

OBITUARIES

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WALTER M. ISAAC

Great men often are not those whose names grace headlines but rather the people who grace our heart and leave a lasting impression on our soul. Walter Mark Isaac was such a man. He passed away October 6, 2000 of natural causes. Born in Frankfurt Germany on May 27, 1927, Walter came to America at age 9. A proud American, he was raised in New York and joined the Navy during World War II. He studied at the University of Alaska and received his Bachelor's of Science from Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. He then achieved his Master's Degree in City Planning from the University of Washington. He met and married his lifetime partner Miriam in 1963. They enjoyed 36 wonderful years of marriage.

His career blossomed in the Pacific Northwest where he worked for many counties and cities including Pierce County and Lindon, WA. He later moved to Washington DC to work for the Environmental Protection Agency but returned to Seattle to start his own planning company, Isaac and Associates. In addition to his career, he was active throughout his community as a founding member of Congregation Beth Shalom, a democratic committee chairman and an activist for the causes of virtue and righteousness.

He leaves as his legacy his children: Marc and his wife Suzie, Shauna and friend Alan, and Joshua and wife Kim. His sister Ruth and husband Ed Rozanek, niece Allison, great nephew Taylor Worth, brother-in-law Hymie and wife Hadassah Rosenblatt, and Fred, wife Roberta, and children Aaron and Rachel Rosenblatt, along with relatives, extended family and friends, survive him. His wife Miriam, parents Charles Isaac and Sofie Bondi Isaac, and in-laws Harry and Gusta Rosenblatt precede him in death.

A kind spirit and gentle soul, Walter's warm humor and friendly nature touched many lives. He will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held on October 10, at 1 p.m. at Herzl Memorial Park. Donation can be made to The Canadian Diabetes Association 102-310 Broadway or to a charity of your choice. Miriam and Walt's first grandson Jacob Meier was born to Kim and Josh Isaac December 18, 2000.

"Gabalight!"

Card of Thanks

The Family of the late **Bella Mandell**
Would like to thank family and friends for their meals, cards, fruit baskets, donations and kind expressions of sympathy and support during our time of sorrow.

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EARLE LAVEMAN

Earle Laveman passed away suddenly on Friday, January 12, 2001 at the age of 70 in Palm Springs, California.

Earle was predeceased by his father Samuel (1948); mother Charna (1963); sister Ytta (1919) and sister Goldie (2000). He is survived by his devoted wife of 41 years, Phyllis and his children, Sheldon and Ruthie (Judy Plotkin). Also surviving Earle are his sister Anne (John Pollock); brother Charlie (Esther) and nephews and nieces, Zailig Pollock (Didi), Nuchum Pollock (Jennifer Motha), Shmee Pollock (Terry), Rosalind Laveman, Lola (Albert Kakon), and Suzanne (Moti Perl) and many great-nieces and nephews.

Earle was born in Winnipeg in 1930 and attended Talmud Torah and St. John's Tech. After the death of his father, he left school to help support his family. He worked as a handicapper and assistant editor for the Daily Digest for 20 years. In 1970, he joined Clifford's Ladies' Wear until his retirement in 1995.

Earle had a great interest in theatre of all kinds. He performed in school operettas and was a member of the chorus at Rainbow Stage. John Hirsch recognized Earle's co-ordination skills and offered him the position of Stage Manager and later Production Coordinator first at Rainbow and then at the newly-opened Manitoba Theatre Centre. It was through his theatrical associations that Earle met his future wife Phyllis in 1958. They were married in 1959 and Earle's theatre career took a pause while he concentrated on raising his family, to which he was completely devoted for the remainder of his life. He was devoted as well to his brother and sisters and to his nieces and nephews, and, in particular, provided tremendous support to his sister Goldie in her declining years.

