



## ESFIR LUPYAN

July 7, 1936 - June 16, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE: 3:30 PM Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at HEBREW  
MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The chapel service will be webcast

Esfir Lupyan, Age 88, of Oak Park, passed away June 16, 2025.

Beloved wife of Naum Layer.

Devoted mother of Boris Ekemchik, the late Miriam "Marina" Lupyan, Andrey Layer and Pavel Layer.

Loving grandmother of many dear grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Esfir was a Holocaust survivor and a victim of Stalin's repression, living in the first Gulag. Despite the emotional difficulty, she devoted her later years to promoting awareness of the holocaust and Stalinist oppression, speaking publicly at the Detroit Holocaust Museum among other venues. She also wrote a book about her experiences called 'Never Erased in My Mind'. She worked as a chemical engineer in the automotive industry. In addition, she was well known in her circles as an inventor in her field, claiming over two hundred patents. She was a candidate of science in Russia which is the equivalent of American Masters degree. Esfir was especially sensitive at injustice directed towards anyone. She will be missed and remembered as a happy and cheerful person, who appreciated all decent people. She made friends with people wherever she went. She especially cared about her people

and loved her family.

**INTERMENT:**

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

**SHIVA:**

The family will observe Shiva privately.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

If you would like to further honor the memory of ESFIR LUPYAN  
you may do so by making a contribution to:

Yeshiva Beth Yehuda

P. O. Box 2044

Southfield, MI 48037

248.557.6750

[www.detroityeshiva.org](http://www.detroityeshiva.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

33230 Gratiot  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

JUN 17. 3:30 PM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel  
26640 Greenfield Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 543-1622  
info@hebrewmemorial.org  
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of **ESFIR LUPYAN**



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**Hebrew Memorial Chapel** - June 17, 2025 at 11:51 AM

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*Love you always, mom.  
Gloria*

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**Gloria Ekelchik** - June 17, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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*Esther was a sweet friend that I loved. I will never forget the day I met her and Nahum at shul. They were sitting in front of me, and I said hello in Russian. I hardly know any Russian but they were happy, and we became friends that day. I was very happy to help her with her book. She and I had fun for at least a year Skyping each other and reading the parsha together every week in English. She asked good questions about the text. And sometimes I practiced a little Russian with her. She was kind to my two sons and daughter-in-law who visited her with me. They really liked her and Nahum, and we would talk because, like Nahum, they are also from Odessa. It was a great privilege knowing her, eating and sleeping over at their apartment, and I am very sad she is gone. Much love to Nachum. Sylvia Halpert 601 832-7055.*

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**Sylvia Halpert** - June 19, 2025 at 09:20 PM