



Michael Gleiberman

August 30, 2020

Michael Gleiberman, 93, of Lancaster, PA, died in his sleep on Sunday, August 30, 2020 at his home in Delray Beach, FL. Michael was born in Pinsk, Poland, which was later annexed as part of Belarus. He was the son of the late Baruch and Frieda Bakaltschuk Gleiberman. He was married to Carol Albaum Gleiberman for 56 years.

As a child, Michael and his immediate family were deported from their home in Pinsk to Kazakhstan by the Soviet government. Weeks later, Pinsk was overrun by the Nazis and the remaining Jewish population there was eradicated. His family lived out the war exiled in Siberia, where he graduated valedictorian from a Russian high school. Following the war, Michael escaped to West Berlin with his older sister and lived in the Schlactensee Displaced Persons (DP) Camp. There he studied at the Technical Institute of Berlin, taught math in the camp, and ultimately was given the opportunity to come to America.

In 1951, Michael arrived alone in the United States, sponsored by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. His first job was as a factory worker in Milwaukee, WI, before he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps. Following his military service, he began his career in the hotel business in Wisconsin. Michael worked his way up in the industry, and eventually found himself managing the Chelsea Hotel on the boardwalk in Atlantic City, NJ. Because of his success

there, he was recruited to open and manage the Host Town in Lancaster, PA. There, he met his wife, Carol, at the Host's cabana club after being introduced by Carol's mother. As his career advanced, Michael helped to develop two other Host properties along Route 30, the Host Farm and the Host Corral. These hotels were later sold to Westinghouse, and thereafter Michael purchased the Penn Ram Hotel. Once established, he renamed the hotel the Continental Inn, which he then ran for over 40 years before selling the hotel to Dutch Wonderland in 2018.

As a Holocaust survivor, Michael considered it his duty to educate people about the Holocaust so the atrocities that happened during World War II would not be forgotten. Even into his early nineties, he made regular visits to local schools to share his story with students.

Michael was a member of Temple Beth El and the Temple Beth El Men's Club, the Lancaster Jewish Community Center, and B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, FL.

Michael is survived by his beloved wife, Carol; his children, Susan Gold, wife of Andrew, Stamford, CT, Melissa Teller, Los Angeles, CA, and Rodney Gleiberman, husband of Alyson, Lancaster, PA; and 5 grandchildren, Sarah, Will, and Charlotte Gold, and Annie and Cassidy Gleiberman; and his brother, Manny Gleiberman, Los Angeles, CA. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Hinda Koenigsberg and Cypora Biegun.

A private family service will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at Temple Beth El with interment to follow in the Temple Beth El Cemetery, Lititz, PA. The family wishes to include everyone and will make available a live webcast of the service starting at 1:30 p.m. that can be found at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/49885246>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Michael's name to Temple Beth El, 1836 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 or Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces (FIDF).

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Gleiberman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - November 19, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *My condolences to Carol and the family. I am grateful that I came to know Michael (and Carol) through his story as a survivor of the Holocaust. He was an intelligent, family man with an amazing sense of humor. He will be greatly missed but his stories and spirit will live on forever.*

Melissa Landis

Melissa Landis - September 19, 2020 at 06:53 AM

PH

“ Our deepest condolences to Carol, Susie, Missy and Rodney on Mike's passing. Mike's humor and intelligence was always a great and grateful experience when being around him. His lifelong support of his Familys involvement in education and tennis was always a sparkle in his eye during our chats. A Wonderful Man this world has lost. Paul and Kathy Harclerode

Paul Harclerode - September 02, 2020 at 10:34 PM

JS

“ Dear Carol...Maria and I extend to you our deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, Michael! We will miss his unfailing smile and hearty wave, whenever we saw each other from our respective driveways! Please let us know how we may be of support to you; call us at any time! Sincerely yours, John & Maria Skabo

John J. Skabo - September 02, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ Michael you were family to me, I always admired you and considered you a gentlemen. I will miss you, it was a honor to know you and be related to you.
May you rest in peace. We will always miss you and think of you.

Sonia Stern Bakalchuk.

