



JUDGE HOWARD SPITZ

October 28, 2021

Judge Howard Spitz age 94 of Boynton Beach, FL passed away on October 28th. Beloved husband of Evelyn Appel Spitz for 31 years; Loving father of Cliff (Diane) Spitz, Leslie Geneen, Debra (Kara) Kirkley; Beloved Step-father of Gary Appel, Roy (Pam Gardner) Appel, and Nancy (Ran Malool) Appel; Cherished grandfather of Leah Spitz, Daniel (Sara) Silver, Max Spitz, Carly Geneen, Bruce Appel, Natalie Appel, David Appel, and Reagan Appel; Adored great grandfather of Ethan and Noah Silver; Dear brother of Sylvia Pardes and the late Morty Spitz survived by his wife Ellie Spitz.

Judge Spitz began life in The Bronx, NY where he went to school at PS 70 and Taft High School. At the age of 17 he enlisted and began serving his country in the US Army Engineers and saw combat in the Battle of Okinawa (the last battle of WWII) off the coast of Japan in 1944 - 1945. Upon return to the US, he attended and graduated from City College of NY and then received his Juris Doctorate from Brooklyn College of Law in 1951.

He began his career in private practice with two other partners and practiced law for 30 years. During this period he was also very active in Westchester County, NY creating large scale events like Youth Day, a day to honor the youth like we honor mother's and father's, and Operation Narc-out, an educational campaign to reduce drug use and abuse amongst our youth. He also gave much of his time to B'nai B'rith and Veterans organizations.

Judge Spitz then served as Town Attorney for the Town of Eastchester, NY and a few years later, it's Police Commissioner. At the age of 60, he was elected Family Court Judge of Westchester County serving New Rochelle, White Plains, and Yonkers, NY for a ten year term.

Judge Spitz was a well respected jurist who was responsible for opening the Family Courts to the public by decreeing "Justice cannot prevail under a veil of secrecy or behind doors that do not open....darkness must give way to light".

Subsequently after his term expired he worked for another 15 years in a contractual capacity as a Family Court Judge in Westchester County.

His interests over the years included jurisprudence and the law, his community, softball, bowling, golf, detective novels, history books

the NY Yankees, and meeting up with his friends and family at Mulino's, Ciao's, and Duffy's and during the holidays in NYC and Atlantic City. He also enjoyed traveling with Evelyn and friends throughout the years around the world. He cherished all his friends as well as his loving family and he is missed by all who knew him.

In 2012 he retired to Boynton Beach Florida.

Chapel Service 11 am Monday, November 8, 2021 at Beth Israel Memorial Chapel, 11115 Jog Road, Boynton Beach, Florida 33437. Interment will take place at South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, Florida.

Registration and streaming access to the Service can be found here at <https://www.bethisraelchapel.com/m/obituaries/Howard-Spitz/MemorialMedias>

Donations may be made to the Jewish Broadcasting Services <https://www.jbstv.org> or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital <https://www.stjude.org>

Cemetery

South Florida National Cemetery

6501 State Road 7
Lake Worth, FL, 33449

Events

NOV 8 **Chapel Service** 11:00AM

Beth Israel Boynton Beach Chapel
11115 Jog Road, Boynton Beach, FL, US,
33437

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Beth Israel Memorial Chapel - November 01, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ A true individual, brilliant legal mind, caring father, grandfather and husband, a friend in every sense of the world who I was proud to have as my father in law.

larry geneen - November 08, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Dearest Family & Caring Others,

As the sister of 2 older brothers, my happiest childhood memory is of the times spent with them, when we "practiced" the glorious themes from 2 of my favorite symphonies. Till this day, I still get teary-eyed listening to D'vorjak's, "New World Symphony" (Going Home), & Tchaikovsky's, "5th". Somewhere in my photo album collection I have a picture of me at the piano, encircled by 2 handsome, teen-age boys, playing the violin. I often wondered if the neighbors appreciated the music of the trio coming from apt. 2H, on Eastburn Ave. as much as my parents did (Somewhere in my messy piles of music I still have the yellowed violin & piano parts). Those of us who were privileged to play an instrument, & perform in group ensembles or orchestras know the joy of performing together.

I'm grateful to my parents, OBM, for their good judgement in encouraging us to take music lessons during the formative years. Their memories are blessings, & I pray that the memories of Hy & Mickey will be as well, for the entire Spitz family. Rest in peace, dearest Hy, Mickey, Mom & Dad - I love you forever!

Sylvia Spitz Pardes

AKA Mom, Grandma, great Gramma, Aunt
Sylvia

sylvia pardes - November 07, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Evelyn,

I always enjoyed speaking with Howie at Mulino's. He would regale us with stories and memories of politics, the law and life in general. He had a great attitude and a love of life and was thankful for each day he was alive. My last text with him was in December of 2020 when I told him I switched from republican to democratic in order to run for Town Justice in upstate New York. His reply "I forgive you". I will miss him as I know you will too. A long and fruitful life. May he Rest In Peace.

Rich Molea

Richard Molea - November 06, 2021 at 12:44 PM