

Israelis resign from Hadassah hospital board

NEW YORK (JTA) -- As the spat between Hadassah and the doctors at its medical center in Israel heats up, three Israeli members of the hospital's board have resigned.

The doctors' union at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem has been protesting the resignation of the hospital's director, claiming he was pushed out by the Hadassah home office. Hadassah leaders in New York have insisted Shlomo Mor-Yosef resigned on his own.

Mor-Yosef has never said whether he was pushed out, but after a long silence he is now asking for a two-year extension on his contract, which expires in 2010.

The board members resigned over the financial state of the hospital, the *Jerusalem Post* reported, and the declining dollars that Hadassah has been allocating toward daily operations at the hospital. The organization has been focusing on raising the money to complete the opening of a new \$300 mil-

lion medical tower on the medical center's Jerusalem campus.

According to the *Jerusalem Post*, the resigning board members complained that with less money being donated by HWZOA, they had proposed the establishment of a friends' organization in Israel that would donate funds directly to HMO, but this was opposed by the American members of the board, who preferred to continue to have its monopoly over fund raising.

Hadassah is claiming that the board members were intimidated into resigning. "We are troubled to think," the statement said "that an orchestrated campaign of harassment and personal attack may have forced these three people to step down, especially during these difficult times when their service was especially needed. These attacks have been highly critical of the devoted women of Hadassah and even have criticized American Jews in general."



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Obituaries

Irwin Miller longtime community leader

Irwin Harold Miller, 84, of St. Pete Beach, died Feb. 27. He is being remembered and honored as a pillar of the Jewish community for more than half a century.

Among the many Jewish causes he was involved in numerous leadership roles were St. Petersburg's Temple Beth-El, where he served as president and for more than 40 years as a board member; Menorah Manor, which he helped found and over the years served in numerous leadership roles including chairman, president and board member as well as chairman and president of the Menorah Manor Foundation; the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties and T.O.P. Jewish Foundation.

In the general community, he was involved in All-Children's Hospital, the Pinellas County Science Center and Habitat for Humanity.

His honors included the National Conference of Christians and Jews Silver Medallion Humanitarian Award; the Jewish Federation's highest honor, the Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Award for Community Service, Menorah Manor Outstanding Leadership Award and the Israel Peace medal from State of Israel Bonds.

At his funeral, Rabbi Michael Torop of Temple Beth-El described Miller as "... a leader who helped break down the barriers to Jews here in St. Pete by being an outstanding and exemplary resident of the city and also a member of its Jewish community."

Last June, Miller and his family were honored for their 75 years of service to the temple.

Miller was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1925 and came to St. Petersburg with his parents Jacob and Harriet Miller, when he was three months old at the height of the real estate boom.

His parents helped found Temple Beth-El in 1928 and his father, Jacob, served as president for three different terms. The senior Millers

ultimately built the Rellim (Miller backwards) hotel on St. Pete Beach in 1941 as a winter resort primarily for Jewish guests.

After graduating from St. Petersburg High School, Irwin earned an engineering degree from Cornell University in 1944 and then joined the U.S. Navy. Afterward he returned to St. Petersburg and married Sonya Haliczzer in 1948.

Following his father's death in 1956, Irwin and Sonya ran the Rellim until it was sold in 1981. In the summer, it was a swim club for local Jewish families at the time when many clubs refused to admit Jews.

Irwin also co-founded the Guardian Bank and the First Central Bank with Dr. Philip Benjamin, who was the husband of Sonya's sister. He also invested in and owned business properties.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sonya of St. Pete Beach, sons Howard and Jay and daughter-in-law Jan, daughter Jan and son-in-law Craig Sher and grandchildren Jessica Sher, Alison Sher, Stacy and Will Conroy, Rachel and Paul Miller and Lina and Naomi Miller.

The family suggests donations to Temple Beth-El or Menorah Manor. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes-Beth David Chapel)

Former JNF regional president Ron Oxman

Ronald (Ron) Oxman, 74, of St. Petersburg, died March 3.

Born in Milwaukee, WI, he and his family moved to Florida in 1986. He was president of Oxman Meat Co. before moving to Florida where he and his wife, Fagl, started a temporary labor service before retiring.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El in St. Petersburg. He was actively involved and a supporter of a number of Jewish causes including the Jewish National Fund, where he served as Gulf Coast regional president; Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties, American Friends of Magen David Adom (ARMDI); Florida Holocaust Museum; Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services; Menorah Manor and Philip Benjamin Tower. He was also a supporter of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. He

received many honors including the JNF Tree of Life award, the Yitzhak Rabin Memorial award for community service, which is the Federation's highest honor; the Israel Peace Medal from the State of Israel Bonds and the American Red Magen David for Israel (ARMDI) Maimonides award.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Fagl; his children, Jeffrey, West Palm Beach; Shelly and Keith Victor, Loveland, OH; brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Joannie Oxman, Milwaukee; two grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Temple Beth-El or the Gulf Coast Oncology Foundation. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, Beth David Chapel)

ALLAN ALBERT, 79, of Tampa, died Feb. 28. Survivors include his wife, Leonie Medart; sons, Michael, Ted, Dan and Jon; stepchildren, Laura, Wendy and Todd; sister, Pinky; brother, Richard; seven grandchildren. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Jack and Jill Late Stage Cancer Foundation. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

RUTH BROK, 89, of Tampa, died Feb. 19. Born in Brooklyn, NY, she moved to Tampa four years ago. She was a graduate of the Guggenheim School of Dental Hygiene and in later years worked for Flemington Outlet Stores. She was one of the founding members of the B'nai Brith House in Reading, PA and was a member of Temple Oheb Shalom in Wyomissing, PA. Survivors include, daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Eric Land, Tampa; sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Jill Brok, Ormond Beach and Richard and Susan Brok, Pittsburgh, PA; sister, Selma Shapiro, Beach Haven, NJ; seven grandchildren. The family suggests memorials may be made to B'nai Brith House in Reading. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

HAROLD K. GLASER, 89, of Tampa, died Feb. 18. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II and a Purple Heart recipient. He had a pilot's license and also enjoyed boating and was a Commander of his Power Squadron. Survivors include his son Stephen, daughter, Lois and a granddaughter. (Blount & Curry Funeral Homes)

DAVID ELLIOTT KARLIN, 25, of Tampa, died Feb. 25. Born in Little Rock AK, he was a senior at the University of Central Florida working on his degree in computer programming and mathematics. He was an Eagle Scout. Survivors include his parents, Daphne Lambright and Alvan Karlin; brother, Jason Karlin; grandmother, Rose Karlin. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Jewish National Fund to plant a tree in Israel. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, Beth David Chapel)

SHELDON KLEIN, 83, of Tampa, died Feb. 25. He owned and operated furniture stores in Tampa for more than 30 years. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Virginia; sons, Mark, Mitchell, Matthew, Morgan and Martin; daughters, Mica Rywant and Melissa Gerhardt; brother, Seymour; sister, Faith Nadler; thirteen grandchildren. The family suggests memorials may be made to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, or the Humane Society. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

DR. ARCHIE SILVER, 93, of Tampa, died Feb. 24. He was born in Hoboken, NJ and moved to Tampa more than 30 years ago from New York. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and was a psychiatrist in Tampa until his retirement in 2006. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Mary Louise; son, Dr. Frederick Silver, Mobile, AL; brother, Harold Silver; sister, Lillian Glass. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

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