Sonia Bakalchuk-Stern - September 02, 2020 at 12:43 PM

DA

“ Michael was a dear, dear friend of my father. They met in Berlin after the war. Despite the horror they had escaped they both loved life, loved laughter and loved their families. Michael was a dear friend to my father and like family to me. No simcha without the Gleiberman family. Carol and Michael danced at my Bar Mitzwah, came to my graduation and celebrated at my wedding. To me Michael was a connection to my father, who passed very early. I hope there is life after death – they will have joyful reunion. He will stay always in my heart, forever singing the Horah at my wedding. Love and hugs from Daniel and the whole Cukierman mischpacha



Daniel - September 02, 2020 at 04:50 AM

NA

“ What a loss of a great gentleman who always did the right thing for his community and family. Our hearts go out to you Carol and all your family.
Norm and Joanne Axelrod

Norman and Joanne Axelrod - September 01, 2020 at 04:26 PM

AK

“ Dear uncle Mike,
You had such an amazing life. You were 93 and lived a long life, Yet i am so heartbroken by your loss.
It's so hard to comprehend that you are not here anymore.
Everytime you came to israel it was so special. You always made sure everyone was happy and made everybody laugh.
You always made sure that my english was good and everytime you came to israel you spoke english only with me even though your hebrew was great.
I remember last time i saw you was 2 years ago At amir's wedding. Everyone was so glad to see you and you were very happy and excited aswell. It's such a pity that it was the last time cause I wanted to come the the US to see you and everyone else but COVID 19 had other plans.
Uncle mike, you were a rare man. You had such a great sence of humour, you were so intellegent. You were just something else...
We miss you so much already.
You may have gone, but you will always be in our hearts forever.
Rest in peace Mike.
We were all blessed to have known you.
Carol, Rodney, Susie, Melissa and all the kids, we send our condolences. All of you are in our hearts and mind.
love,
Asaf, Shmuel, Idit, Limor, Amir, Amit and Smadar.

Asaf Koenigsberg - September 01, 2020 at 03:50 PM

LB

“ Michael was a great man, truly -- brave, life-loving, and generous. He always made us smile. There was NO ONE like him. Who can fill his place in this world? Baruch hashem, he was with us for 93 years, and we were blessed to know him. -- Sending love and consolations, Lynn and Christopher Brooks

Lynn Brooks - September 01, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ *It is so sad to say goodbye to such a dear man! We will all miss his wisdom and wit.*

The High holidays will not be the same without Michael sitting behind Alan and I.

Alan and Deena Hertz

Deena Hertz - September 01, 2020 at 11:19 AM

MM

“ *It is truly a sad day for all of us. However, we derive a sense of comfort for having known Mike all these years and honored to call him his friend.*

He was a fierce advocate and supporter for all these Jewish--Klal Yisrael. His impact on our community and worldwide will be everlasting.

We will always remember his stories of his experiences during the Shoah; his keen intellect and amazing gift for languages; his generosity and sense of humor; his reading of Torah at TBE, especially during the High Holidays--this and much more will be missed.

May his memory be for a blessing

Bob and Michele Matlin

Michele and Bob Matlin - September 01, 2020 at 10:11 AM

RS

“ Dear uncle Mike.

It's hard to believe you've disappeared from our world, my beloved uncle. You were the center of the family, you had the talent to be the glue that connects everyone in our family, in Israel and abroad. You always made sure that the family in Israel would be okay, from small things to large. To illustrate how difficult it was in the country in its beginning, you used to tell how you picked me up from kindergarten, and on the way home you wanted to buy me an apple, and I told you "but Uncle Mike I'm not sick" ... no one could afford buying an apple, and only sick people got it.

In the fifties, no one had a refrigerator, something that seems trivial today, you bought for Grandma, Mom and Cypora a refrigerator. You sent us through UN Care Packages with all the goodies, even chocolate.

These are just few examples of the goodies that you gave us. You kept wanting to give more and more to your family that you were so attached to.

When you came to visit Israel, we would be so excited - "Our uncle is coming from America". So much light and joy you brought with you and the scent of America.

A rare man, smart, intelligent, with a great sense of humor, good hearted and a big Zionist.

It is so sad that we will not see you again. We will miss you so much. Thank you for all the years you have been with us and for us. Your spirit will be with us all the time.

Your niece Rella, Heled, Shachar, Alicia, Shir, Roee, Sapir and Dan.

Rella Schwadron - September 01, 2020 at 07:40 AM

FS

“ To Carol and family,

I remember Mike so well. He was a great person to work for. He treated everyone with respect. I never realized what he went through as a child and growing up. My condolences to everyone.

Fran Lombardo Spangler - September 01, 2020 at 07:14 AM