



TZIVIA GABA

July 6, 1926 - February 19, 2015

Tzivia Gaba, 88, passed away Thursday, February 19, 2015. Funeral services will be 1:00pm Sunday, Feb. 22 at Louis Memorial Chapel, followed by burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to The Joseph and Shifra Gaba Memorial Fund at Beth Shalom Synagogue. A full obituary will be added at a later date Sunday. (Arr. LMC, 816-361-5211.)

Cemetery Events

**Mt. Carmel
Cemetery**
5529 Ditzler
Avenue
Raytown, MO,

FEB Shiva 06:30PM

22

at home of Jessica Rudnick-Kaseff and husband Barry. Please call funeral home for additional informa
KS, US

FEB Shiva 06:30PM

23

at home of Jessica Rudnick-Kaseff and husband Barry. Please call funeral home for additional informa
KS, US

FEB Shiva 06:30PM

24

The Atriums, 7300 W. 107th St, Overland Park, KS 66212
KS, US

Comments



“ My memories of Mrs Gaba come from her classes at UMKC. I was an "adult learner" and a Christian pastor whom she welcomed and educated in so many ways. My wife and I were privileged to be invited to a Seder at her home which was only one of the ways in which she deepened my appreciation of Judaism. The Hebrew that I can use, mostly in prayers, some in study, is completely a gift from God through her. Blessed memory indeed.
Ed Stevenson

Ed Stevenson - November 07, 2015 at 10:37 PM



“ Tzivia and Joe were an inspiration to everyone who knew them, and Tzivia was not only a friend of my mother, Rose Levine, and our family, but was also a cherished friend and my revered colleague at UMKC. She was a wonderful teacher and mentor and was like a mother to so many of our students. Her love of Judaism was infectious, and she played such a vital role in the success of the Judaic Studies program in those years. I will also always remember the "bubbele" or "shayna punim" that she greeted our children with, her lovely smile, warmth, grace, strength and fortitude. Tibor and I loved Tzivia and will always cherish her memory. Carla Klausner

carla klausner - March 05, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ It was my distinct blessing to have Tzivia as my instructor at UMKC. We established a special bond as my husband was a general surgeon in Independence and naturally talk turned to your pursuit of medicine. Tzivia joined my classmates when I invited them for dinner. Later she invited my family for a meal at their condo. What a delightful person she was. My entire family enjoyed her and Joe. May sweet memories fill your heart in the days ahead. Tzivia will bring back wonderful memories of our association. Carol Turner

Carol Turner - March 03, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ Tzivia has a very special place in my heart. I knew Tzivia my entire life and she was one of my mother's dearest friends. When they started playing Mah Jong again in their 80's, they told me they had started playing 60 years before. They went to shul together for years. Tzivia made everyone she came in contact with, feel like they were the only person in the room. My memories of Tzivia will be cherished forever. I will miss stopping by to see her when I come to KC. She was truly a gift to the Jewish community and a friend to so many. She defined the word mensch. May her memory be a blessing.

Judy Belzer-Weitzman

Judy Belzer-Weitzman - February 24, 2015 at 05:31 AM



“ The friendship that began during our few years in KC and continued to evolve for many years has now, sadly, ended. The Bromberg family shares many memories of Joe and Tzivia, as do so many of their admirers, friends and students. May these memories keep them alive to us all.

Johanna Bromberg, Naomi, Efrem and Hillel

Johanna Bromberg - February 23, 2015 at 10:51 PM



“ Tzivia was my teacher for 3rd and 4th grade and became a life-long mentor. She encouraged me to attend Camp Ramah. She taught me Hebrew and later Yiddish. She befriended my mother, Edith, when she became a widow and even attended our daughter Aviva's bat mitzvah. More than any other teacher, she is probably responsible for my choosing to become a rabbi (for years I wanted to grow up to teach Hebrew School, just like Tzivia). I miss her smile and her laugh; I am inspired by her life-long resilience. May her memory bring blessing to the entire KC Jewish community, to her family and friends. My condolences to Duvvy, Deanna and your family.

Rabbi Barbara Penzner - February 23, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ Mrs. Gaba – even 50 years later I can’t call her Tzivia – was my Hebrew School teacher for three years. She taught us so much – and made sure that we learned! Mrs. Gaba was very tough and very quick to smile and make us laugh. Mrs. Gaba’s passion for the Hebrew language and her love for all things Jewish made a life-long impression on me. She LOVED to teach! It was in her class and during my first real Shabbat experience – she and Joe took our entire class away to Unity Village! – that an inner Jewish spark was ignited. Thank you Mrs. Gaba. May her soul be bound up in the bond of life. Rabbi Larry Sebert, NYC

Larry Sebert - February 23, 2015 at 03:27 PM



“ Tzivia was a close friend of my mother-in-law, Mirah Rostov. I enjoyed driving them to events later in their lives. Tzivia was such a bright and thoughtful person who was fully engaged in life, politics, and Jewish education; a wise and wonderful friend.

