



DR. NATAN HARPAZ PhD.

July 15, 1942 - March 10, 2025

SERVICES: 1:00 PM, Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

*The funeral will be webcast live and recorded here for viewing later.

Dr. Natan HarPaz Ph.D. age 82, of Waterford, passed away on March 10, 2025

Beloved husband of the late Norma HarPaz.

Cherished father of Michael (Natalie) HarPaz and Daniella (Igor "Gabe" Mechnikov) HarPaz. Devoted grandfather of Pelli, Lev, Mia, Hallel, Hod, Harel and Haer. Adored brother of Raya (Avraham) Gontovnik, and the late Daniel Goldenberg.

INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park
33230 S. Gratiot Avenue
Clinton Township, MI 48035

OFFICIANT:

Rabbi Joseph Krakoff
Rabbi Steven Rubenstein

SHIVA:

AISH Detroit
25725 Coolidge Rd.

The family requests condolence visits only during the following times:

Wednesday 6:00 PM, Services at 7:00 PM

Thursday 6:00 PM, Services at 7:00 PM

Sunday and Monday, the family will observe privately.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you wish to honor the memory of Dr. Natan HarPaz, Ph.D., you may do so by donating

in his name to one of the following:

Frankel Jewish Academy

6600 West Maple Rd

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

<https://www.frankelja.org/giving/>

Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit

32200 Middlebelt Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 851-3220

<https://www.hillelday.org/giving/why-give>

Friends of the Israel Defense Forces

PO Box 999

Walled Lake, MI 48390

248.926.4110

<https://www.fidf.org/>

Cemetery Details

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

33230 Gratiot
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

FUNERAL

MAR 12. 1:00 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 DR. NATAN HARPAZ PhD.



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - March 12, 2025 at 11:12 AM

BA

“ I've been thinking of Dr Harpaz quite a bit lately, looked him up on the internet and found he had passed. I am sad. I am also very grateful to have spent some time with him. I first met him at his office at the Fisher Building. I thought I was looking for clinical supervision . He asked me one question and clearly had a handle on me and my issues. He pointed out that the therapist is the scalpel and if the scalpel is covered in Sh.., it will contaminate the patient-that it appeared I was actually looking for serious psychotherapy. He was right. I entered therapy with clinicians trained by him and Bar Levav. This was one of the most important experiences of my life. I had the opportunity to spend time with him in group at various MGPS events. He consistently made real and important contact with each member of those small groups. He was a brilliant clinician and a true master. Thank you for helping me to become a good therapist and a better person. Thank you and Dr Bar Levar for training my therapists who helped me so much-Bill Yochim, Larry Voight, Sharon Banks. With love, Blake Angove LMSW, CAADC-Retired

Blake Angove - November 08, 2025 at 08:03 AM

PF

“ Please accept our late, but heartfelt condolences with the death of Dr. Natan Harpaz, Ph.D. We all have loss a great man and human being. Natan has taught me and said many times to my family, "When you save one life, you save the world entire." We truly will miss our dear friend and greatest mentor, Natan. We thank God for Dr. Natan Harpaz for coming into our lives and saving our family, and literally saving my life. We will cherish his memory always. We thank God for the love he always bestowed on us. Thank you God for welcoming one of your son's and our deep dear friend Natan home. The Masterson family, Phil, Sherry and Nichole. LOVE you my sweet man, Phil.

Phillip Masterson and family - March 21, 2025 at 03:50 PM

RV

“ Through several years of supervision Natan made me a better psychologist and psychotherapist. I miss him. Richard Vaughn, PhD.

Richard Vaughn - March 18, 2025 at 08:20 PM

PG

“ Condolence to Danielle and Michael. Barbara and I were next door neighbors in Huntington Woods. We enjoyed seeing the children growing up. We always would hear good music coming from the house and enjoyed it. Natan and Norma also provided the music entertainment at our son's bar mitzvah party.
Paul and Barbara Goodman

Paul Goodman - March 12, 2025 at 05:28 PM

CH

“ Love and respect to this great family:

Of the many things I have taken to heart over the years, and recognizing the ways I will continue to learn from his living legacies (through his family), I can honestly attribute my understanding of the power of presence - being truly available and approachable in a moment, to Natan. I will never undervalue his genuine interest in my well-being while I was growing into the person I would become, or the way he would melt into a room when he was making music.

One such day was in his home, while I was visiting with Michael on our way to play live music in Royal Oak, MI. Natan picked up his bazouki and joined Michael and I in our rendition of Perach. On that day, Natan taught me about authenticity, understanding what and how I say it, and that anyone can and should join in the song. We all have something to add to each other's song.

