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Joel Hochberg, 87, of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Joel is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marcia; children, Eileen and Scott; grandchildren, Bradley and Shayna; brother, Donald (Marilyn); nieces and nephews, Michele (Larry) Berger, Bonnie (Jerry) Eskowitz, Sandi (Steven) Berkins, Ellen Peruche, Robert (Lisa) Hochberg, Matthew (Jessica) Aminoff and Johanna (Johnny) Aylsworth; and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Joel was born in Brooklyn, New York, on December 30, 1935. He and Marcia moved their family to North Miami Beach in 1970. He began his career in the coin-operated amusement business and later became a pioneer of consumer video games. Children's education was always important to Joel, and his success allowed him to establish the Hochberg Lower and Middle Schools. His devotion to family, education, and his other philanthropic pursuits were his lifelong passion. Joel will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. His legacy lives on through the many lives he has enriched.

The funeral celebrating Joel's life will be held Friday, April 21, at 11:00 a.m. - Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus, 20350 NE 26 Ave., Miami, FL 33180. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory can be made to Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus, www.btbrc.shulcloud.com/form/donations or Hochberg Lower and Middle schools at Posnack, www.posnackschool.org/giving/east-annual-campaign. Arrangements by Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg-Rubin-Zilbert Memorial Chapel (305) 932-2700

The service can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/5GOXAoA4Grk>




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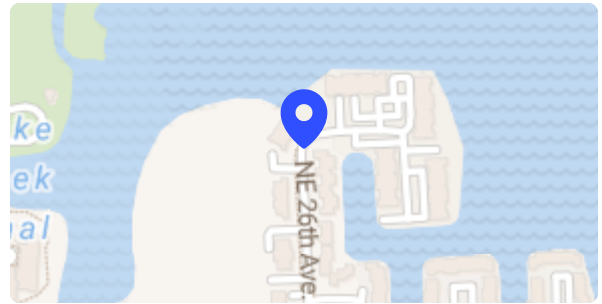
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Temple Service


 **Friday**, April 21, 2023


 11:00 AM ET

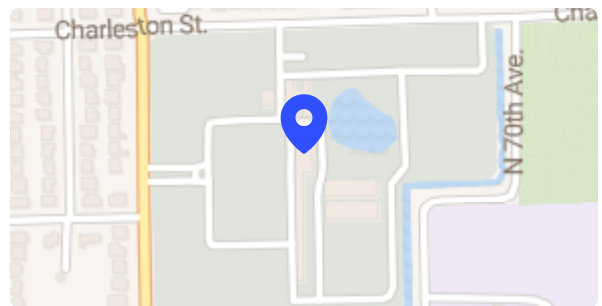
 **Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus**
20350 NE 26th Avenue, North Miami Beach FL
33180



Cemetery Details

 **Beth David Memorial Gardens**
3201 North 72nd Avenue, Hollywood FL 33024

 **(754) 201-4134**





Tribute Wall

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Steven L. Kent posted:

I flew to Miami to interview Joel in 1996. He offered to put me in a very nice hotel, but as a journalist, I felt responsible to pay for myself. So I found the cheapest hotel in the vicinity. and prepared to sleep with the cockroaches. When Joel picked me up, it was all he could do to keep from laughing. He kept begging me to tell him how much I had paid for my room, and he offered to check me into a better hotel more than once. He was so amazed by the lobby, he asked to my room as well and thought the rust-colored water that ran from the shower was high comedy. Despite his many requests to know how much the room cost, I never answered. As always was the case, he gave me a wonderful interview. Joel was always positive and honest. He had a self-effacing sense of humor. Anyway, when I checked out of the hotel, I discovered that someone had already covered my bill. It was Joel, of course. I asked him about it, and he told me, "I wanted to know what you paid. It had to be good for you to stay in a place like that." Joel, you were the best of them. You brightened many lives. Thank you. Steven L. Kent

July 7 at 2:38 PM

LL

Larry Lichtenstein posted:

So sorry to hear of Joel's passing. It's been many years since our last meeting but I will miss him very much his kindness to my family has always been appreciated Sincerely Larry Lichtenstein Manchester Nj

June 25 at 2:22 PM

DO

Dan Owsen posted:

I was saddened to hear of Joel's passing. Although it has been many years since I worked directly with him and the team at Rare, I have good memories of our work together. Joel gave me a lot of great advice on how to work with game developers, advice that I still use in my work today. I remember him being a tireless advocate for the team at Rare, and he also cared a lot about the quality of the games they produced. My sympathies to all of Joel's family and friends in this time. -- Dan Owsen

May 2 at 12:26 PM



Tony Tran posted:

Thank you for helping to bring Battletoads and other Rare games over. You have brought so much enjoyment to children and adults everywhere. I read the book The Ultimate History of Video Games which had many of your stories that gave a glimpse of the Arcade industry.

April 22 at 3:20 PM



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