Sue McCord-Belzer - February 23, 2015 at 02:52 PM



“ I am one of Tzivia's many students. She was strict and fair, but more than anything, you could tell how much she enjoyed teaching--and you WERE going to learn. And to me, this made her one of the best religious school teachers, if not THE best, that I ever had. But there's more ... My family lived overseas for a year--the year I would have studied to become a Bar Mitzvah, and the plan was for me to chant my Haftorah at the Western Wall. Tzivia chanted B'ha'alotecha onto a cassette tape, which I played dozens of times. Before each time, I listened to her admonishment, which she recorded at the beginning of the tape: "You'll get out of it what you put into it." I can still hear it in her voice, even though it's been four decades since I learned my Haftorah; and as I hear her now, I know not only that it's true, but that these were words that she lived by.

Mark Katz - February 23, 2015 at 11:41 AM



“ What an outstanding person she was.
I will always remember the time I spent with her and Joe during my United Way Days. They were kind, caring and such a loving couple. May both their memories be a true blessing.
Fondly, Debra Rogozenski Goldstein and Family

Debra Goldstein - February 23, 2015 at 07:21 AM



“ Have wonderful memories of Passover seders and other chagim celebrations with Tzivia and Joe when I lived in KC. A truly wonderful and warm person. When she visited me in NYC some years ago, she made the connection for me with my synagogue here -- truly a gift. May her memory be for a blessing.

Louise Sherby

Louise Sherby - February 22, 2015 at 11:49 PM



“ Tzivia was such an important part of our family's life from the time we were very young children, through Hebrew School and beyond. She and Joe had a great capacity for friendship and were genuinely interested in others. She was a source of great encouragement to my mother, Lilian Kranitz, when she went to college and then got her master's in Judaic Studies at UMKC. I will miss her warmth, and will especially miss her big hug, smile, and standard greeting, "How are you, shayna punim?" On behalf of the entire Sanders family, I offer condolences to David and other loving family and friends. May her memory be a blessing for us all.
Paula Sanders

Paula Sanders - February 22, 2015 at 06:09 PM



“ I have known Tzivia most of my life and have always been so fond of her. She was warm and welcoming and always had a smile and a hug. Many memories rush through me at this sad time...Shifra's tragic death, rooming with her beloved mother-in-law when my pilgrimage stayed in New York, sitting in her Yiddish class and just seeing her. She was a wonderful woman and will be sadly missed. May her memory be for a blessing.

Annette (Goldenberg) Haynes

Annette (Goldenberg) Haynes - February 22, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ Tom and I had the pleasure of sharing Tzivia's Passover Seder for many years while she was able to host it and it was always the highlight of the year. A service that was FORCED to end at midnight, great food, frog masks, noise makers and a thorough Jewish education! She was also instrumental in getting Tom and I married in a perfect ceremony, tailored to our individual needs. Rest in peace Tzivia with your beloved Joe. We are sad that we're unable to return to Kansas City from Tucson in time for the funeral... but our hearts will be there.

Anne (Silvers) and Tom Gill

Anne (Silvers) and Tom Gill - February 22, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ It was our pleasure and privilege to have known Tzivia over a quarter of a century as a dear friend. She was also a cherished colleague in the Judaic Studies Program of UMKC. Her loss is felt not only by her family but by the countless UMKC students and members of the community who studied Hebrew and Yiddish under her gifted guidance. May her memory ever be a blessing to all of us.

Drs. Joseph P. and Bella E. Schultz

Rabbi Joseph Schultz - February 22, 2015 at 08:39 AM



“ Tzvia was my teacher for my first three years of Hebrew School, my Bar Mitzvah teacher, the dearest of family friends, and a mentor throughout my life. It is more than just coincidence to me that I received the news of Tzvia's death as I was out of town at a family Bat Mitzvah; wherein the Bat Mitzvah was chanting the same Haftorah taught to me by Tzvia 44 years ago.

While I am pained that I will not be able to get back home in time for Tzvia's funeral, I am comforted by thoughts of Pesach Seders with Tzvia, Joe and Duvvy (arguing points of the Seder late into the night), our Hebrew School class Shabbatons at Unity Village, and celebrating Chaggim at Tzvia's home. Later in life I had the honor of teaching my teacher at monthly Atriums Torah study. (Truth be told, it was one of the more intimidating and humbling experiences of my life.)