I will continue to sing his song, along with mine.

Cantor Brad Hyman - March 12, 2025 at 01:13 PM

“As a psychotherapist attending Tuesday Seminars, I knew Natan as a therapist who brilliantly told patients what they needed to hear rather than just what they wanted to hear. I believe that his love was what gave him the courage to do this and continue to be with them and them with him while they came to understand and come to love him in their healing process. I especially enjoyed the topic of one Tuesday - music. A favorite memory from that Tuesday was Natan sharing his poem, honoring his mother, "Sing Your Song To Me." He read it to us and I spoke to him later suggesting he tell his son, Michael, to put it to music. He smiled and said that he would think about it. The poem was included in the publication of VOICES, volume 42, Number 2, Summer of 2006:

"Even though music is everywhere we can't always hear it. Music resides both outside and inside each of us. It is much more difficult to hear the music which is within us than the music which surrounds us. Most People rarely hear it. But when a person's outside music resonates with his inside music what he hears is a chord from the original creation.

Sing Your Song To Me

*In your tummy cozy, safe
I heard a constant hum
the steady beating of your heart
the rhythm of a drum.*

*I love that sound, its tone, its chord
It soothed me months on end.
The age-old sound of your life
I now comprehend.*

*As I grow up and separate
and step away from you
I miss the rhythm of your heart
Your breathing sounds too.*

*But still I need the safety net
I found in your arms,
cause I'm not yet completely grown
to deal with life's alarms.*

*So listen to your body mom
and find that age-old sound,
The rhythm of your loving heart
your spirit so abound.*

*And sing a song from way inside
a lullaby so dear*

*a melody of days gone by
just you and I can hear.*

- Natan HarPaz, PhD"

I have this poem framed at home and would love to present it to the family if they so wish. I send love and comfort to the entire family,

*Dianne Hartman, LMSW
Psychotherapist/Music Composer
Totally a Loving Fan of Natan HarPaz, PhD*

Dianne Hartman - March 12, 2025 at 12:22 PM

JW

“ *We met in 1961 as counselors at a Jewish summer camp in Wisconsin. He was the Israeli cowboy from Detroit and I was the sports guy from MN—seemingly not much in common, but we became dear friends for the next 64 years! We both became social workers and therapists—both married women we met at camp—had 2 children—first daughters and then sons and stayed connected all these years. Shalom my friend—miss you already—Jerry*

Jerry Waldman - March 11, 2025 at 11:56 PM

NF

“ *The members of the Saturday Tisch at Temple will always remember the times we shared with Natan studying Torah. The stories he shared about life in Israel, history, and Torah breathed life into our learning. His memory will always be a blessing. We have been missing him since he has been unable to be with us. You are all in our thoughts and we are sorry for the loss of Natan.*

Norrine Freeman - March 11, 2025 at 11:08 PM

MA

“ *In the 2 plus years I'd known Natan I thoroughly enjoyed our discussions of things important, trivial, or banal. His intelligence, kindness, and thoughtfulness are missed. His music, humanity, caring, and zest for life are not forgotten. He will be long remembered. Miles*

Miles Auster - March 11, 2025 at 10:39 PM

JD

“ Dr. HarPaz was one of the inaugural members of the Board of the Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit - a community Jewish high school that was near and dear to his heart. As a very thoughtful and committed community member, and from his perspective as a psychiatrist, Dr. HarzPaz contributed greatly to the thinking and hard work that eventually led to the opening of the school some 3 years later. His family, our entire community, and all of the school's graduates can be thankful for his very meaningful and impactful contributions to the creation of the high school that meant so much to him.

Jeffrey Devries - March 11, 2025 at 05:59 PM

KH

“ Dr Harpaz was an excellent therapist who cared for his clients deeply. My most treasured memory is when I was getting married he helped me identify a wedding gift for my husband - his son Michael Harpaz collaborated with me and wrote a beautiful song specific to my husband's and my relationship. Every time we listen to the song we remember Dr Harpaz and his family. We even named our boat after the title of the song!! Dr Harpaz' memory and spirit lives on inside of Kevin and me. Our prayers go to his entire family for peace and comfort!



Kelsey Hastings - March 11, 2025 at 04:24 PM

LR

“ Saved my life in 2014. Amazing therapist and had a huge heart. He was so authentic and practical. May his memory be a blessing

Leah Resh - March 11, 2025 at 02:48 PM

JK

“ I only met Natan a few times when he visited at work. But he was always kind, friendly and seemed glad to see me. I am so very sorry for your loss. Sending love and hugs.

Jody Kaplan - March 11, 2025 at 02:25 PM