



RABBI DR. SIDNEY ALAN VINEBURG

December 16, 1960 - March 10, 2025

SERVICES: 2:30 PM Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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

Rabbi Dr. Sidney Alan Vineburg, age 64, of Oak Park, passed away on March 10, 2025

Beloved husband of Devorah Hannah Vineburg.

Cherished father of Dr. Michael (Sari) Vineburg, Rabbi Benyamin Vineburg, and Isaac (Lexie) Vineburg. Adored brother-in-law of Dr. Marian (Steven Widerman) Wachtel. Proud grandfather of Nesanel Leib, Adam, Elazar Aharon, Myriam Shulamis, Joshua, Zoey, Dena, and Michaela.

INTERMENT:

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

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Asher Lopatin

SHIVA:

The family will observe

Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM, Wednesday, Thursday. 8:00-10:00 AM then 7:00-9:00 PM and Friday morning 8:00-10:00 AM.

Devorah Vineburg

13631 Winchester

Oak Park, MI 48237

Religious services at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Sunday and Monday 6:00-8:00 PM

Adat Shalom Rosen/Wiener Pavilion

29901 Middlebelt Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Services at 6:00 PM

If you wish to honor the memory of Rabbi Dr. Sidney Vineburg, you may do so by donating in his name to

The Vineburg Legacy Foundation

13631 Winchester

Oak Park, MI 48237

Cemetery Details

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

33230 Gratiot
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

FUNERAL

MAR 11. 2:30 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 RABBI DR. SIDNEY ALAN VINEBURG



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - March 10, 2025 at 06:00 PM

RW

I learned a lot from Sid. I enjoyed talking and debating with him. Sid always made me feel so welcomed and a part of the family. So sorry for your loss.

Rita B Winer - March 10, 2025 at 07:06 PM

SW

Laura and I are very upset after hearing of the death of your husband. We have many fond memories of Sid. May you be comforted by the Mars of Zion and Jerusalem. Steven and Laura Weinshel.

Steven Samuel Weinshel - March 11, 2025 at 10:57 AM

SW

Mourners .of zion

Steven Samuel Weinshel - March 11, 2025 at 10:58 AM

HZ

We remember Rabbi Vineberg as our rabbi at our synagogue in Manitowoc Wi. He earned the respect of our whole community. We are proud to have had him as the rabbi leading Anshe Poale Zedek synagogue.

Howard Zimmerman - March 11, 2025 at 01:24 PM

JS

“ *Condolences to Ben & Michael and the family.*

This seems as appropriate a moment as any to share that Rabbi Sid taught me the difference btwxt slavery and freedom at this one Seder in the late 90s. I had never seen horseradish, I thought it was cranberry sauce. Not until I felt the deep freeze hurricane seizing my sinuses did it dawn on me what he really meant about the “bitterness of slavery in Egypt.”

I still tell people this story. Gentiles always start laughing when I say, “I didn’t realize till I had already stuffed it into my mouth that.....” Jewish people begin laughing when I say “I thought it was cranberry sauce, like you eat at Thanksgiving.”

I salute Sid’s legacy and his usage of irony as a teaching tool. May the lives of those who loved him make his memory a blessing throughout all generations.

Farewell Rabbi Sid.

Joseph G. Smeall - October 16, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“Erev Memorial Day, I learned of my Rabbi Vineburg’s ascension to the other side of the veil. My most heart-felt and deepest condolences are sent to The Vineburg Family. Heaven has a new shepherd to advocate for the followers here on Earth. At least it provides some consolation to my soul and spirit to know that he is now performing great works of peace from the hereafter.

To this day, Rabbi Vineburg has been my only Rabbi, and Cnesses Israel has been my only shul. No other rabbi or place of prayer has felt like “home” for me, unless it has been in God’s nature. I am absolutely devastated that he was called “home” at the half-way marker of life, and also before I could tell him about the journey of big projects he directly inspired me to work on these last couple decades [and should be wrapping up this year].

If memory serves me, the conversation that instigated these endeavors was about Tikkun Olam. In the early 90’s, Rabbi had stated to me that according to Halakha, every Jew has a personal culpability to advocate for the rights and end the suffering of all. If so much as one person suffers, there can be no tikkun olam. When I contested his statement based upon the fact that it is impossible to KNOW if there is someone suffering in a faraway place.

