



Miriam Lefkowitz

May 4, 1934 - May 24, 2026

Miriam Lefkowitz, a devoted friend, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died on Sunday, May 24, 2026. She was born on May 4, 1934, in Toronto, Canada, to Celia and Harry Landsberg.

Miriam grew up in a loving home in a poor immigrant neighborhood. In 1951, at age 17, she left Toronto for the first time to visit her older brother in Houston. During that train trip, she met Jacob Lefkowitz, a U.S. Army sergeant returning home on leave. They married the following year and shared nearly 67 years together, until Jacob's death in 2019.

They bought a home in Westbury, where she and Jacob raised their three children, Marc, Jeff and Ellen and where she died. She was an ideal mother and grandmother, helping fill their home with Judaism, Israel, current events, love and laughter. For decades, she and Jacob regularly hosted Shabbat dinners with three generations, and later four, sitting around the table. Until her final years, she opened her home on holidays and Friday nights to many, many people, especially those without family in town.

Miriam knew right from wrong, did her best to teach her kids and grandkids what that meant, and had no patience for those who didn't. A patriotic American, she argued to look out for the "little guy." When she stopped working, she volunteered for years helping immigrants learn English and at an

animal shelter. She loved the chapel at Congregation Beth Yeshurun.

She leaves behind her children; Marc (Cheryl), Jeff (Beth) and Ellen and lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 2:30 PM at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Ln. Houston, TX 77055.

Donations may be made to the Congregation Beth Yeshurun chapel fund (<https://www.bethyeshurun.org/giving>) or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

MAY **26**. 2:30 PM (CT)

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