Tzvia taught me (and so many others) to love Judaism, and to love Israel. It is no understatement to say that, all I am as a Jew I owe to Tzvia. I will continue to carry the lessons she taught me through the rest of my life.

Rabbi Doug Alpert

Rabbi Doug Alpert - February 22, 2015 at 08:23 AM



“ I remember meeting Mrs. Gaba, as we referred to her, when we would be visiting my grandma Dorothy Chapman. She was an wonderful neighbor and good friend of my grandmothers. I loved running into her when I was in town visiting family. I remember her as smart, kind, funny and always with a good word to say.

I'm deeply sorry for your loss..our loss.

Whitney Chapman

Whitney - February 21, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ She loved everyone and always had a hug. I feel like I knew her all my life. I roomed with her mother-in-law when we went on the pilgrimage to Israel. I was teaching Sunday School when we learned of Shjfra's tragic death. I took a Yiddish class from her. She was a wonderful lady and the community will miss her. May she rest in peace. Annette Goldenberg Haynes

Annette Goldenberg Haynes - February 22, 2015 at 10:45 AM



“ Trivia was a kind and gracious person--incomparable. A fantastic educator and a loving and proud Jew. These only begin to describe Tzivia. May her memory be for a blessing.

Linda & Alan Cohen

Rabbi Alan Cohen - February 21, 2015 at 08:23 PM



“ My parents, Tzivia and Joe, Shifra, Duvvy and I go way back to our early childhood. Tzivia has always held a special place in my heart. What a wonderful, lady, role model and teacher. Rest in peace.

Carla(Cohen)Lieberman

Carla Lieberman - February 21, 2015 at 04:51 PM



“ Mrs. Gaba was a truly remarkable and outstanding person. She made you think, helped me to be a better person and was so very caring. I have wonderful memories of camping trips with our families, riding to and from Hebrew School with her when I was a child. She helped each of my children with their Bat/Bar Mitzvahs and helped them to understand Judaism. She truly is an inspiration to all of us on how to be a better person in all of life. She will be missed. Rest in Peace, Mrs. Gaba. With all my love, Margie

Margie Stark - February 21, 2015 at 03:51 PM



“ Tzivia was my Bat Mitzvah tutor. She was loving and encouraging and I have fond memories of our afternoons together. She will be missed.

Esther Fishman - February 21, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ Our community has lost a wonderful educator and friend. May she rest in peace.
Michael S. Myer

michael myer - February 20, 2015 at 10:02 PM



“ What a legacy Trivia leaves for all. Age with Grace and share your wisdom but never be too old to learn. She will truly be missed but what a privilege to have known her.

Felicia & Seymour Weiner - February 20, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ Tzivia was a true role model and master teacher. She will be missed by all those she touched.

Linda and Les Cohn

Linda Cohn - February 20, 2015 at 04:11 PM



“ Tzivia was one of the most lovely ladies I ever met. Her smile was as warm as her heart. May her memory be for a blessing.

Marlene Krakow

Marlene Krakow - February 20, 2015 at 03:43 PM



“ Dear Duvvy and Deanna,
There are really no words to describe how much your mother meant to my family and our entire Jewish community She and Joe directed Sanford and me to Ramah to visit our boys one summer. A superb Hebrew school teacher for Danny and me and a wonderful friend to Arnold and me and our blended family.

All of whom join me in deepest sympathy,
Robin, Kent, Debbi, Neil and Danny,
Patsy

Patsy Dunn Shanberg - February 20, 2015 at 03:40 PM



“ Tzivia was a wonderful person and a wonderful teacher and we're grateful for all that she did for our family.

Irma and Jack Katz

Irma and Jack Katz - February 20, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“ Tzivia was a beautiful person. I have known her for over 50 years I remember her at Shabbat services at 95th street. May her name be of a blessing.
Joan March

Joan Marc - February 20, 2015 at 02:13 PM



“ The bond between Tzivia and her teenage charges on that first Beth Shalom pilgrimage remained strong throughout the years. I will miss seeing her when I next come to visit at the Atrium. Tzivia was a beloved mentor and friend. My condolences to David and family.

Judy Bisman

Judy Bisman - February 20, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ Tzivia Gaba she was a big part in my life and my family life she help my Girls get read you that Batmitza (Jana) she was a great person would give you the shirt off her back if you need it not sure if I can put it in to words I will miss here a lot



Michael Silverman - February 20, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ What an outstanding person and old friend! A wonderful teacher of children and adults!
Blanche and Neil Sosland

Blanche and Neil Sosland - February 20, 2015 at 12:30 PM