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Rabbi Meyer Heller

1921 - 2018



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Meyer Heller Obituary

Rabbi Meyer Heller

December 28, 1921 - March 17, 2018

Rabbi Meyer Heller, fondly known as Rabbi Mike, was respected as an ethical, compassionate, and magnanimous man who remained humble and modest despite his accomplishments. He was dedicated to his family and to Judaism, to his profession, and to his congregations and congregants.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Esther Marcovitch Heller, and his second wife, Judy Freedman Stockler Heller. Dedicated, loving, supportive parent of seven, grandparent of seven, and great-grandparent to two.

He was a graduate of Boys High School, Brooklyn; Yeshiva University, New York; and Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati. He proudly served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, reaching the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

He served as assistant Rabbi at Temple Emanu-el of San Francisco, 1951-1963; Head Rabbi at Temple Solael of Woodland Hills, 1963-1965; Co-Rabbi at Temple Israel of

Hollywood, 1965-1969; Head Rabbi at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, 1969-1999; and Rabbi Emeritus at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, 1999-2007. He was camp Rabbi at Camp Saratoga (Swig), 1951-1963, and at Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps, 1964-1977

He was an avid athlete and sports fan, and a regular volleyball and basketball player at the Hollywood and Beverly Hills YMCAs. He loved playing pick up sports with neighborhood kids in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Rabbi Mike is remembered by the many individuals he touched over the course of his decades-long rabbinical career for being an inspirational mentor and teacher. One impactful message he often imparted was one of his cherished life lessons: "If you love someone, tell them now. Tomorrow it may be too late."

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, care of Rabbi Jonathon Aaron; or to the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, Early Childhood Education Program.

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