



Murray Ebner

September 20, 1928 - November 8, 2015

Murray Ebner, age 87, passed away on November 8, 2015 born Moinyak "Moishe" Ebner on September 20, 1928 in Wischniz Nowy, Poland. He is preceded in death by his parents, Herschel Tzvi and Feigel Ebner; brothers, Avrom, Zeisha and Nuta Ebner, who all perished in the Holocaust; brothers-in-law, Alvin Ruben and Bernard Ruben, sister-in-law Ethel Ruben. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sylvia Ebner; daughters, Lisa and Cynthia; son, Mark (Nicole); grandchildren, Gayle, Aaron and Jared Rosen and Zachary, Julian and Sabrina Ebner; in-laws Sol Ruben of Pittsburgh, and Fay Ruben, Florine Ruben and cousin, Stanley Maybruck and family. Murray was the sole survivor of his family. He survived four years of Nazi enslavement by working in four different sub-camps of Auschwitz from age 13 to 17. In the spring of 1945, he was forced on a death march out of Birkenau. After hiding in a barn he was able to escape the Nazis along with three others from a group of about 150. Murray emigrated to the United States in 1947, where he would eventually live with distant relatives in Springfield, OH. On Murray's 22nd birthday he was drafted into the US Army for the Korean Conflict, where he served for 2 years in Germany protecting the Germans from the Russians. Murray began Ebner Properties, a real estate management and development company in 1970. He devoted much of his time to his family and many philanthropic endeavors where he has received many awards and accolades, some of which include: serving 2 terms as President of Congregation Agudas Achim, President, VP and Treasurer of Wexner Heritage Village, on the Boards of Columbus Torah Academy, ADL Regional Board, Columbus Jewish Historical Society and the CMHA Ad-Hoc Committee, member of Congregation Torat Emet, Congregation Beth Jacob and Congregation Ahavas Sholom. He helped establish the Ebner Family Foundation for Jewish Family Service and Ebner-Ruben Wing at Wexner Heritage House. He developed an Emmy award winning documentary "A Survivor's Journey" and wrote a biography "Chosen for Reason's Unknown, A Holocaust Survivor's Journey." Murray felt it was "his responsibility to bear witness. This is why G-d saved me." Murray spoke to thousands of high school students throughout central Ohio throughout the past couple of decades. He was always positive, smiling and endearing; he will truly be missed. Family extends their deep appreciation to Bobby Weiss for all his help, care and concern and to Minerva Lassie and her staff for their excellent care.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 9 at Congregation Torat Emet, 2375 E. Main St. with Rabbi Howard Zack officiating. Burial will follow at the New Agudas Achim Cemetery. Shiva will be observed during the week of November 9th at 68 Preston Rd. Columbus, Ohio at the following times: Monday through Thursday 8-10 a.m and 4-7 p.m. Friday 8-10 a.m and Saturday 7:30-9:30 p.m. Shiva will conclude following morning services on Sunday at 8 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Columbus Torah Academy, 181 Noe Bixby Rd., Columbus 43213 and the Holocaust Education Fund at the Columbus Jewish Foundation in his memory. A copy of his biography "Chosen for Reasons Unknown" can be purchased online at Amazon.com.

Cemetery

Events

New Agudas Achim Cemetery	NOV	Funeral Service	01:00PM
2565 Performance Parkway	9	<div>Congregation Torat Emet</div> <div>2375 E. Main Street, Columbus, OH, US, 43209</div>	
Columbus, OH,			

Comments



“ Bless YOU and ALL who served in Korea. Thank YOU for your service, Murray also what YOU went through during WWII..... And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - November 10, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ Dear Sylvia, Mark, Cindy, Lisa, and family,

We were so saddened to hear of Murray's passing. Our heartfelt condolences and love are with all of you during this difficult time. Murray will always be greatly remembered for all his wonderful good deeds and the love he had for his family! He had a truly amazing life!

Phil and Linda Blumenthal
Cleveland, Ohio

Phil and Linda Blumenthal - November 09, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ Knowing Murray and his family has been a blessing to our family. We consider ourselves honored to be related to such an amazing man. He brought unexpected kindness, love and generosity to my parents Ruth and Leonard Werber in Springfield during their later years. Words cannot express the feelings of love and admiration we will always have in our hearts for the simple yet incredible Murray Ebner.

Carole, John, Andy, and Michael Murdock
The Colorado Cousins

Carole Murdock - November 09, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ Oh, what sad news from the Ebner family today...Murray was the epitome of a "mentsch". He suffered through great tragedies, experienced excruciating losses and yet never lost his good humor and his happy demeanor. He felt that he was spared by the Almighty not to dwell on the past but to look forward. He lived his life as he preached, always with a cheerful countenance and with charity to all. He was devoted to his lifelong love, Sylvia, and took great pride in his wonderful family. My years in Columbus were brighter because of Murray and his friendship. He will sorely be missed. "Jehi zichro baruch", May his memory be blessed forever.
Rabbi Michael (Moshe) Dick

Michael Dick - November 09, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ To the entire Ebner family
Marjie and I are saddened to see the passing of Murray. He was an icon, a philanthropist; a very committed member of the Columbus and broader community. Our thoughts are with you

Marjie & Jeff Coopersmith

Jeff Coopersmith - November 09, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ I lived in one of his apartment buildings for 28 years. I remember his smiling face and caring heart. My sympathy to his entire family

Mardi M

Mardi Morantz - November 09, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ I had the privilege of interviewing Murray for an article in "The Ohio Jewish Chronicle" several years ago. He was warm and generous with information about his experiences during and after the Holocaust, his story resonating with the rallying cry of "Never forget - never again!" He was a thoughtful and kindhearted man whose memory truly is a blessing. May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



Kriss Galloway - November 09, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ Mark, Nicole and Family:

We are truly sorry for the loss of your father. He was a great man and a shining light in this world. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you.