Earle was a happy man and drew great pleasure from his family and their accomplishments. The unconditional love, warmth and patience which he showed his family were a constant. He always had a smile on his face, was well-loved for his sense of humour and got great pleasure in sharing funny stories, jokes and trivia. He touched the lives of countless people with his gentle demeanor, integrity, and honesty. Earle always recognized and celebrated the gifts of others and never had a bad word to say about anyone.

Earle was a sociable person throughout his life. He greatly enjoyed weekly bowling and the social time it provided with his fellow bowlers, and he had a deep love for movies, television and entertainment in general which he shared with family and friends. But the theatre bug never left him - when the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre was formed in the late 1980s, Earle and Phyllis became very involved as volunteers and managed the box office for each production.

After undergoing angioplasty in 1993, Earle undertook significant lifestyle changes with the unwavering support of Phyllis. He began a regular exercise regime first at the Reh-Fit Centre and most recently at the Seven Oaks Wellness Centre where he and Phyllis became regulars. He walked daily in the park or the mall and completely revised his diet to maximize his well-being and health. Earle embraced these changes with the discipline required.

Once their children were grown, Earle and Phyllis enjoyed many vacations together to Israel, New York and Palm Springs. They were especially enthusiastic about spending time with their Palm Springs friends each of the last three years.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 16, at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue followed by interment at the Shaarey Zedek Memorial Park. Rabbis Alan Green and Louis Berkal officiated. Pallbearers were Earle's nephews, Zailig Pollock, Nuchum Pollock, Shmee Pollock, cousin Jerry Weiss and family friends, David Pesochin and David Novikoff.

Heartfelt thanks to the many close family friends in Palm Springs and Winnipeg for their support during this difficult time. Shiva was observed at 112 Gilia Drive. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Earle Laveman Memorial Fund dedicated to the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre Endowment Fund c/o the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, phone 477-7525.

Earle will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

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ETHEL ROBINOVITCH

After a lengthy illness, on Saturday, January 20, 2001, Ethel Robinovitch passed away quietly at home with her children at her side. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 22 at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue.

Beloved and devoted wife of the late Jack Robinovitch, she is survived by her son Sid Robinovitch, daughter and son-in-law Lynne and Sonny Walters of Toronto, grandchildren Craig Walters, Andrea Walters, and Lewis Robinovitch, and great-grandchildren Jayden and Jonah Walters.

Ethel was born in St. Thomas, Ontario and as a young girl her family, consisting of parents Sarah and Lewis Pollock, brothers Hy, Rube, and Shiekie, and sister Anne, settled in Biggar, Saskatchewan. They moved to Saskatoon when Ethel was in her teens and she remained there until marrying Jack Robinovitch, who was from Brandon, Manitoba, in 1935. The couple lived in Brandon, raising their children, taking part in local community life and vacationing in Clear Lake, until moving to Winnipeg in 1955. Jack passed away in 1994. Ethel was the last remaining member of her immediate family.

Ethel was a beautiful and vibrant woman. She loved to sing, often entertaining at community sing-songs and at family weddings. She also loved a good game of cards, spending many happy afternoons with her friends playing bridge and canasta. She was a wonderful cook, loved flowers, and always had a youthful air about her. Over the last year when her activities were seriously curtailed, she never complained and was a source of joy to her devoted care-givers. She exuded a quiet dignity right to the end. We will always cherish our memories of her.

If desired, donations in Ethel's name may be made to the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue Music and Youth Library Fund (Phone: 452-3711).

BELLA MANDELL

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing, on Mon. Jan. 15, 2001, of our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Bella Mandell, aged 73 years, dearly beloved wife of the late Ben Mandell of Winnipeg.

She will be very sadly missed by her children, Rachelle (Stephen) Brumer of Skokie, Illinois, Dr. Howard (Roslyn) of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Heather (David) Kraut of Winnipeg; grandchildren Ari, Jordy (Risa), Daniel and Jason Brumer, Jessica and Zachary Mandell, Sean and Sydney Kraut, and her great-granddaughter Sora Brumer. She was predeceased by her parents, Eva and Ben Rubin.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Chesed Shel Emes, officiated by Rabbi Stern and Rabbi Altein. Interment at Shaarey Zedek Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dr. Howard Mandell, David Kraut, Robert Brumer, Jason Brumer, Norman Mayer and Dr. Marty Vine.

