

Vivian Zisholtz z”l

In the all too brief 58 years in which Vivian Zisholtz, of blessed memory, walked the earth, she left an indelible mark on anyone and everyone with whom she interacted. One did not need to be among her closest family and friends to feel her boundless kindness, sensitivity, and love for people. Her smile - forever fixed on her beautiful face - and her infectious laugh - forever erupting from that smile - were her most wonderful hallmarks. Anyone who was lucky enough to be in her presence for even a very brief time, would undoubtedly learn of the depth of her inner beauty as a truly righteous and compassionate person.



In her life, Vivian’s energy and vitality were always outwardly focused. For her, life’s opportunities and meaning were about helping *others* feel fulfilled and happy. Whether in the realm of the truly countless acts of *chesed* she performed, her tireless dedication to GHA, YA, and the general Jewish community, or her one-on-one interactions with children as a gifted Occupational Therapist - her passion was to always focus on making others grow and achieve their potential. The brilliance of Vivian’s inner spark would ignite the inner spark of all those around her.

Among her many communal activities, Vivian was the president of the Beth Jacob Synagogue Sisterhood, bringing elegance and class to everything she touched. She also chaired a large number of very successful fundraisers for Yeshiva Atlanta during the years that their children were in enrolled there.

Vivian (Reich) Zisholtz was born on December 26, 1958 in Montgomery, Alabama. For most of her early education she attended public schools due to dyslexia which made the dual curriculum of a Jewish day school particularly challenging. This was in large part the driving force for Vivian’s pursuit of a degree in Occupational Therapy, which she received from New York University following her graduation from York College. Vivian and Barry Zisholtz were married on June 5, 1983. Barry and Vivian moved to Atlanta in 1988.

Vivian is survived by her beloved children Evan (GHA ‘98/YA ‘02) & Diana; Jeremy (GHA ‘01/YA ‘05) & Katie; Stefanie (GHA ‘02) & David; and Ricky (GHA ‘03/YA ‘07) & Becca; and her precious grandchildren Allie Zisholtz, Kate Zisholtz, and Jake Fishman.