



SAM BERMAN

May 1, 1931 - January 10, 2017

SERVICES: 12 NOON FRIDAY 1/13/2017 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

Age 85, of West Bloomfield, died January 10, 2017.

Born in Kalushin, Poland, Sam is a Holocaust Survivor. In 1939 he went to Russia and then to Germany and France. He went to Israel only to be captured by the British and was sent to Cyprus. Finally in 1947, he was able to go to a kibbutz in Israel. He became an officer in the Israeli army, fought in the Sinai Campaign in 1956 and his brother, Alter died during the fight for independence in 1948. Sam was active with the IDF, Mogan David Adam, Holocaust Memorial Center, Sharit Ha-platah, Yeshiva Beth Yehuda, ZOA, B'nai B'rith, ORT and many other organizations.

Beloved husband for 57 years to the late Minnie Berman.

Devoted father of Shelly (Jody) Mendelson and Sy (Judy) Berman.

Loving grandfather of Melissa, Arielle and Erica Mendelson, Aaron Berman and Leah Berman.

Proud son of the late Ethel and the late Simon Berman.

Dear brother of Sarah (David) Waldshan and the late Alter Berman.

Cherished brother-in-law of Barry (Elaine) Margolis, Sara-Beth (Sidney)

Wizen, Sharon (late Meyer) Margolis and the late Bernard (late Marlene) Margolis.

Also survived by extended beloved family and friends including aunt, cousins and nieces and nephews.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Elliott Pachter

Cantor Earl Berris

INTERMENT:

Machpelah Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Thursday morning at the residence of daughter and son-in-law

Shelly and Jody Mendelson

26875 Irving

Franklin, MI 48025

(248) 505-0452

THE FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT CONDOLENCE VISITS BE MADE DAILY BETWEEN

2:00 PM AND 4:00 PM AND THEN BEGIN AGAIN AT 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

7:00 PM Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

SAM BERMAN

you may do so by making a contribution to

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MAGEN DAVID ADOM

30100 Chagrin Blvd. S#150

Pepper Pike, OH 44124

216.342.4032 877.405.3913

www.afmda.org

or

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (FIDF)

P. O. Box 999,

Walled Lake, MI 48390

248-926.4110/4111

www.fidf.org/michigan

Cemetery Details

Machpelah Cemetery

21701 Woodward Avenue
Ferndale, MI 48220

Previous Events

Service

JAN **13**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Shiva

JAN **13** to **19** (ET)

SHELLY AND JODY MENDELSON
26875 IRVING
FRANKLIN, MI 48025

Tribute Wall



“ *Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of SAM BERMAN*



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - January 11, 2017 at 12:10 PM

LB

“ *Sincere condolences on the loss of Sam. I was fortunate to spend time with Sam and Minnie. His love for her was so touching as was hers for him. They were an inspiration as a couple. Sam had such a big heart and will be remembered by everyone who was lucky enough to get to know him and your wonderful family*
Lauren Bruss.

lauren bruss - January 13, 2017 at 10:13 AM

PS

“ To the Mendelson, Berman & Margolis Families:

It is with a heavy heart that we express our deepest condolences to all of you during this time of sorrow. We love Sam very much and will always remember his kindness, stories, super sense of humor and enjoying the good times at big events, but spending the quality time during the unannounced visits to Michigan, which were more intimate in nature.

There are hundreds of memories I can write about Sam, but a few I personally will share here was the fragrance of the cherry cigars in the house when visiting Michigan during my teenage years and then enjoying the quality meals that Sam loved. I also enjoyed watching Sam and my father talk in yiddish and have many laughs together whether it was in NJ or during one of our winter visits to Michigan. A winter visit to Michigan. One may think we were nuts. Who would vacation in the winter in the midwest? With the Bermans that is the place to be whether it was winter or summer.

I still reflect on the visits to the leather factory and I was impressed how Sam can negotiate a problem with the workers and at the end of the negotiation everyone always left with a smile. The smell of the leather in the factory coupled with Sam's presence are things that never will fade. Who can ever forget me getting off a plane and then going to one of the leather worker's wedding. Sam never missed an event.

I will especially cherish the personal times I was able to enjoy with Sam when he took me with him for the morning "chat and chews" with his friends at the local McDonalds for coffee. It took many many years before I was invited, but once I was, it was a ritual that I looked forward to and I am glad he included me as part of that inner circle.

Having Sam and beloved Minnie join us at our wedding in 2012 had very deep meaning and we will cherish that time together. Just

writing this tribute and reflecting on many of times he smiled when he was with family and his grandchildren will help keep Sam's spirit and presence ever burning. He was proud of his grandchildren and would do anything for them.

To Shelly and Sy you will carry on the torch that your mom and dad lit decades ago. You always have been there for everyone else in time of sadness and good times. You will see the tribute paid back to you not just during this time, but for many years to come.

There is so much more to say, but just wanted to reflect a bit on this day.

We love you very very much and pray for healing through this most difficult time,

Perry & Anabella Schwarz

Perry Schwarz - January 13, 2017 at 08:50 AM

MM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Berman/Mendelson family. Such a great family man, we were fortunate enough to spend time with Sam at the big family events - as he always showed his pride in his children and grandchildren.*

*Love,
Mitchell and Marcy*

Mitch and Marcy - January 12, 2017 at 09:07 AM

JS

“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire Berman family. We are very sorry for your loss .
Jennifer Solberg and Mark Seger .*

jennifer Solberg - January 11, 2017 at 06:55 PM

JI

“ My sympathies to the Berman family on the loss of Sam Berman.

Sincerely,

Jim McGuigan

Jlm - January 11, 2017 at 03:57 PM