Love,
Dave & Vicky Schulte

Vicky Schulte - November 09, 2015 at 09:37 AM



“ I'm heavy of heart today as I've learned of the death of one of the most remarkable people I've ever known, Murray Ebner. Murray was a Holocaust survivor, but more than that he was someone who told his story with honesty and conviction; he was impossibly strong. Although I first got to know Mr. Ebner when he was a customer at my bank, it often felt like I couldn't go anywhere in Bexley without seeing him, always with the same mischievous smile, full of compliments. Mr. Ebner was a fixture not only to the Bexley community which he so obviously loved, but to those who refuse to forget the Shoah as his words and story rang through the book and film about his life as well as his own testimony, which he offered openly and readily.

Mr. Ebner was an amazing person and someone who I always was happy to see. I can remember commenting time and time again to friends, coworkers, my parents "how can someone who has gone through what he has smile so much?". I grew to understand that that was just who Mr. Ebner was and I grew to admire and respect that about him. As someone who has survived both the Agudas Achim and Hillel communities, I can say with certainty that Mr. Ebner was a vital part of what it meant to remember and more still, survive and flourish.

When I told Mr. Ebner I would be leaving the bank to move across the country for graduate school back in 2012, he picked up my hand, squeezed it, and wished me luck even though, according to him, I didn't need it. I have looked back to that interaction so many times since I began my Ph.D program. Words cannot express the sorrow I feel for the loss and the loss of his family. He will forever be in the thoughts of the many who loved him, learned from him, and respected him.

-Abigail McLaughlin Robertson

Abigail McLaughlin Robertson - November 09, 2015 at 08:56 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Ebner, Mark, Cindy and Lisa and family:

The world was a better place for Murray's being here to guide us on how to live after loss. He never had a bad word to say about anyone and he was a great mentor.

He will be missed immensely. That he cherished all of you-- his beloved family is an understatement.

Sincerely,

Susan and Harvey Wasserman and family.

Susan Wasserman - November 09, 2015 at 08:34 AM



“ Mark, Cindy, and the rest of the Ebner family:

My condolences to you on your father's passing. May you find comfort in your memories of him, and may his memory be a blessing. His legacy lives on.

~~~ Jeni Harris Hirschorn

**Jeni Harris-Hirschorn** - November 09, 2015 at 12:05 AM

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“ A good man died today. Murray Ebner, a holocaust survivor, spent his life sharing his experience with generations of people in Columbus and around the country so that we would never forget.

Holocaust deniers fall into one of two categories: Ignorant or evil.

To spend one's life reliving and retelling the memories that many would try to escape and forget takes strength and courage that many may aspire to, but few will achieve. A true mitzvah.

My condolences go out to Mr. Ebner's family and friends.



**James Gottliebson** - November 08, 2015 at 11:09 PM

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“ What a great loss for the Columbus Jewish Community and the whole world. A truly charitable, gracious and humble man. He will sorely be missed. May his family be comforted among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem. Tari and Stuart Modes

**Tari & Stuart Modes** - November 08, 2015 at 05:59 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Ebner's family and many friends. The summer of 1987 after selling our home we purchased a lot to build our dream home that was being built by Mr. Ebner's then son-in-law. However, when we attempted to secure a loan to cover the additional amount needed to build our new home we found no bank or loan company would us provide one. Mr. Ebner graciously offered to provide us with just a signature loan for the amount we needed. With out a doubt without his help we would have never been able to build, and still live in, the home we have today. This world has truly lost a very special person.

Joe & Hart Fetsko

**Joseph R. Fetsko Jr.** - November 09, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ Mark,

My condolences on the loss of your dad. I met him with you at a closing several years ago and then proceeded to read his remarkable book. I'm glad I met him! All the best to you and yours!

Dennis Morrison

**Dennis Morrison** - November 09, 2015 at 07:18 PM



“ Lisa,

My sincere condolences to you, your mother, siblings, children and extended family. May your father's memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him and may you find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Carla Harris-Springer

**Carla Springer** - November 09, 2015 at 08:18 PM



“ Dear Sylvia, Lisa, Mark, Cindy and Family,

As I recall the family history, my mother's grandfather and Murray's grandfather were brothers; and it was my grandmother Dora Ebner Klein and her brothers, Lou and Martin Ebner, who arranged Murray's arrival in Springfield, Ohio, after the war. My parents were, and I continue to feel, so proud to be related to Murray -- and to all of you who've done so much to sustain the Jewish community in Columbus. I know your other Ebner-related cousins join me in sending our deepest sympathy to you all. Murray was a courageous, lovely man, and he will be sorely missed.

Susan Gottlieb

**Susan** - November 13, 2015 at 08:51 AM