



## ESTHER APPLEBAUM

July 12, 1924 - September 26, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 AM THURSDAY 9/30/2021 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

A LIVE ZOOM OF THE FUNERAL WILL BE MADE AVAIABLE AT TIME OF SERVICE.

Esther Ryback Applebaum  
July 12, 1924-September 26, 2021

Our beloved mother Esther passed away in her Southfield home on the evening of September 26.

Born in Detroit on 7/12/24 to Sol and Rose Ryback, Esther was the only daughter and the first of their 4 children, followed by her 3 brothers Bernard, Gordon, and Ralph which made up the rest of her family. As a teenager, she worked with her parents in the family store while attending first Central High School and then transferring to the High School of Commerce where she obtained a business education. Esther met Max Applebaum, her high school sweetheart, at the age of 16 and they were married after a long engagement when he returned from serving in the army during WWII on March 10, 1946. Together they raised four children and when they were old enough, Esther used her business skills to work in medical offices, and then for 20 years for Southfield Public Schools at Southfield Lathrup High School as Secretary in

the attendance office until her retirement.

She loved music and singing all her life and enjoyed performing with the Rose Morgan Choral Group. She was an avid photographer and loved to travel and see new places. She provided photos for her widespread family at many joyous events over the years.

Esther was a lifetime member of Israel chapter B'nai B'rith which was chartered on her birthday, 7/12/48. She served as president several times as well as the Louis Marshall president when the chapters eventually merged. She also served on the B'nai B'rith Council of Metropolitan Detroit. She loved meeting new people and giving of her time and energy for worthy causes for those in need. She had a knack for making others feel good about themselves and welcome in any situation. She will always be remembered as a woman with boundless energy and a zest for life.

Esther is survived by her daughters Marilyn Bennett and Janet Applebaum, her sons Steven Applebaum and Michael Applebaum, her brother Ralph Ryback and his wife Lucy and their families, sister-in-law Lakie Ryback and her family, nieces Sarah Lobel and Rifka Shaine and their families, niece Debbie Lebovic and husband Avraham and their family, nephews Avi and David Applebaum and their families, grandchildren Ian Bennett Brosdahl and her husband Peter, Rachel Applebaum, Sky Applebaum and his wife Julia, Zachary Applebaum, Joshua Applebaum, Noah Applebaum and his wife Ashley, and great-grandchildren Lillian, Sky Maxwell, Ryker, Conri and Harlow Applebaum.

Also survived by other relatives and friends.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Aaron Starr

Hazzan David Propis

INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through the evening of Tuesday, October 5, at the residence:

25159 Ridgecliff Drive  
Southfield, MI 48075

Religious services will be held this evening, Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. Friday morning Services at 7:30 a.m., and Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday religious services will be held by Zoom with Congregation Shaarey Zedek. That zoom link will be provided on the Shaarey Zedek Website for friends and family to join in.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

ESTHER APPLEBAUM

you may do so by making a contribution to:

ST. JUDES HOSPITAL

1461 E. 12 Mile Road

Madison Heights, MI 48071

(248) 546-8086

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

# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (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 ESTHER APPLEBAUM*



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**Hebrew Memorial Chapel** - September 30, 2021 at 08:39 AM

GR

“ To know Aunt Esther was to love her! Her generosity of spirit was boundless. After the birth of each of our children, she sent a beautifully wrapped gift with clothing or toys for the newborn. One special gift we will always cherish is the model Magen Dovid Adom toy ambulance she sent us. Our grandchildren continue to play with it! She was one of the first relatives to respond to each bar mitzvah or wedding invitation we sent her. And she flew to New Jersey to attend as many of these events as she could. Soon after the event, the pictures arrived! Aunt Esther's turnaround time for developing pictures beat any of the professional photographers. Aunt Esther was both warm and direct at the same time. She said what she meant and meant what she said. When I called to thank her once, I apologized for not calling more often. She told me. "That's right. You should call more often. I appreciate the calls." The last time she came to Lakewood was for Moshe's wedding. She had just celebrated her 90th birthday. The night after the wedding, Sheva Brachos was held in a local restaurant. The party room was up a steep flight of stairs. I was about to find the elevator, but was stopped by Aunt Esther calling me. "C'mon over here and help me up these stairs, I'm not as young as I used to be!" She stuck her arm in mine and up we went! Esther was undaunted by challenge. She just forged ahead. Her zest and appreciation for life will forever remain in our hearts. Our heartfelt condolences to Ralph and the Applebaum children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and the entire extended family who is mourning this painful loss. Shea and Gittie Ryback and Family

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**Gittie Ryback** - September 30, 2021 at 09:29 PM

BB

“ Your family has been a huge part of our life growing up, and we are thankful for the memories. Also, your Mom kept a special eye on me in high school and it was appreciated. She was a very special lady.

*Barbara (Heller) Burstein*

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**Barbara Burstein** - September 29, 2021 at 08:14 PM

CC

“ My parents and Ester and Max were very good friends. We spent many wonderful family dinners together. Esther was a very lovely person!

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**carol cohen** - September 28, 2021 at 12:05 PM

FG

“ Deepest condolences to the family of Esther. I know Janet has been taking care of her and since I also took care of my mother I know there is a special place in heaven for caretakers. Wishing the family love and strength.

*Frannie Goldstein*

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**Franniie Goldstein** - September 28, 2021 at 11:51 AM

MS

“ Our first home was next door to Esther and Max . Esther was very helpful when our children were born.

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**Miriam Silverstein** - September 28, 2021 at 10:29 AM

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“ *a blast of the past....She was always so kind and generous with her time! She helped my mom's time since she worked as a teacher in Detroit. Her strength and beauty were always obvious. Wishing all of you the same!*

*Fondly,*

*Jill Cherney Lutz*

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**Jill 6745 Ridgefield Circle. 105** - September 27, 2021 at 12:59 PM