Contributions can be made to the charity of one's choice. She was truly an Eshet Chayil, a Woman of Valor." Her price is far above rubies."

**In Memoriam
3rd Yahrzeit**



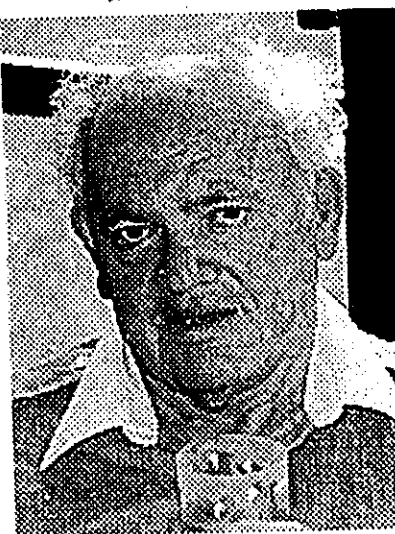
In loving memory of
HARRY OFFMAN
who passed away
January 5, 1998
10 days in Shevat
Wonderful memories
keep you forever near.
— Forever loved and
remembered by wife Esther,
children Sarah and Jack, and
grandchildren Elliot, Steven
and Raymond.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of
CLARA FANNY LEVY
who passed away
February 4, 1996
— Always remembered and
sadly missed by her children,
grandchildren, great-
grandchildren, family and
friends.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of
SAM MOSER
who passed away
January 14, 1995
13 Days in Shevat
Wishing you were here
to share a joke:
— Still warming the hearts
of your wife, children, and
grandchildren.

**In Memoriam
1st Yahrzeit**



In loving memory of
JEAN ADELMAN
who passed away
January 18, 2000
12 Days in Shevat
— Sadly missed and always
remembered by her husband
Maurice, children, grand-
children and family.

**In Memoriam
4th Yahrzeit**



In loving memory of
EVELYN ROCHELLE POLLUCK
who passed away
January 17, 1997
9 Days in Shevat
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear
Fond memories linger everyday.
Remembrance keeps you near.
— Always remembered by her
husband Max, son and
daughter-in-law Robert and
Charlotte and grandson
Joshua.

**In Memoriam
8th Yahrzeit**



In loving memory of our dear
husband, father, and
grandfather
SIMON KAGAN
who passed away
February 5, 1993
14 Days in Shevat
Deep in our hearts a memory is
kept.
To love and to cherish and
never forget.
Each of us, in our own special
way
Remember him with love every
day.
— Forever loved and sadly
missed by his wife Lenore,
children Mark, Hershel, Nikki
and Elliott and grandchildren
Mikaela and his namesake
Simon, and all the family.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of
LOUIS KOFFMAN
who passed away
January 23, 1983
9 Days in Shevat
— Ever remembered and sadly
missed by his children,
grandchildren, and great-
grandchildren.

**In Memoriam
8th Yahrzeit**



In loving memory of
ITZIE (IRVIN) VINSKY
who passed away
January 31, 1993
9 Days in Shevat
You will forever be in our
hearts. We will never forget
you. Rest in peace my darling.
— Ever remembered by your
wife Rose, son Morley,
Sharon, Debbie, Kevin and
Rory.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of
GORDON KNELLER
who passed away
January 30, 1989
24 Days in Shevat
— Ever remembered and sadly
missed by his wife Edith,
children, grandchildren and
family.

**In Memoriam
6th Yahrzeit**

In loving memory of
NORMA RITTEBERG
who passed away
January 14, 1995
13 Days in Shevat
Missed from our lives
Forever in our hearts
— Your loving children,
grandchildren and great-
grandchildren.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of
MOSES KIVES
who passed away
January 18, 1978
10 Days in Shevat
— Ever remembered and sadly
missed by his children,
grandchildren and great-
grandchildren.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of
ESTHER BARSKY
who passed away
February 2, 1993
12 Days in Shevat
— Ever remembered and sadly
missed by her loving children,
grandchildren and great-
grandchildren.

