

Memories

Memories: the following is not about the song made famous by Barbara Streisand. Memories can be energizing or enervating, sweet or bitter, rejuvenating or depressive, or constructive or erosive. According to most lexicons, it's defined as "the power or process of recalling facts previously experienced or learned", the commemoration or remembrance or "a posthumous reputation."

On September 1, 1966, Rabbi Acrish became the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Elohim. I taught 3rd grade Sunday school in 1968 and 4 years later, I also taught 3rd year Hebrew. He later officiated at our wedding in 1975, the Bris of both of our sons (Evan and Michael, Michael's Bar Mitzvah, and the funerals of both my parents and my maternal grandfather (who were founding members of our congregation (1953); he had a special part for our younger son, because at the Men's Club breakfast, he taught him to say, "Shalom, bagel please".

In Hebrew the word "Rabbeynu means "our teacher" and for all that he has accomplished, his thoughts and deeds truly has exemplified that to all of us. May our love for him remain in our hearts and minds forever.

~Stan Kahn~

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