebra. I was in the Class of 1975. I recall this class with fondness. He had a zest for teaching. He laughed, he would run down the aisles of our seats screaming "I'm going to Razorthone your mind!" He created laughter and a fun learning environment. He is one of the few teachers that always stood out for me. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*Leslie Thumm*

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**Leslie Thumm** - November 02, 2024 at 11:36 AM