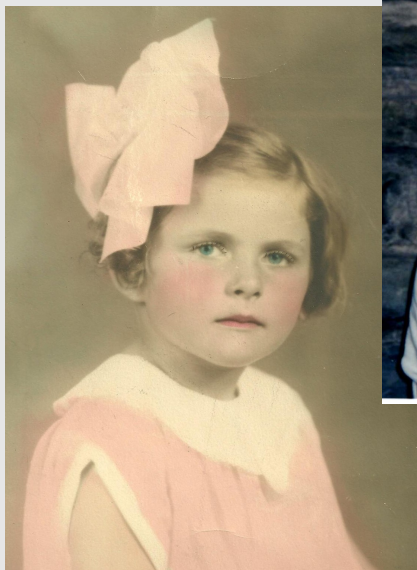


MIRIAM BEDEIN

April 4, 1926 – December 10, 2011





A Decalogue of ethical guidelines left by Phillip and Miriam Bedein, for their children to follow.

- 1. Stick to your principles and never deviate from them: they are your soul.**
- 2. Life is not a spectator sport: Get involved.**
- 3. When someone is in distress or when there is something wrong: do something about it.**
- 4. Express appreciation for Israel: Combat those who denigrate Israel**
- 5. Believe in yourself: You can accomplish more than you think you can. Man's reach should exceed his grasp.**
- 6. The more unconventional your ideas are, the more presentable you have to be.**
- 7. Learn from everyone: Show a good countenance to everyone who has something to teach you**
- 8. Listen to the needs of each child.**
- 9. Friendships must be nourished: Like flowers, they must be watered, or they will wilt**
- 10. There is no one too big who cannot be challenged**

Miriam was born in Lynbrook, New York on April 4, 1926. She had a younger brother, Stan. Miriam graduated from University of Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and received a Master's degree in English from University Pennsylvania in mid 1960's. She taught English at the Marple Newtown high school for 23 years. For Miriam teaching was not a job, but an avocation and a passion.

Miriam married Phillip Bedein on July 11, 1948. They had 3 children, David, Neal (Nahum) and Helen. David and Nahum made aliyah to Israel in the 1970's. Thus, Miriam and Phillip began their yearly pilgrimages to visit their children and to bond with their Israeli born grandchildren.

Miriam was devoted to her family, friends and to Israel. She had a thirst and appreciation for knowledge and was deeply involved with the world and people around her. As her family members, many friends and former students recall, Miriam made an unforgettable impression on all she encountered.

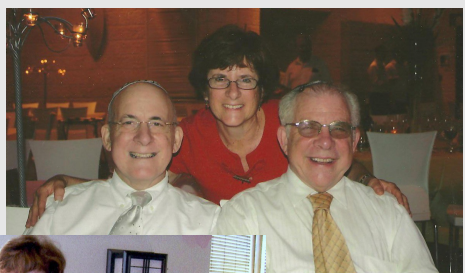
Miriam lived to enjoy her **12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.**

Despite long distance, she succeeded in building a strong and lasting bond with each one of them - a challenging and admirable accomplishment.

May her memory be a blessing for all of them and those yet to come.



Stan, Miriam



Nahum
Helen
David



Miriam, Helen
David, Nahum

The essence of Miriam as described in the words of those who knew her best:

"Miriam was my only sibling. Eight years older than I, she was a great role model of things to do and not to do. She was always there for counsel and advice ; most of the time she even listened....

