**OBITUARIES**

**DR. DAVID A. KIPPER 1939-2010**

Psychologist and ballet patron

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Dr. David A. Kipper, 71, a clinical psychologist, research professor and philanthropist who was instrumental in bringing the Joffrey Ballet to Chicago, died of cancer Thursday, Dec. 2, in his Chicago home, said his wife, Barbara Levy Kipper.

Through his 30 years as a psychotherapist, Dr. Kipper helped countless people in his native Israel and later Chicago, where he had a private practice. For the past 15 years, he was also a research professor of psychology at Roosevelt University.

In the 1960s, Dr. Kipper joined a group that helped move the Joffrey Ballet from New York to Chicago. He was named the ballet's first board chairman in 1965 and was one of three life directors.

"This is a tremendous loss for the city and me personally," said Fred Eychaner, the current Joffrey board chair. "Dr. Kipper ... dared to dream the impossible dream of establishing a world-class ballet company in our city. My solace is that David lived to see the Joffrey flourish."

In addition to his counseling career and dedication to the arts, Dr. Kipper showed great devotion for Israel and the Jewish community. He served in various leadership roles for the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League.

He was born in Tel Aviv in 1939, and received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Bar-Ilan University in Israel in 1964 and a doctorate from the University of Durham in England in 1969.

Dr. Kipper's interest in psychotherapy led him to move to New York to study with Dr. Jacob L. Moreno, at the Moreno Institute for Psychotherapy and Psychodrama. There, Dr. Kipper met Barbara Levy, a student from Chicago who would become his wife.

"I fell in love with his voice," she recalled. "He was a wise and kind man, and he had a way of making people feel good." He died on Dec. 3, 2010, at the age of 89 years. She is survived by her loving children, Michael, married to Susan, of Northbrook and Fredrick, of San Francisco. Married to Leigh Kipper, passed away in 1965, Dr. Kipper was a member of St. Thomas of Villanova Community of Chicago. There will be a memorial service at the Community of Immaculate Heart of Mary and volunteered for the Little Sisters of the Poor. In addition to his service to Chicago, he was a member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

In October 1973, during the Yom Kippur War, Dr. Kipper returned to Israel, where he did dispensary work.

After the war, Dr. Kipper traveled to Chicago for his wedding in 1974, and then he moved to New York. He was on the faculty at Bar-Ilan University, where he helped to found the music therapy program.

He wrote extensively, including one book, "Psychotherapy Through Clinical Role Playing," and more than 70 chapters and articles in professional journals.

In 1983, the couple moved to Chicago, where his wife became chair of her family's book distribution business, the Chas Levy Co.

Back in Chicago, Dr. Kipper and his wife developed a love for the Joffrey Ballet and a friendship with Robert Joffrey, fueling their drive to bring the ballet to Chicago. In 1985, their dream came true, with much of the Joffrey's belongings transported to Chicago on a Chas Levy truck. In honor of the Kippers' years of support, the company named one of its three principal studios at the Joffrey Tower for the couple.

Other survivors include two daughters, Talia and Tamar; and two grandchildren. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday in Anshe Emeth Synagogue, 737 N. Broadway, Chicago.

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**DEATHS IN THE NEWS**

Alfred Balk, 80, prolific journalist who wrote influential articles on housing segregation, the Nation of Islam and Illinois politics; Nov. 28, in Hinsdale of colon cancer.

Katherine Geraghty, 82, former Glencoe woman who championed equality; Nov. 24, in Harborspring, Mich.

Leonard G. Ginger, 82, researcher aided the Manhattan Project and worked in philanthropy with Northwestern University; Nov. 24, in Glenview.

Jessie Walker Griggs, 88, photographer noted for her work depicting gardens, kitchens and interiors; Nov. 26, in Glencoe, of lung cancer.


Leslie Nielsen, 84, actor who appeared in "Airplane!" and "The Naked Gun"; Nov. 26, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., of complications from pneumonia.

Ron Santo, 70, legendary Chicago Cubs third baseman and longtime broadcaster on WGN Radio; Dec. 2, in Arizona, of complications from bladder cancer.

Dr. Arnold L. Wagner, 95, longtime Evanston doctor and former medical director for the nonprofit Mather Lifeways; Nov. 20, in Highland Park.

**CHASE, ANN**

Ann Chase, 91, died peacefully Nov. 22 in Chicago of natural causes. She was born Aug. 26, 1912, in Madison, Wis., to Ethel and Amos Root.

**N.H. Scott & Hankep Funeral Home**

**BRODY, IRENE M.**

Irene M. Brody, 91, of Chicago, a former teacher of mathematics, was born Dec. 15, 1923, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the late John and Vivian (nee Koralewski) Brody. She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Leonard W. Brody; one son, Martin (Nancy) Brody; one daughter, Linda (Jay) O'Shea; two grandchildren, Thomas (Jan) Brody and Joseph (Nia) Brody; and four great-grandchildren, John, Moshe, Cole and Nadia. She is also survived by her beloved brother, Michael Koralewski; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Koralewski, her mother, Vivian Brody, her brother, Jack Brody, her sister, Nellie (nee Koralewski) Brody and her husband's brother, Sidney Brody. Services will be held at Chas. R. Parks Funeral Home, 3325 N. Scoville Ave., Chicago, at 10 a.m. Saturday. Interment will be at Massillon Memorial Park, Massillon, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22778, Chicago, IL 60622.

**BURGON, BERDIE**

Berdie Burgon, 66, a "Kat the Babe," was born in Ohio to John and Emma (nee Skaggs) Burgon. Survived by brothers, George the late Princess, Michael, and Sandy; step-siblings, Henry and Sandy; and great-grandchild, Ron. Also survived by five nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Emma Burgon; her sister, Mary Burgon; and her brothers, George the late Princess, Michael, and Sandy. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Burson Funeral Home, 307 W. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Interment will be at the West Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 110, Troy, MI 48084.

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**CHAIK, ANNA A.**

Anna A. Chaiik, 92, died peacefully Nov. 22 in Chicago, where she was born Aug. 21, 1921, the daughter of the late Anna and Alexander Abramovich. A rights activist, she was a member of the North Shore Memorial Park at Ossian, a member of the United States Women's National Memorial Park at Ossian, a member of the United States Women's National Memorial Society and a member of the North Shore Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the North Shore Memorial Park at Ossian, 2201 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60647. Services will be held at Chas. R. Parks Funeral Home, 3325 N. Scoville Ave., Chicago, at 10 a.m. Saturday. Interment will be at the North Shore Memorial Park at Ossian. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the North Shore Memorial Park at Ossian, 2201 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60647.

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