



Frida Beatriz Zipkin

November 2, 1956 - May 17, 2018

ZIPKIN, Frida Beatriz Pesotchinski was born on November 2, 1956 in Buenos Aires, Argentina to Isaac and Dora Pesotchinski and was raised within a large and traditional Eastern European Jewish family. Her favorite childhood experiences were sharing the holidays with her many aunts, uncles and cousins at her grandparents' home as well as her family's annual three month holidays on the Atlantic coast in Miramar. Frida attended a large Jewish Day School with her many friends. At the age of twenty, amid a tense and dangerous political atmosphere in Argentina, Frida chose to follow her older brother and emigrate to Israel. After Ulpan and with her previous education, she easily thrived within Israeli society. She completed her education in Interior Design at the University of Haifa and then built a successful career with a focus on clean, simple lines, along Scandinavian principles. She favored this aesthetic throughout her life.

At the age of 27, Frida married Eitan Wiener and subsequently, moved with him to Queens, New York to pursue his education. There she worked at the Israeli consulate in the Empire State Building. The family grew steadily with the addition of three children: Guy, Nir, and Tamar. Eitan's career brought the family back to Israel for several years, only to return to the US in 1997 with a move to Cincinnati. Though busy with the household, Frida found time to go back to school, in the field of Nutrition and Dietetics, and graduated from the University of Cincinnati with an Internship at the Christ Hospital. Frida then worked at Children's Hospital for a number of years in the Research

laboratory.

Frida raised her children to be proud of their Israeli and Jewish heritage. Hebrew was spoken primarily in the home. Summers were spent with family in Netanya. Favorite childhood memories for her children involve Yom Tov gatherings, Seders, Purim festivities and Shabbat dinners. In the community, Frida was active in the Ivriah and the Jewish Federation's partnership with the city of Netanya. Frida was an exceptional cook and loved to prepare meals for friends and family gatherings.

Frida and Eitan eventually divorced and after some years, Frida met Jeff Zipkin through the intervention of a mutual friend from the Cincinnati Kollel. Frida and Jeff were married in 2011.

Frida returned to UC to pursue a Doctoral degree in Epidemiology which she completed in 2014. Her dissertation detailed the deleterious effects of metal contamination on children. In order to precisely quantify the amounts of dietary metals ingested, she developed a Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ) which proved to be quite accurate and became a breakthrough for the field of Epidemiology. Soon, many other researchers contacted Frida for permission to use her questionnaire. She received numerous requests to lecture on this topic in the US and Europe. Not content with simply obtaining her PhD, she collaborated with a fellow Argentinian Professor at UC to write a textbook on Pediatric Nutrition in Spanish for the South American and Spanish-speaking market. The book has been completed and publication will begin in June, 2018.

Frida was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in July 2017 and bravely fought the disease for many months. She never complained nor questioned her belief in Judaism. She faced her challenge with grace and dignity, always more concerned about others than herself. She was at all times, a great lady and a woman of valor.

Frida leaves behind her three children, Guy (32) and Reut Wiener (Holon, Israel), Nir (29) Wiener (Cincinnati), Tamar (27) Wiener (Cincinnati), her husband Jeff, her step-children, Elise and Brian Mattes, Mollie and Jared

Newman, Ariel and Dan Weiss, and Derek and Molly Zipkin, eight grandchildren, her brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Aviva Pesotchinski (Netanya, Israel) and numerous members of her extended family. She was beloved by her family and will be missed by all who knew her.

Frida passed away May 17, 2018, Burial will take place in Netanya, Israel on Wednesday, May 23.

Tribute Wall

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“ *We are saddened with you. She was a special lady and will be missed by many. May her memory be for a blessing*
Elinor & Bill

Elinor & Bill Ziv - May 23, 2018 at 04:41 PM

JW

“ *My condolences to the entire Zipkin family. May G-d be with you at these difficult times*

Jeffrey wacksman - May 19, 2018 at 02:39 PM

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“ *A wonderful Jewish human being is lost to her family. Baruch Dayan HaEmet.*

Leon Spitz - May 18, 2018 at 12:30 PM