

In memoriam Hilda Silverman

Yes, much to grieve.

Hilda Silverman died on May 6 at the age of 69, too soon as many have said, including her. Of acute leukemia and lymphoma. She had been feeling "a little low, under the weather," as she'd said repeatedly over the past several years. Suffering a complete transplant of bone marrow, one remission, chemo, she finally died I think at Mt Auburn hospital in the presence of her daughter and son, with many hovering in vigil holding her in various ways of love.

Last night at the talk by Sandy Tolan, author of the exemplary, *The Lemon Tree*, Sara Roy and Hilary Rantizi, following Cathy Hoffman, eulogized her. Sandy told us that Hilda had been the first to approach him more than one year earlier, inviting him to Cambridge.

So it goes, never on time, never too late. My turn? Your turn?

—Skip Schiel (May 15, 2008)



At a Women in Black demonstration, Harvard Square, Cambridge MA, 2006

From her family:

Dear Friends and Colleagues of Hilda:

We respectfully invite you to attend a memorial gathering to honor our mother, Hilda Bernstein Silverman. As Hilda wished, this will be an unofficiated memorial, with music and the opportunity for everyone who wishes to share their thoughts and remembrance. As many of you know, every year Hilda helped organize an all-inclusive Holocaust Commemoration at Temple Beth-Shalom -- and gathering there helps remind us of the way that so many people know her best -- as a passionate and tireless activist.

Please pass this information on.

Sunday May 25, 2008

Memorial 1-3pm, followed by a reception from 3-5.

Temple Beth-Shalom

8 Tremont St

Cambridge, MA 02139

DIRECTIONS:

<http://www.tremontstreetshul.org/tbsdirections.html>

Please, no flowers or food, light refreshments will be served.

Donation information as Hilda requested:

Jewish Voice for Peace Boston

Memo: Hilda Silverman Fund

P.O. Box 400479

Cambridge, MA 02140

Tel: (617) 984-0532

Or <http://www.jvp.org> ('Hilda Silverman Fund' in the memo)

Or, to the organization of your choosing.

Obituary:

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/obituaries/articles/2008/05/11/hilda_silverman_activist_sought_peace_for_israelis_palestinians/