

GERSHON NACHMAN MANDELKER



On Wednesday, June 5, 2024, beloved husband of the late Ester Stock Mandelker. Loving father of Eiran Moshe Mandelker and Sigal Pearl Mandelker. Doting Saba (grandfather) of granddaughters. Gershon was born in Mlyniv, Poland in 1936. During World War II, Gershon and his father survived the Holocaust by hiding underground, in the woods, and in haystacks. His mother sadly was killed in the

Holocaust, as was most of his extended family. After the war, Gershon lived in displaced persons camps until he got to Israel in 1948. Education meant everything to his father and to Gershon (a value he would pass on to his children). Gershon went on to receive his bachelor's degree at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he met his beautiful late wife Ester. Gershon, Ester and their son Eiran left Israel in 1969 so that Gershon could go to the University of Chicago for his MBA and PhD. At Chicago, Gershon wrote a seminal paper, Risk and Return: The Case of Merging Firms. While in Chicago, Gershon's daughter Sigal was born. After graduating from the University of Chicago, Gershon and his family moved to Pittsburgh. He first taught at Carnegie Mellon University and then at the University of Pittsburgh Katz Graduate School of Business, where he became the Katz Alumni Chair Professor of Finance and Business Administration and built the Finance Department. He was a wonderful colleague and friend and proud teacher and mentor to many MBA and PhD students. He was also an early member of Dor Hadash, where he served as Treasurer for many years. He was an extraordinarily devoted and kind husband, father, and grandfather. His family meant everything to him. Graveside Services and Interment will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 1 PM at the Homewood Cemetery Dor Hadash Star of David Section. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gershon Mandelker's memory to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, <https://donate.ushmm.org/a/mandelker>. Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**

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