Throughout our adult lives we kept in close contact. She was a significant influence on both of my children. She was supportive and challenging, and even demanding. She loved her family in its entirety. Her trips to Israel were notable not only for their frequency but for her desire to spend quality time with each of her 10 grandchildren. Her passion for her subject matter, her students, her community engagements and her family are mirrored in the love of family, friends, and students for this truly remarkable, brilliant, feisty, woman of valor." - Stan Levy, brother

"My Mom aspired to represent the quintessential representation of Jewish morality. .. and she applied those ethics, every day of her life." - son David

"Mom was my mentor, my confidante, my best friend. Her wisdom and energy always amazed me." - daughter Helen

"Such a tiny woman, whose body functioned with only a portion of her heart yet that heart had a miraculous quality of encompassing and embracing all her loved ones as if it were giant." – daughter –in-law Sara

"Savta - the dearest most precious person in the world. Savta's humor, empathy, listening ear, sweetness - all these things served to deepen our connection to you. Thank you, Savta" – granddaughter Leora

"Grandma had a knack for connecting with others. She had the ability to look past age and labels - and see us for who we really were, deep down, and who we could become. ...She led a vibrant, fulfilling life, and all those who were able to be a part of it will likely never forget". - granddaughter-Rachel

*"...your words echo in my mind: :'' live like there is no tomorrow".
Granny Mimi "You are my inspiration for this life time". -
grandson Noam*

*"We'll miss you Grandma, you were my angel, you were the
queen!" – grandson Elchanon*

Noam's wedding



David's children



Miriam with David's
daughters





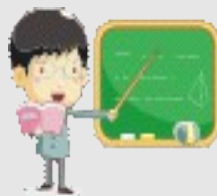
Miriam with Helen's daughters



Nahum's family

"Mrs. Bedein is, was, and will always be one of the most memorable, most influential, most indescribable forces for education, ethics, and the evolution of her young students into the able adults they grew up to be. This 4' something white crowned tidal wave would take you by the scruff in one hand and prop you up in the other. Mrs. Bedein will live in my character, my childhood, my collection of little voices of the life-coaches and academic mentors I have in my head. Though it's been decades since, I could never forget, forever cherish, and continually appreciate being Mrs. Bedein's honor's English student at MNSHS (1984)" - Michael Alexander

"Mrs. Bedein, my English teacher in my final semester, wrote in my yearbook – "You are wild, you are wonderful, you are a Blithe Spirit!" When I saw it, my first thought was that it was exactly how I felt about her. We hugged and she waved me out of her classroom."
 Carol Winter



Miriam was very actively involved in Jewish Community Relations Council, American Jewish Congress, Parents of North American Israelis and Hadassah, eventually serving as president of each organization. For many years she was instrumental in organizing an annual Torathon at her synagogue, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Lower Merion. She continued to attend and lead various Book Clubs throughout the city, including one at Martins Run.

"When Miriam was created, they threw away the mold. She was brilliant, determined, and very sure of herself – a true Renaissance woman. She had an insatiable desire for learning which she shared with everyone she touched. She was my mentor and my best friend." Shirley Swinger, past PNAI and Hadassah President.



KADDISH

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba

b'alma di-v'ra chirutei, v'yamlich malchutei b'chayeichon
uvyomeichon uvchayei d'chol beit yisrael, ba'agala uvizman
kariv, v'im'ru: "amen."

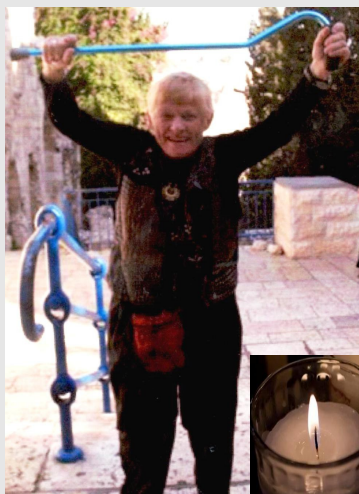
Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach, v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnaseh,
v'yithadar v'yit'aleh v'yit'halal sh'mei d'kud'sha, b'rich hu,

l'eila min-kol-birchata v'shirata, tushb'chata v'nechemata
da'amiran b'alma, v'im'ru: "amen."

Y'hei shlama raba min-sh'maya v'chayim aleinu v'al-kol-yisrael,
v'im'ru: "amen."

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol-
yisrael, v'imru: "amen."



14 Kislev, 5772

