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Susan Bessey

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Community News

The Fink Family Donates a New Lectern for Cemetery

By Kelly Reed Keeling

This spring there is a lovely addition to the Hebrew Cemetery – a new lectern. The lectern, located in the Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel in the Cemetery's new Memorial Building, is a gift from the Fink family in memory of beloved wife and mother, Nancy Fink.

Robert Fink, age 89 and a retired executive from Gilead Manufacturing, says he discovered the need for a new lectern at his wife's funeral, while his son, Andy, was giving his wife's eulogy. When Mr. Fink returned home, he contacted the son-in-law of a neighbor, a gifted woodworker, Patrick Daly.

Daly, an HRIS business analyst by profession, has extensive experience with furniture making, carpentry, and metal working and was excited to take on this project. He conducted research on Jewish traditions and visited the new Memorial Building prior to making sketches.

"The lectern is solid cherry, while the Stars of David are hand cut (by me) from 100+ year old pine salvaged from a manufacturing plant near Charlotte. They are located on each side of the legs. The inspiration for the legs came from the menorah while the space in between is similar to a candle flame and shines light on the Star of David and symbolizes the legacy of Nancy. She was the light



The lectern donated by the Fink family.

and rock of her family."

"The lectern is a lasting testament to my wonderful wife, Nancy," says Mr. Fink, "and she would be very pleased that this piece will be useful to others." Mrs. Fink, a native Charlottean, is remembered for her dedication to her three children, Andy Fink, Cathie Fink Wallace, and Susan Fink Ramano, as well as for her beautiful contralto singing voice. Mrs. Fink shared her love of music for over 40 years as a member of the Temple Beth El choir.

May is a wonderful month to visit the Cemetery. The freshly-landscaped Blumenthal Garden to the right of the main gate offers many pathways and trees for a lovely stroll. The cool air-conditioned space at the Memorial Garden has a water fountain and bathrooms. Visitors will find over 300 memorial plaques recently installed on the walls of the Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel.

The Hebrew Cemetery offers a plethora of history lessons for young and old. From the tombstones under the towering oaks in the historical section to the newer sections near the Memorial Building, there is always something to be learned when visiting these sa-

cred grounds.

The Hebrew Cemetery is grateful to the Fink family for honoring Nancy Fink's memory with a beautiful new lectern. Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize someone special? Please consider supporting our community cemetery by making a gift of \$1000 for a memorial plaque or crafting a legacy gift in your will through the Create a Jewish Legacy program. Another way to help is to join the Hebrew Cemetery's 600+ members, who contribute annually to the Cemetery's maintenance. Membership is only \$72 per year. Members may preplan their funerals, which in itself, is a wonderful gift to one's loved ones. For more information, please contact Director, Sandra Goldman, by email at director@hebrewcemetery.org or by calling 704-576-1896. ☆



The plaque honoring Mrs. Fink.




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