



TZVI HAROLD BERKAL

February 7, 1935 - December 6, 2019

SERVICES: 12:30 PM MONDAY 12/09/2019 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE TRIBUTE PAGE.

TZVI (HAROLD ALLAN) BERKAL, 84, left us on December 6, 2019 after a lengthy battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was blessed to have spent 64 years of his life in marriage to his beloved Gerry. Their three children, Steven (Leslye), David (Kimberly) and Susan together with five grandchildren, Rachel, Jacob, Taryn, Emma and Megan will miss their dad and Zaida with full hearts having spent many wonderful years in his calming influence. Their memories remain full of unending hugs, unyielding support, knowing winks and much sought after belly laughs.

Born on February 7, 1935 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Abe and Hilda Berkal, he was extremely lucky to join Habonim Canada and participate in the Second Habonim Israel Workshop in 1952 where he met his Zionist counterpart, Gerry Barish. After a lengthy stay in the Holy Land, he returned to Winnipeg but could not stay apart from the love of his life. Leaving behind his family including his surviving brother, Arky Berkal (Bev), Tzvi moved to Detroit, Michigan, in 1954 and finally convinced Ms. Barish to take his hand in

marriage forming a bond lasting for over half a century.

An educator, administrator and businessman, he moved through all circles of business and social activity with grace leaving a lasting impression on those encountered. He is remembered as a man who could always make you feel as though you were the most important person in the room. His smile and largesse will be missed by all that had the pleasure of his company, counsel and warmth.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg

INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva at the son's residence, Monday evening, and Tuesday between the hours of 12:00 pm and 7:00 PM

Steven & Leslye Berkal

3126 Oakshire Av.

Berkley MI 48072

SHIVA SERVICES:

7:00 PM Monday and Tuesday.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

Tzvi Harold Berkal

you may do so by making a contribution to:

JARC, Yad Ezra or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **9**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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

Shiva

DEC **9** to **10** (ET)

Steven & Leslye Berkal
3126 Oakshire Ave.
Berkley, MI 48072

Shiva Services 7:00 PM, Monday and Tuesday.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of TZVI HAROLD BERKAL*



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - December 08, 2019 at 01:09 PM

JG

“ *BBYO Director and friend to all us “kids”. I was 17 when appointed BBG chairman for the Michigan Regional Convention. I babysat the three little ones. Deepest condolences to Gerry and the entire family. He will be greatly missed. May his memory be for a blessing.*

*Judy Cohen Goldstein
Rehovot, Israel*

Judith Goldstein - December 11, 2019 at 03:55 PM

DB

“ *Sending our love and sincere condolences to Gerry, Tzvi's children, grandchildren and Brother, Arky at this sad time. We have many happy memories of spending time with Tavi and Gerry at various family events in Winnipeg, Toronto, Detroit and Long Island. My husband, Bob Berkal, was one of Tzvi's biggest fans and enjoyed conversations with him about family history, religion and just laughing and joking around.*

It was wonderful that even being hundreds of miles away, I was able to view the funeral service.

*Sincerely,
Debbie Berkal*

Debbie Greenhaus Berkal - December 09, 2019 at 03:51 PM

BB

“ *We extend our condolences to Gerry and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Ben Berkal, Shirley, Josh, Claire and Hannah and Erin

Ben Berkal - December 09, 2019 at 12:49 PM

M.

Jim and Meryle extend our heartfelt condolences to Gerry and family. we wish we could have been with you during this difficult time.

meryle ...cousin - December 09, 2019 at 01:34 PM

HB

“ It is very weird to be the youngest cousin of all the first cousins on my dad's side. I am 60 whilst the rest are much older. But having said that, I have come to appreciate the benefits of being surrounded by all that maturity.

Harold had long left Winnipeg when I was around. But I fondly remember his and Gerry's visits to Winnipeg. He always had such wonderful stories about his mom and dad and other, like our shared grandparents whom I had never met.

His own family will undoubtedly feel the void of his passing. He cherished them and they will miss him terribly. Please accept our sincere condolences on Harold's passing. It's a huge loss for the Berkal family.

Cousin
Harriet Berkal

Harriet Berkal - December 09, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ Gary and I are so sorry to hear of Tzvi' passing. He was always such a very nice and caring person. May your memories be a blessing.

Jan Weiss Dembs - December 08, 2019 at 08:14 PM

RK

“ Dear Cousins,

Our hearts go out to you all, we are thinking about all the wonderful times we had with Harold when he came to Winnipeg. Every time we spoke he always told us how proud he was of all his children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

*Sending all our love,
Rhoda and Mickey*

Rhoda and Mickey Kraut - December 08, 2019 at 08:07 PM