



## ANITA LOEB

January 28, 1929 - March 17, 2017

Anita Loeb, age 88, died on March 17, 2017. She was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 28, 1929, at the beginning of the Great Depression, to Leah and Abe Boresow. Her childhood years during the depression led to a lifelong joy to keep her basement and pantries overflowing with non-perishables so that her family would never experience hunger.

Anita attended Bancroft Elementary School, Westport Junior High and graduated from Westport High School in 1945 at the age of 16. During her high school years, along with her sister Bertha and several friends, she became part of a self-formed sorority, the Kappa Taus. These women became lifelong friends and shared each other's lives throughout the next 70 years. Anita met Walter Loeb on a triple-date and they were married on October 26, 1949. They would share 50 years together until his death in 1999.

In 1961, she began her career by creating the library at the Beth Shalom Congregation. She became a member of the National Association of Jewish Libraries and published the Loeb Relative Index to the Wiene Classification System, which is still in use in Jewish libraries today. Anita began her official work career outside the home in 1966, when she became employed at the Jewish Education Council. In 1967, she led a group of 16-year olds to Israel as the leader of the Kansas City Pilgrimage. Her career then led her to the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy. One of her proudest accomplishments during those years was the Annual Civic Service Award Dinners, to which she dedicated her many talents and efforts for the next 18 years.

After her retirement from the HBHA, she embarked on the next chapter of her life, which involved her love of genealogy. She spent 12 years researching Jewish burials in Kansas City and published her efforts in 2001. Her book, *Gone But Not Forgotten: A History of the Burials in the Jewish Cemeteries in Kansas City 1866 – 1999*, established Anita as a resource for the international Jewish community.

Anita was many things to many people, but the underlying fabric throughout her life was

her family. She participated in school activities as her daughters grew up, from being a Girl Scout Troop Leader to her involvement with PTA organizations over their school years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leah and Abe Boresow, her sisters Bertha Pener and Judy Friedlander, and her husband, Walter Loeb.

She will be lovingly remembered by her brother and sister-in-law, Don and Harriet Boresow and her daughters and sons-in-law: Fran and Roger Cunningham, Nancy and Roger Klein, Linda Beebe, and Margie and Jim Stark, in addition to her 12 grandchildren, 7 grandchildren-by-marriage and 16 great grandchildren.

The countless games of Yahtzee-for-money, the love of Mah Jong and a lifetime of meals around the table for holidays, birthdays and just “because” will be the memories she leaves behind. Her sense of humor, her intelligence and her love of family will be her legacy to her family.

Services will be held at The Louis Memorial Chapel on Sunday March 19, 2017 at 11:30am with burial to follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

The family requests that contributions in lieu of flowers be made to the Anita and Walter Loeb Fund at Congregation Beth Shalom, the Jewish War Veterans of Kansas City or Kansas City Hospice.

# Events

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**MAR 19**   **Shiva**   **07:00PM**

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**MAR 20**   **Shiva**   **07:00PM**

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**MAR 21**   **Shiva**   **07:00PM**

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# Comments

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“ There are not enough words adequate for me to write this memory. Anita, Bertha, Don Boresow and their parents Abe & Leah were friends of both my family (Rosenblooms) and Lois' family, the Kopins, since the beginning of time. Several things stand out. Lois' first piano teacher was Leah Boresow, who taught well because Lois, my late wife, became a pretty good piano player. The families were close worker / friends in our mutual Shul, Beth Shalom. Those of us who were regulars at Shabbat morning services at 94 Wornall cannot forget when the first grandchild of Abe & Leah appeared regularly at Shabbat morning, sitting just a row or two behind our family seats. I can't remember which kid of Anita's family that was, but one would think it was the 2nd coming of Moshe Rabeinu, while the infant was passed from family member to another down the row. I'm not sure how Rabbi Margolies reacted, but I'm pretty certain, he gave off that familiar scowl, as he looked toward The Boresow's Everyone who knew Anita would agree that she was the epitome of a female mench (some say "Menchess"). If she disagreed, which was not too often, she was always pleasant, didn't get angry, which was what could usually be found in most Synagogue situations. As she was doing her cemetery research, she would sometimes phone me and ask "Who was so & so in your family"? My usual response was to praise her and tell her how good she was, AND SHE WAS!! And so, for the benefit of all who might read this, Ha-makom y'neichem etchem b'toch sh'ar avelei Tziyon V'rushalayim. May G-d bring comfort to all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and the memory of Anita Loeb always be a blessing to her family and to the world.

Sincerely,  
M J Rosenbloom (aka Maynard)

**M J ROSENBLOOM** - March 31, 2017 at 03:43 PM

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“ So sorry to learn of Anita's passing. I remember living across the street from the family (80th Street). Anita was always so involved in the community. She will be missed, but her contributions live on. May her memory be for a blessing.  
Sharon Fleitman

**Sharon Fleitman** - March 23, 2017 at 01:51 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. I have such wonderful memories of your mom! Always with a huge smile and a great laugh. May her memory be a blessing to all of you.  
Janet (Kohlman) and Alan Sear

Janet Sear - March 22, 2017 at 10:39 AM

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“ Loeb Family,

So very sorry to hear of Anita's passing. What a lovely, intelligent, warm and sweet lady. May all of your wonderful memories help comfort you and may her memory be for a blessing. I will cherish all of our times together growing up.

