



## ZOLTAN "ZOLI" RUBIN

June 2, 1918 - December 4, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 am MONDAY 12/6/2021 at HEBREW  
MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LIVE ZOOM OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE  
TOMORROW MORNING APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES BEFORE THE  
SERVICE BEGINS. AT THAT TIME, PLEASE GO TO THE TRIBUTE WALL  
AND CLICK ON THE PICTURE OF A MENORAH.

Age 103.5, of Farmington Hills, died December 4, 2021.

A Holocaust Survivor, Zoli was a Czech Partisan fighter and was then captured and sent to work camps. A founding member with his wife of the American Israeli Cancer Association, he was also important during 1973 with meetings about financing during the Yom Kippur War. In 1968, he ran a successful business downtown Detroit and became beloved by his customers and suppliers where he was known for his reputation of honesty and integrity. With his wife for 62 years, Agi, he traveled many parts of the world and was also known for his devotion and caring for his wife and family.

Beloved husband for 62 years to the late Agi Rubin

Devoted father of Vicki (Ben) Waxenberg, Amy Weber, and the late Randy Rubin.

Loving grandfather of Rivky (Boruch) Rothenberg, Shmuel Waxenberg, Jacob

Moshe Waxenberg, Devora (Raphael) Krupnik, Miriam (Bian) Singer, Justin Weber, and Jeremy Weber.

Proud great-grandfather of Avigdor, Yehudah-Simcha, Ezra, Basya-Chana Rothenberg, Aryeh Zev Krupnik, and Ahuva Raizel Krupnik.

Zoli was the youngest of 11 children and only 2 of his brothers and he survived the Holocaust.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Shalom Kantor

INTERMENT:

B'nai Moshe Section of  
Oakview

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva on Monday and Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm with religious services starting at 5:00 p.m. at the residence:

30580 Sequoia Circle

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

On Wednesday, Amy Weber will gather informally at the residence from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm with no religious services

On Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Vicki Waxenberg will observe Shiva at her residence

14510 Sherwood

Oak Park, MI 48237

with religious services beginning at 5:00 pm

On Friday, she will gather informally from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

ZOLTAN "ZOLI" RUBIN

you may do so by making a contribution to:

YESHIVA BETH YEHUDA

P. O. Box 2044

Southfield, MI 48037

248.557.6750

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

Or

JEWISH HOSPICE AND CHAPLAINCY NETWORK

6555 W. Maple Rd.

West Bloomfield, MI 48322,

248-592-2687

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

or

CONGREGATION B'NAI MOSHE

6800 Drake Road

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

(248) 788-0600

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

# Cemetery Details

## B'nai Moshe/Oakview Cemetery

1032 Main Street  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Shiva

DEC 6 to 8 (ET)

RESIDENCE  
30580 Sequoia Circle  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

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## Shiva

DEC **8** to **10** (ET)

Vicki and Ben Waxenberg  
14510 Sherwood  
Oak Park, MI 48237

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of ZOLTAN "ZOLI" RUBIN



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**Hebrew Memorial Chapel** - December 06, 2021 at 08:41 AM

VK

*R.I.P. obec Kapusany, jeho rodisko.*

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**Viktoria Kandracova** - March 24, 2022 at 04:59 PM

VK

*I am girlfriend of Tibor Szanto daughter from Kapusany.*

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**Viktoria Kandracova** - March 24, 2022 at 05:05 PM

YB

“ I knew Mr. Rubin as Papa. As a good friend of Rivky Rothenberg (formerly Waxenberg), I spent a lot of childhood time at the Waxenberg home. I got to know her entire family, including Nana and Papa (Mr. and Mrs. Rubin). They became part of my family too. I even spent time at Nana and Papa's home in Farmington Hills. As I matured and grew to build my own family, I continued to see Papa at Waxenberg family events. I admired how gracefully Mr. Rubin aged. Even after the difficulty of losing his wife and living alone for many years, Mr. Rubin always looked calm and agreeable. I could never wrap my mind around the fact that he was over 100 years old - he looked as he as young as ever and was present and involved. He was fiercely proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and made a point to be there for family gatherings. His being exuded equanimity and grace and his very presence spoke louder than words. He will be missed. May Hashem grant everlasting peace and nachas to him and provide comfort to his family.

