



Fred Israel

May 29, 1927 - December 22, 2024

Fred Israel, of Royal Oak MD, passed away on December 22, 2024, at the age of 97. He was blessed with a long life, a loving family, and a peaceful passing.

Fred was born in May of 1927, in the Bronx, New York. His parents were Hyman and Mollie Israel, immigrants from a small shtetl in Belarus and owners of a kosher butcher shop. Fred grew up in an observant Jewish household, where he spoke Yiddish and attended Hebrew school.

At the age of 18, Fred joined the Navy, and achieved the rank of Lieutenant. He received a degree in electrical engineering from City College of New York.

In 1957, Fred founded Fred Israel and Associates, a consultant engineering liaison and technical marketing company. He discovered his passion for law and received his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University. Soon after, he opened his own law firm, and later co-founded Trident Labs and Syscon Corp.

Fred married Lesley Lowe in Washington DC, in December of 1960. He passed away just four days after their 64th wedding anniversary. Together, Fred and Lesley built a happy home for their two sons, Herman and Sanford. They were active Democratic political campaigners, philanthropists, and advocates for interfaith dialogue.

On the Eastern Shore, Fred was an avid sailor and served numerous community organizations, including the Temple B'nai Israel (president and board member), the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (board of governors), and the Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity (board member).

Fred is remembered by his family and friends as generous, loving, and intelligent. He was a passionate debater with a strong interest in law, politics, and religion; one of his favorite sayings was, "if we agree, then one of us is not necessary." He would debate for hours with his two best friends, Carl Widell and Father Bill George.

Fred is survived by his wife, Lesley; his sister, Muriel; his son, Sandy, daughter in law, Donna Israel, and his five grandchildren; Jake, Jesse, Katie, Evan, and Ryan. He was preceded in death by his son, Herman.

Papa, we will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile.

Services will be held at B'nai Israel Synagogue at 11 am on Sunday, December 29th, and the burial will follow at Oxford Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (est)

Temple B'nai Israel
7199 Tristan Drive
Easton, MD 21601

Graveside

DEC 29. 12:30 PM (est)

Oxford Cemetery
Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Fred Israel Live Stream Link in memory of Fred Israel*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 27, 2024 at 05:08 PM

AC

“ *Dear Lesley and family, we were so sorry to hear about Fred's passing. The photograph here so beautifully relays his lightheartedness and kindness we so remember in the lovely days we shared with you on the Shore. Our hearts and minds are with you at this sad time. With all our love, Andrea and Marc Chafetz*

Andrea Chafetz - December 31, 2024 at 08:45 AM

JM

“ *Dear Lesley, so sorry to learn of your husband's passing. My condolences to you and the family.*
Jeff Messing

Jeff Messing - December 28, 2024 at 11:25 AM

JG

“ *Dear Lesley,*
To you and your family ~ love and heartfelt condolences on. the loss of Fred. He was truly a man for all seasons. So many wonderful memories Dick and I shared with both of you💔

judy grossman - December 27, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Fred Israel.*



December 27, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Fred Israel.

December 27, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ *Hi Les and family, I remember dinners at your house and talking with Fred. He was a great example to follow when I was president of TBI. My memory of him was as a kind and gentle man. I will not forget him.*
Lou Berman

Louis BERMAN - December 27, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *Rest easy Fred. We all loved you very much.*

John Dodson - December 26, 2024 at 11:10 PM

TQ

“ Hi Les, Tim Quinn here,
I remember Fred teaching me, in his upstairs office {his sanctuary},
how to read and act on voting history lists numerous times. He
treated me like I was his son who needed to know how to win an
election. I loved him for that.
I will always remember our St. Patrick's Day parties at Legal Spirit's
Tavern and he would, out of nowhere, break into an Irish song and
sang it with one of the best brogues which my father would have
marveled hearing. Then Fred would sing a duet with me: "Irish Eyes
Are Smiling". We'd laugh with glee upon finishing. Lesley, I loved
Fred and I Love You!

Timothy Quinn - December 26, 2024 at 05:22 PM