Carla and Mickey Lieberman

Carla Lieberman - March 21, 2017 at 07:57 AM

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“ From my family to your family our condolences, thoughts and prayers. Anita was a bright shining light in my life as well as so many many others. She left a wonderful legacy of family and her gift to the community of her book "Gone But Not Forgotten: A History of the Burials in the Jewish Cemeteries in Kansas City 1866-1999". She will be missed with her openness and beautiful smile.

Love,  
Felice

Felice Shaffer - March 20, 2017 at 04:30 PM

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“ Anita was the very first neighbor to come greet me. She was so friendly and loved sharing her life with me. I have missed her from the neighborhood and I'm so glad to have known her.

Patty Scott - March 19, 2017 at 10:01 AM

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“ Linda, my heart goes out to you at this time. I am amazed to learn all the things your mother accomplished in her life. What a wonderful woman. My prayers are with you and your family at this time.

**Joyce Ghaisarnia** - March 18, 2017 at 04:00 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss of your sweet mother! What fond memories of growing up next door. Diane Ravis

**Diane Ravis** - March 18, 2017 at 09:30 AM

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“ Robert and I are so sorry for your loss. Anita will always be remembered for her contribution to the Jewish War Veterans. Robert loved working with her. Janet Bloom

**janet bloom** - March 18, 2017 at 09:29 AM

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“ I have fond memories of my Beth Shalom librarian, Mrs. Loeb, who created a warm and welcoming environment with her warm smile and gentle manner. My deep connection to Nancy and Roger since childhood also brought me into contact with this wonderful lady as well. May her memory be a blessing to all who's lives she touched. ~Jeff Mann, Buffalo Grove, IL

**Jeff Mann** - March 18, 2017 at 06:28 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to your entire family on the passing of Anita. She was such a sweet lady and was such a help to me when I first began working on the Beth Shalom Calendar.

My thoughts are with you.

Love,  
Harryette Cooperman

**Harryette Cooperman** - March 17, 2017 at 05:02 PM

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“ Dear Loeb Family: Your mother was an integral part of my Jewish education at Congregation Beth Shalom. Ever the helpful librarian and teacher: earnest and intellectually demanding. "Gone But Not Forgotten" has been my genealogical companion since it was published; I think of Anita every time I open my worn copy. May the fond memories of your mother comfort you in your mourning, and guide you in your lives. Craig Salvay

Craig Salvay - March 17, 2017 at 03:35 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Loeb family. May the memory of Mrs. Loeb be for a blessing. As the days and months pass by, may your cherished memories be a pleasant reminder of good times shared. May you be granted peace. May the Holy One comfort you until you have no more sorrow. Isaiah 51:3; Job 14:14, 15.

Sharon Elaine - March 17, 2017 at 03:26 PM

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“ Dear Family,

I send my heartfelt sympathy to you at the loss of Anita. She was a dynamic and talented woman. I will always remember her happy smile and pleasant disposition. May you have many fond memories and be comforted by the support of family and friends.

Merna Siegler

Merna Siegler - March 17, 2017 at 03:07 PM

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“ Dear Nancy, Roger and family,

So sorry to learn of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Bud Weneck

bud weneck - March 17, 2017 at 02:57 PM

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“ Dear Family,

So sorry to hear of your loss. Your mom was one special lady. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.

Rochelle Barash

Rochelle Fishman Barash - March 17, 2017 at 09:53 PM



“ Dear family-  
Deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved Anita. What a wonderful, talented, amazing person she was. I feel so fortunate to have worked with her during her years at Beth Shalom and the JEC. The picture of her that remains with me is of Anita with her big smile.  
My life was enriched by knowing and learning from her.  
May memories of many happy times bring you comfort and healing as you mourn your loss in the days and weeks ahead.

With lo loving thoughts,  
Sarah Small  
Deerfield, IL

**Sarah Small** - March 17, 2017 at 02:40 PM



“ Anita was a loving friend - whose friendship I treasured. I will miss her very much - each time I saw her or visited with her was a memorable occasion. What a talented, brilliant and creative person she was. My love to all Anita's family!  
Beryl Silberg

**Beryl Silberg** - March 17, 2017 at 05:50 PM



“ Dear Nancy, Linda and Margie, "Mrs. Loeb" was so sweet and patient with us obnoxious Sunday school students. She was kind and always made me feel like I mattered as a child and as a person, and treated all of us with respect. She was young at heart and fun to be around. She has left this world a better place for having been in it. My sincere sympathy for you loss.

**Estelle Edelbaum** - March 19, 2017 at 08:29 PM



“ I worked with Anita for many years on her books. She was an inspiration and a joy. She will be missed...  
Dr, Ron Dutro

**Rolyn Claude Dutro** - May 18, 2020 at 02:01 PM