



## Dr. Berkley Kalin

January 13, 1936 - June 16, 2018

# Cemetery

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## Temple Israel Cemetery

1708 Hernando Road  
Memphis, TN, 38106

# Events

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**JUN**  
**18**

## Funeral Service

01:30PM

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Levy-Cooper Chapel @ Temple Israel Cemetery  
1708 Hernando Rd., Memphis, TN, US, 38106

# Comments

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“ He is as good a guy as I have ever known. I met Berkley when I was in Grad school at I.U. He lived in the room below me in a place I rented off campus. He was living a pretty enviable life in Bloomington. He had his small apartment and He attended all the music concerts, recitals and operas he wished. He sat in on classes that interested him, usually in theology or music and never stopped learning.

Berkley was a wonderful friend because he had absolutely nothing to do with what I was studying. I could talk to him about anything and not worry about school for a while. We would go see the free movie for students and have the best time. I remember sitting through School of Rock and Kung Fu Hustle and laughing it up. We attended a public interview with Stephen Sondheim conducted by Scott Simon at the IU auditorium together once and talked about it for hours after

One Sunday I came home to a message on my machine with Berkly announcing nonchalantly "Mark! I had a heart attack. Call me!" He said it with the same casual tone he might use to call and tell me about a recital he had just seen. He had a mild heart attack that Friday and was released from the hospital. He returned to the classes he sat in on the following Monday. The professor apparently announced to the class that as Berkley could survive a heart attack and not miss a single class, being hungover was in no way a valid excuse.

When I graduated he took me to dinner at Little Zagreb's in Bloomington because he said he valued time with people over giving presents.

Berkley was an obvious choice to have as one of my groomsmen because he had always stood by me. The casual observer might have thought he was an older relative of mine and not assumed that I would have the relationship I had with someone in his 70's. He never missed one of my shows and he was saddened when he couldn't make Assassins.

My heart is sad now to hear of his passing because I didn't email or talk with Berkley much recently and now I have to live with the thought that I could have called or emailed a little more. Do not hesitate my friends.

The next time you share a drink with friends, do me a favor and raise a toast to Berkley Kalin, because the world is indeed a darker place without him in it.

Cheers my dear friend.

**Mark Meyer** - June 25, 2018 at 01:32 PM

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“ Dr Kalin taught me for a couple of upper level history classes at Memphis State. He was engaging and fun and both my education and life were enriched by my experience with him. Once while discussing the hardships of immigrants and minorities, we discussed stereotypes. He said "Here's one: people think Jews are smart; I'm a Jew and some of the dumbest people I know are Jews." It doesn't matter if he was serious, the point was made and it was endearing. I wish I had stayed in touch with him. Regardless, I am better for the time I had under his tutelage. Rest in Peace.

**Robert Winfield** - June 21, 2018 at 03:22 AM

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“ I remember Berkley well and his love of music. He was a kind and personable man.

**Pat Lacy** - June 18, 2018 at 01:47 PM

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“ Berkley was a wonderful man. He had a quick wit and was a loving, faithful friend. We will miss him.

**Doug McKinney** - June 18, 2018 at 10:38 AM