To which he stated, “That is so no one can claim ignorance and choose to turn a blind eye towards injustice in order to avoid helping one in need.”

In short, as a result of my learning the aforementioned Halakha, I have become a Psychologist, Nationally Board Cert’d Massage Therapist & Bodyworker, Ordained Clergy [to perform acts of “chesed shel emet” of terminally-ill gentiles], and a Private Lawyer [amongst other credentials]. This has aided my calling to combat governmental corruption that contributes to homelessness and perpetuates the satanic crime of human trafficking. I shall privately share the other projects currently in progress once they are complete, because ‘The Adversary’ is always watching and waiting for opportunities to jam a wrench in those Divine Works.

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FUN MEMORY: In the early 1990's during a Seder dinner at The Rabbi's Home, I was invited to "hide the afikomen". Once the afikomen was found, the boys [just the twins at that time] were instructed to get ready for bed. One of the twins ran into the living room and excitedly asked me, "Do you want to see my booty dance!" He had to say this three times because he was too excited for me to understand him, and I had no idea what type of sacred dance this toddler in tidy-whities was offering to perform for me after locating the afikomen [something 'rescued' but not actually 'stolen' as in the pirate lingo suggests]. I finally turned to Devorah and Rabbi to ask: "What is a 'booty dance'?" To which one of them replied: "He strips down to his birthday suit and does a naked-butt dance." I turned beet-red, declined the offer of the 'treasured tuchas tango', and left. I remember this moment every Pesach since. Therefore, I am relieved to see that neither Benjamin nor Michael has grown up to join the Chippendale's dancers forming a "Tuchas-Train Tango".

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May the rest of The Vineburg Family and descendants experience happy, healthy, and peaceful lives. And may they each live to be 120. Ad me'ah ve-essrim shana (עד מאה ועשרים שנה).

Baruch Dayan Emet (ברוך דיין אמת) and Zichrono livrakha (זכרונו לברכה).

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*Today rabah,
Heather Mehudar
in Beverly Hills, California, USA.*

Heather Mehudar - June 04, 2025 at 12:16 AM



“ Rabbi Sid was my Rabbi at my synagogue in Green Bay. With his charisma and his love of education and my family and I connected with him, and his whole family. When Rabbi switched to the synagogue in Manitowoc, we were so loyal that we followed him to the new synagogue. Rabbi Sid was our Rabbi for me and my siblings bar and bat mitzvah's. He was there to oversee not only my mother's conversion to Judaism but to ours as well. Rabbi was also there when my mother passed. Rabbi Sid and his family have been our family for years and has been with us through thick and thin. And even though we are no longer neighbors like we used to be the love and the cherishing of his memory will always be there. All my love and condolences to the vineberg family. Thank you for everything. May Rabbi Sid's memory be a blessing.

Leah Tigerlily - March 12, 2025 at 11:17 AM

MD

“ Sid was always there to listen and give his support to me. I know through several difficult times, Sid provided comfort no one else could. He was also a trusted advisor for our credit union and always looked out for others. His life is a tribute to service and love.

Mike DeGrand - March 11, 2025 at 11:11 AM

NG

“ Rabbi, you were a fun, funny, and wise man, always in good cheer and sage advice. We will all miss you terribly; keep cheering for us all from your place in Shomayim!
—Petunia

Netanya Goldsmith - March 10, 2025 at 07:02 PM

SK

“ Sid, thank you for always being the listening ear I needed. Whether it was just a shmooze about family or your insights on education, it was always welcome and appreciated.

Sharon Krasner - March 10, 2025 at 05:57 PM

ML

I shall always remember and treasure the years that Sid and I team-taught a course on the Holocaust at St. Norbert College. It was a highlight in my teaching career and Sid was just terrific, as a colleague and a deep personal friend. Blessing to Devorah and the family.

Michael Lukens - March 29, 2025 at 12:48 PM

AP

I extend my prayerful support to Rabbi Sidney's family. I always enjoyed our conversations as our paths crossed at St. Norbert College. Then I was able to once again connect with the family while his sons were students at Notre Dame Academy, where I was an administrator. I especially send my regards to Devorah. Blessings. Abbot Dane Radecki, O. Praem.

Abbot Dane Radecki, O. Praem. - April 21, 2025 at 05:54 PM