

## **PHYLLIS BERMAN OBITUARY**

Phyllis Berman, known to family and friends as "B," a resident of Susquehanna Township for over 60 years, has left us with many fond memories of her creativity and zest for life. A devoted wife of 71 years to her husband, Leonard N. Berman, and mother to Harriete Berman (Bill Shelandar) of San Mateo, California, Irene Berman-Levine (Sam Levine) of Susquehanna Township and Jessica Berman (David Washko, of Blessed Memory) of West Hanover Township. B will also be fondly remembered by her four grandchildren and their spouses/significant others: Isaac Levine (Tori), Rachel Levine (Steph), Augustus Shelandar (Lilibel) and Aryn Shelandar (Josh). B was also blessed with her two great-grandchildren, Reuben and Eli Levine. In addition, our B is survived by her brother Ralph Weaver and sisters Martha Husick and Jeannie O'Day and brother-in-law, Charles Berman (Brenda). Phyllis will always be remembered for her smile, laughter, cooking, pride of presentation (both personal and otherwise), organizational skills and determination to do things the right way, not necessarily the traditional way (which she considered boring). She challenged her family and friends to think outside of the box and most importantly to enjoy life's adventure. Always ready for the 5:00 cocktail hour, Phyllis was the consummate entertainer, whether in Harrisburg, Florida, or Long Beach Island. Phyllis and Leonard enjoyed their many years on Long Beach Island where we have fond memories of her enjoying the view from her yellow rocking chair throne. In addition to her biological family,

Phyllis considered Ohev Sholom Temple to be her second family. As past president of the Sisterhood, Phyllis was instrumental in organizing many events over the years and she was always involved with the activities of the synagogue. Her lifelong desire to learn motivated her to organize a woman's Soup & Study for many years. Highlights of her involvement include her favorite activities, organizing the fabulous decorations for Ohev Sholom's book reviews and making sure Ohev Sholom built a REAL sukkah (nothing but real food and greens would satisfy her). For literally decades she was a fixture at the Harrisburg Bridge Club and we thank her many partners over the years. She was a volunteer on the CONTACT hotline for many years. When her children were young, she contributed her creativity to every classroom event. Phyllis was most renowned for her creativity and cooking skills and her natural talent for art. With no formal training, she could bring color and design to any piece of art, from painting designs on a wall to decorating a bird gourd. But she would not do it alone. Even if you had no talent, she would insist that you pick up a colored pen and start to paint. In terms of cooking, she applied her high standards to every meal, which was challenging when she referred to Irene's attempts at cooking a chicken as "roadkill." But that was ok, as she preferred to be the entertainer and her friends have fond memories of the many meals and cocktail hours she created. Services and interment were held Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. in the Bookstaber Chapel at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, 4245 Jonestown Road,

Harrisburg, with Rabbi Marc Kline, officiating. Shiva was observed afterwards at the Berman residence until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday the 14th; on Thursday, the 15th, shiva was observed at their home from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. and from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. with a minyan at 6:00 P.M. On Friday, the 16th there was an opportunity to share memories on Zoom from 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, please aide the family in continuing B's legacy of giving by making a contribution to the Phyllis Berman Ohev Sholom Sisterhood Fund at 2345 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or Hospice of Central PA. ([hospiceofcentralpa.org](http://hospiceofcentralpa.org)).