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Yehudis Blavin - December 09, 2021 at 02:14 PM

ER

“ Zoli was our very special friend for 54 years. we come from the same country-Czechoslovakia= and this backround brought us incidentally together. 54 years ago I was skating with My daughter Anita while pregnant ,This man kept looking and me consistently and it made me uncomfortable .When we finished and wee all taking our skates off,he approached me saying that he heard me speak Slovak and where am I from? And -we became friends ,and regular guests at Agi and Zolis house for every Seder which were memorable. Thank you Zoli we will miss you and your always cheerful attitude Love the Rivals

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eva rival - December 09, 2021 at 11:08 AM

VK

*Pisem knihu o obci Kapusany, ktore je rodiskom p. Zoltana Rubina. Pisem tam aj o nom.*

Viktoria Kandraco - March 24, 2022 at 04:50 PM

VK

*Prosim, napuste mi nejake zazitky s p. Zoltanom Rubinom. Moja mamka bola z obce Kapusany, ktora bola jeho rodnou obcou. Rozpravala mi o ich rodine. Ja pisem knihu o Kapusanoch a jeho zivotny pribeh by som tam chcela opisat. Dakujem.*

Viktoria Kandraco - March 24, 2022 at 05:15 PM

CS

*“ Zoli was a very special man, he was kind, warm, humorous and wise. I feel blessed having had the privilege to know Zoli through the Program for Holocaust Survivors and Families. Zoli had such an optimistic attitude toward life despite all that he went through during the Holocaust. I remember Zoli once said that on a cold winter day, he will sit at his kitchen table where the sun is shining in. He will close his eyes and imagine that he is Florida. He would feel the sun's warmth and smile. He would say to himself, "I'm in Florida!" Zoli shared this vignette with other survivors in attempt to help them feel positive .  
Zoli was a shining light himself.*

Charles Silow - December 08, 2021 at 11:38 AM

AT

*“ Zoli was the kindest, sweetest, most loving man. He was graceful and fair and counseled others with wisdom and love. He was protective of our Mother, Lola Goldstein Taubman. He was respected by our Father, Samuel Taubman—not an easy honor. I always will remember his wonderful fabric store and will miss his deep warmth and generosity. May his memory be a blessing!*

Alyssa Taubman - December 07, 2021 at 12:57 PM

CB

“ *The Rubin family lived right across the street in Oak Park. I have many wonderful memories of Zoli and Agi - their warmth, generosity, friendliness, and such a positive attitude no matter what. They not only survived but thrived. My deepest condolences to Vicki and Amy and your families. May Zoli's sweet memory be for a blessing.*

Cindi Brody - December 06, 2021 at 01:47 PM

SF

“ *Zoli was a sweet and kind human being who never had a bad word to say about anyone or anything! He was always complimentary and loved by all of us who knew him at his second home, Congregation B'nai Moshe! I know that his memory will always be a blessing!*

Susan Friedman - December 06, 2021 at 12:57 PM

AG

“ *Zoli was one of the finest people I've ever met. My wife, Judy, grew up with his family and thought the world of him. Judy and I were very fortunate to have been able to spend time with him and write an article about him and Agi on their 60th wedding anniversary, over 10 years ago. His history and his wife's history were both heartbreaking and inspiring. Our world has just lost a great man but hopefully, he will be joined by his wife, son Randy, and all his brothers and sisters and parents in the world beyond in a truly beautiful celebration.*

