

With a heavy heart we share the news that David Hoffman has passed away on September 24, 2024 after a hard-fought & courageous battle with cancer. David was the beloved husband and life partner to Beryl, proud father to his children Ari & Molly, a cherished "FIL" (father-in-law) to Sandra, and adoring gramps of Adam & Ben. He was son to Adele (Z"L) and Frank (Z"L) and brother to Kenny and Warren (Z"L). David was the brother-in-law to Janet Andron Hoffman, Anita Levin & John Rafkin, and Carla & Lenny Feinkind. David was an uncle, cousin, friend and mentor to so many.

David will be remembered for his commitment to his career and giving back to the community, for his endless curiosity, and his love of family & friends.

David was a Management Consultant at Oliver Wyman for almost four decades, ultimately leading the Global Energy Practice. He traveled the world, built meaningful and lifelong relationships with colleagues and clients, and loved to solve challenging, complex business problems. Once David retired, he was able to dedicate more time to Tikkun Olam (making the world a better place). He served on the board of Boston University Hillel and Hebrew College where he instilled in his fellow board members the "love of the balance sheet." He enthusiastically paired his professional experiences with personal passions to help strengthen the Jewish community. David made a profound impact on all his professional and philanthropic pursuits.

David was a lifelong learner. He loved to feed his brain on a surprisingly wide range of topics – from the frozen water industry to global diplomacy. He was an avid reader and, in retirement, audited graduate-level classes to expand his knowledge of history and international relations. David loved to travel with family and friends - visiting 47 out of the 50 states, and countless countries on almost every continent. David's endless curiosity and love of learning inspired and enriched so many.

Growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, David was the youngest of the Hoffman "boys." His parents, Frank and Adele, instilled in the "boys" the importance of giving back. David's parents dedicated their time to cultivating the Jewish community in St. Louis and would have been so proud of David's work to strengthen the Jewish community in Boston. His father, Frank, inspired David as an early international business traveler. His mother, Adele, had a warm and loving, yet steadfast demeanor for what she believed to be right – all characteristics David possessed. Frank and Adele would have been so proud of the life David led.

David loved his brothers so much. He cherished Sunday mornings at the zoo with his dad and brothers as some of his favorite childhood memories. David admired Kenny's "all-in and passionate" approach to life. Together, they've carried on the stories and values from their childhood into their respective homes and families. David also loved spending time with the extended Hoffman, Horowitz and Loeb families at Jewish holidays (Sukkot with the Hoffmans and Passover with the Loeb), reunion weekends (enjoying Lake Michigan or weekends in Bethel), and various celebrations or simchat. David had such wonderful relationships with his nieces, nephews & cousins.

David was lucky to have lifelong friends from every chapter of his life. Colleagues and clients who became close friends, and close friends who became family. Childhood best friends from St. Louis, friends from college, colleagues, and friends from life in Boston. David cherished creating memories with his friends, traveling together & celebrating both Jewish and non-Jewish holidays with his many friends.

David was a one-of-a-kind dad to Ari and Molly. No matter where in the world David was traveling, he always called home (multiple times a day) to check in. He ensured his kids had the confidence and ability to pursue their dreams.

While David very clearly passed on all of his mannerisms and sayings to Ari, he also instilled a round-the-clock work ethic, love for and responsibility towards the State of Israel. And most importantly, the understanding that the two most important jobs are to be a good husband and father. David will miss Jeep rides with Ari, carving the Thanksgiving turkey together, and long daily catch ups on work, family and politics.

The “dadster” loved the “mollster” and passed along so much of his personality, confidence and humor to her. From David, Molly learned the importance of building lifelong community and the ability to connect with people from all walks of life. They shared a love of talking business from startups on Shark Tank to discussing David’s career in Energy and Molly’s work with Electric Vehicles. David has also shared the importance of finding joy and creating meaning in Jewish traditions.

David also had a very special relationship with his “DIL” (daughter-in-law), Sandra. They loved to talk about familial ancestry, Judaism, and Israel. Sandra loved her “FIL” (Father-in-law) so much, she moved in with her in-laws for the past two summers so David could be close to his grandkids while in treatment.

David instilled in Ari, Molly & Sandra a love of family, the importance of giving back, a sense of humor, dancing to Motown music, and appreciation for chilled chocolate cake. David was the very best dad and his kids felt his love every day. He was enormously proud of his kids.

“Gramps,” as he preferred to be called, adored his grandsons, Adam and Ben (“Boony boonster!” he would say). He loved reading them stories, enjoying afternoon popsicles on the porch and going on adventures around Austin and Boston. More than anything, he loved watching them grow, discover and learn. There is so much of David in Adam and Ben already.

Beryl and David’s marriage was based on partnership, shared values, and love. Together they lived life to the fullest, whether traveling the world or taking long rides in David’s jeep (fondly named Willy). They fused their individual upbringings into a thoughtfully and respectfully combined expression of their Judaism - always celebrating the meaning behind traditions and ensuring everyone felt welcome at their holiday celebrations. David felt Beryl’s unwavering commitment and support during his battle with cancer - never missing an infusion or doctor’s

appointment. Their 36-year marriage was filled with so much love, dancing, and endless laughter. Beryl was the love of David's life.

David passed far too soon. His loved ones will miss him dearly, carry on his legacy, and take comfort knowing he'll always be with us in spirit.

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Please join us in remembering David & celebrating his life at his funeral, burial & shiva.

### **Funeral**

The funeral service and celebration of David's life will be held at Hebrew College.

- Details:
  - Address: 1860 Washington St, Auburndale, MA
  - His funeral service will begin at 2pm on Wednesday, September 25th.

### **Burial**

David will be buried next to his parents, Frank (Z"L) and Adele (Z"L) Hoffman and his brother, Warren Hoffman (Z"L) at Americus Cemetery..

- Details:
  - Address: 455 North Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
  - Burial will begin in the morning on Thursday, September 26th

### **Shiva**

- Shiva will be held at David's brother & sister in law's house on Thursday, Friday day, and Sunday
  - Kenny & Janet's Address: 637 North Forest Ave, Teaneck, NJ 07666
  - Shiva will begin at 2pm on Thursday and will end at 6pm on Friday, before Shabbat. Shiva will continue on Sunday.
- Shiva will relocate to Beryl & David's home in Needham, Massachusetts on Monday & Tuesday. All are welcome after 3pm on Monday.
  - Address: 21 Colonial Road, Needham, MA 02492

If you have any questions - please contact Sandra Cohen Hoffman: 310-963-4393

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### **Donations**

If you'd like to make a donation in David's honor, donations can be made to Hebrew College or Boston University Hillel - the two organizations where he proudly served on the Board.

- Hebrew College: Donations will go to the David Hoffman Tamid Fund for Adult Learning
  - Jewish History, Israeli Society, and Contemporary Thought
  - Link: [www.hebrewcollege.edu/tamid-fund](http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/tamid-fund)
- BU Hillel: Donations will go to fighting Anti-Semitism and supporting Jewish students on campus.
  - Link: <https://www.bu.edu/hillel/honordavidh/>