



Stephen Feinstein

July 31, 1943 - March 5, 2008

Dr. Stephen Feinstein

Feinstein, Dr. Stephen age 64, of Minneapolis. Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota died suddenly on March 4, 2008. Preceded in death by parents, Jack & Beatrice Feinstein. Survived by wife, Susan; son, Jeremy; daughter, Rebecca & Avi Winitzer; grandchildren, Sarah and Shammai Winitzer. Funeral service FRIDAY 2 PM at BETH EL SYNAGOGUE, 5224 W. 26th St., St. Louis Park.

Memorials are preferred to The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota Foundation, P.O. Box 70870, St. Paul, MN 55170-3854. SHIVA will be at the family residence (Sat., Sun., Mon., and Tue. at 7PM).

Events

MAR **Service** 02:00PM

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Beth El Synagogue

5225 Barry Street West, St. Louis Park, MN, US

Comments



“ We were shocked and saddened to learn of Steve's untimely death. We have known him since he first came to the Twin Cities. Our community has lost a great teacher and eloquent speaker about the Holocaust and genocide. He leaves an indelible, lasting legacy.
Our sympathy to Susan and the family.
Rhoda and Don

Rhoda & Don Mains - March 09, 2008 at 09:53 PM



“ I've retyped this five times trying to articulate precisely what Dr. Steve meant to me. I can't do it with any kind of eloquence. Steve was first history professor, but far more than teaching me about Imperial Russia, Soviet Artists, or the darker unknown corners of the Holocaust, he gave me confidence within my own scholarship to the point where I didn't want to let him down. I miss him, especially our wonderful discussions on everything outside of history: like his travels (and his posing as Lenin at places like the Great Wall), to his love of model trains. Shalom, Dr. Steve.

Michael McLaren - March 09, 2008 at 03:30 PM



“ I first met Steve when he was teaching in River Falls. In the early 70's I was a social studies in world history and areas studies. I also taught world religions. I did a unit on the Holocaust. Steve set up a workshop for my students at Hamline University. He did this for 5 years in a row. He lined up professors in Christian theology, canon law and other speakers, to participate in this workshop. The workshop was on anti-semitism in Christian literature and how this related to the Holocaust and genocide. Steve even arranged for all of us to get a free lunch. There was no cost to this workshop. As was mentioned at the funeral, Steve could make things happen. I still bump into those students from the early 70's, who still remember this workshop experience and said this was the best educational experience that they ever had.

The reason I mention this is that there is a saying, which I think came from the Talmud, that says something like "If you save one life, you save a whole humanity". I witnessed the impact he has had on not only my students but on me and my teaching as well. Multiply this by all of the lives he has impacted around the world. He has saved countless humanities.

I not only feel we lost a friend and a great person, but we lost an institution in our local community, nationally and internationally. Carrie and I wish your family strength and health through this sad time in your lives. "Hamkom y' nachem etchem b'toch sh'ar avalai tziyon vyerushalayim." Our thoughts are with you Susan, Jeremy, and Rebecca and your entire family. Jerry and Carrie Gottstein

Jeremy and Carrie Gottstein - March 08, 2008 at 04:03 PM



“ Susan, I was stunned to receive the email from UW-RF sharing the sad news of Steve's death. My heart goes out to you and your family. I recall talking to Steve after he moved to the U of M. So much of his conversation centered on your grandchildren, and his pride in your son's and daughter's accomplishments, too. He was certainly a scholar, teacher and friend, but most of all committed husband, father, and grandfather. My love to you, Deborah Brown Hanson

Deborah Brown Hanson - March 07, 2008 at 03:49 PM



“ Steve was so full of life - what a shock his untimely death was. Susan, our thoughts and prayers are with you, your children and grandchildren.

Pat Cotter - March 06, 2008 at 06:05 PM



“ This is such a loss for the community--and I am so sorry for Steve's wonderful family. As Steve's student at UW-RF, I knew him to be an incredible scholar and friend. His humor, focus, and commitment to helping people understand and remember was so great. My deepest sympathy to Susan and their children and grandchildren.

Kathleen Leo - March 06, 2008 at 01:35 PM



“ I first met Stephen about 20 years ago when I came to his home to buy a set of Lionel passenger cars from him. After that, I saw him many times at area train shows and the monthly meetings of the Lakes @ Pines Division of the Train Collectors Asso. We shared a common interest in electric trains. Before I retired, I attended several teacher workshops and conferences sponsored by the Holocaust Center. Stephen was always available to visit with and clue me in on good teaching resources to use in my teaching of the Holocaust to my students. I knew he would never steer me wrong. I considered him a friend and a kid at heart over the enjoyment we got from toy trains. My thoughts and prayers go out his family and extended family. "If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy".
Gary Heath
Brooklyn Park, MN

Gary Heath - March 06, 2008 at 12:10 PM



“ I wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. This is a loss to the entire Jewish Community as a whole.

I had the privelege of hearing Dr. Feinstein speak on February 23rd. It was a very enlightening day. I learned so many things about Genocide and the Holocuast. He made a major impact on my life. He has touched so many people by the work he did.

I know he will be greatly missed by all.

I will be forever grateful that I had a chance to hear him speak. Karen Schwartz

Karen Schwartz - March 06, 2008 at 11:47 AM



“ Such a tragic loss to a humanitarian who meant so much and contributed so much to preserving the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. I had the privilege of hearing one of his lectures at the U o M on February 23, 2008.

Betty Young - March 06, 2008 at 11:41 AM



“ It is with great sadness that I heard of Steve's untimely death. I've knowm Steve from the time of his first envolement with Soviet Jewry, his many trips to the Soviet Union and his continous support of such programs. I recall his last March visit to Florida Gulf Coast University and his fine presentation to our Advisory Board on the sudy of Judaism and the Holocaust. The Jewish community has lost one of it's finest advocate for Soviet Jewry.

Merrill Kuller - March 06, 2008 at 09:33 AM