In Memoriam



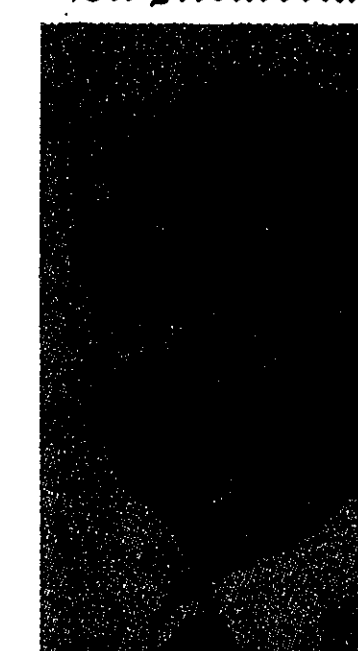
In loving memory of our dear
husband, father and
grandfather
DAVID NEPON
who passed away
January 29, 1988
10 Days in Shevat
— Sadly missed and always
remembered by his loving
wife Gert, children and
grandchildren.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of our
beloved father, grandfather
and great-grandfather
MAURICE KLEIMAN
who passed away
January 16, 1997
8 Days in Shevat
— Always remembered and
sadly missed by your family.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of our dear
father and grandfather
SAMUEL BIRKS
who passed away
January 30, 1980
13 Days in Shevat
In mind, a constant thought.
In heart, a silent sorrow.
— Always remembered and
sadly missed by his children,
grandchildren, and family.

Israeli news



Israeli Arabs want a judicial enquiry
Israeli Arabs outside the Supreme Court January 21 displaying photographs of their relatives who were killed last October in the Israeli Arab riots. Copyright: Isranet.

Families of 13 Israeli Arabs killed by security forces during last October's riots came January 21 to the Supreme Court in Jerusalem to request a judicial inquiry into the riots and punishment for those members of the security forces responsible for the shooting. At the time, when the current intifada was at its height, several of the more militant Israeli Arab groups organized violent protests in support of their Palestinian brothers. So far the government has resisted implementing a judicial review, although an official inquiry is underway to document the shootings.

ISRAELI NEWS BRIEFS

Barak: Old City must be shared
JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said Israeli and Palestinian negotiators must find a way to share administration of Jerusalem's Old City and its holy sites "so there won't be a split and divided city and there will be free access to all." Speaking January 23 before an audience of high school students, Barak said he would ensure that Jerusalem sites that are holy to Jews "will be under our sovereignty."

Barak briefs Powell on Mideast
JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak spoke by phone January 22 with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and briefed him on the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Barak's office said he outlined Israel's positions in the talks during his first contact with the newly inaugurated Bush administration.

Putin vows to press for peace
MOSCOW (JTA) - Russian President Vladimir Putin said he would work to ensure continuity in the Middle East peace process despite the change of administration in Washington and the upcoming election in Israel. Putin made the comment after meeting January 23 in Moscow with Israeli President Moshe Katsav, who said Russia's good relations with the Arab world could be used to help the peace process.

Party wants plea canceled
JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israel's Meretz Party asked the attorney general to cancel a plea bargain under which a Jewish settler was given six months community service for killing a Palestinian boy. The plea bargain was reached following a Supreme Court ruling that Nahum Korman had not intended to kill the youth.

One wounded in Gaza explosion
JERUSALEM (JTA) - An Israeli soldier was wounded in a roadside explosion in the Gaza Strip. Hamas claimed responsibility for the January 22 blast near the settlement of Netzarim. In another development, Israeli security forces neutralized two bombs discovered near the tunnel road linking Jerusalem to the Etzion bloc of settlements in the West Bank.