*With photos of Zoli on his 100th birthday and with B'nai Moshe friends*

*Arnie (and Judy) Goldman*



Arnie Goldman - December 05, 2021 at 09:36 PM

KS

“ Dear Zoli , I have known you since we lived in Oak Park . I was so thrilled that you , Agi, and I became Hungarian friends . I will miss you greatly . Love , Kathy Sattler

Kathy Sattler - December 05, 2021 at 08:50 PM

PG

“ A very sweet and humble man who overcame hardships in Europe to live a long and good life in America. He was a generous and loving family man and successful business man. Barbara and I were lucky to become part of his family by marriage of my nephew Ben Waxenberg to his daughter Vicki. We enjoyed his company at many family events and will miss him greatly.  
Paul and Barbara Goodman

Paul Goodman - December 05, 2021 at 08:37 PM

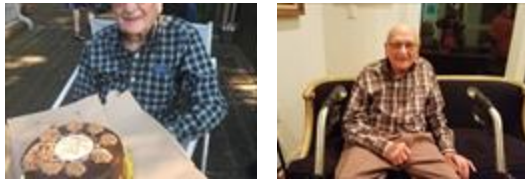
EC

“ I am so grateful to have met Zolie through his time volunteering with us at Jewish Family Service. Not only was he so helpful but I enjoyed just talking with him. His humor, wisdom and kindness are the memories I will hold of him.

Emily Croitori - December 05, 2021 at 08:01 PM

JW

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jacob Moshe Waxenberg - December 05, 2021 at 05:53 PM

DG

“ Beloved Zoli lapped almost all of us, and I'm not talking about years on the planet. His kindness, warmth, humor, and engagement will always be treasured by me, as by so many others. In his quiet way, he brought a well of benevolence and strength.

*Hank Greenspan*

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**Dr. Greenspan** - December 05, 2021 at 03:03 PM

AL

“ Zoli, you will be missed. We all enjoyed your 100th birthday party. It was pure joy. We will miss your 120th party. You made the world a better place. I enjoyed my time with you whether it was praying together or just schmoozing. You are the best example on how to live life. You will never be forgotten.

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**Alan Levenson** - December 05, 2021 at 01:35 PM

JD

“ Dear Rubin Family, sincere condolences on the passing of Mr. Zoltan Rubin. Thinking of you at this time. Sincerely, Jill Davidson, Marilyn Davidson

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**Jill Davidson** - December 05, 2021 at 12:36 PM

LF

“ Zoli, Never will I forget the times we spent together. I was so looking forward to your 120th birthday as you always reminded me that I was invited. If anyone was going to celebrate 120 years it would be you. I'm sure we will all still gather here son earth to celebrate you as all our calendars are marked. My God rest your soul and grant you eternal peace.

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**Leslie Ann Falls** - December 05, 2021 at 12:31 PM

SS

“ I am going to miss you Zolie. You and I were good friends. I guess that birthday party I was going to have for you on your 120th will have to be in a higher place. We will still have it. Love you.  
Steven Sperling

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**Steven Sperling** - December 05, 2021 at 12:10 PM

 Larry  
Gunsberg

“ So sad to hear this. I loved this man. He was the warmest, friendliest, sweetest man I ever knew. He will be missed. He lives an amazing life, and now joins his beloved Aggie and Randy. Goodbye Zolie...it was my honor to have known you.

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**Larry Gunsberg** - December 05, 2021 at 11:28 AM

GK

*It was a privilege to know Zoli and spend time with him. In our many rides together to and from shul we shared many thoughts and discussed a wide range of topics. Covid sort of messed things up, but Zoli was usually the first one on zoom for the evening minyan. We could exchange a few words, often in Yiddish. His warmth, gentleness and kindness were special, considering the difficult times he went through. Like many others, I will miss my special friend, as will my wife Chelly who came to know Zoli these last few years. Jerry Katzman*

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**Gerald Katzman** - December 06, 2021 at 12:48 AM