



FRIEDA S. LEEMON

March 19, 1921 - May 2, 2019

SERVICES: 9:30 AM SUNDAY 5/5/2019 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE TRIBUTE PAGE FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL.

Age 98, of West Bloomfield, died May 2, 2019

AN INTERNATIONAL ZIONIST LEADER

Frieda Smolinsky Leemon was born in Baklarzevo, Poland in 1921 and was brought to the United States as an infant. She lived most of her life in the Metropolitan Detroit area and graduated from Northwestern High School and then from Wayne University. She also graduated from United Hebrew School High School Department at Philadelphia Byron Branch and received the Gold Medal Awarded by Feigenson(FAYGO) brothers as the outstanding student of her class. She resumed the study of Hebrew in later life and was a fluent Hebrew speaker.

In 1961, she was elected President of the Greater Detroit Council of Pioneer Women (now Na'Amat). in 1963, she was chairman of the National Convention held in Detroit at the Book Cadillac Hotel. At that time, she was elected to the National Board and served in many positions mainly in Fund Raising Portfolios. She received the State of Israel Award in 1977, at the National Convention held in Washington D.C. and was elected National

President of Pioneer Women and served for many years.

In 1981, for her 60th Birthday, the Leemon family built a Three Class Day Care Center in Ramle, Israel for the children of working mothers and it was named "Beit Frieda". Children from the ages of 3 months to five years are educated and cared for here.

In 1982, in gratitude for her service, Na'Amat Israel dedicated the Frieda Leemon Technological High School in Lod, a school for students at risk. In 1991, this school received the Israel Education Prize for Excellence. Mrs. Leemon attended most of the graduation ceremonies at the school and traveled to Israel 46 times. She served on the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and attended many meetings at the White House, State Department and Pentagon. She was honored to speak at the Knesset and was a guest at the signing of the Peace Treaty between Israel and Egypt and the dinner at the White House that followed the evening. She became friends with Golda Meir and knew all of the Presidents and Prime Ministers of Israel personally.

She was the first person from Michigan to serve on the Actions Committee and Presidium of the World Zionist Organization and attended many World Zionist congresses. She served on the National Board of the World Jewish Congress, the Jewish National Fund, State of Israel Bonds and the United Israel Appeals, In 1985, she was elected Vice President of the World Movement of Na'Amat, the largest Women's Organization in Israel. At this conference, delegates from thirteen countries voted to accept the name of their sister organization in Israel, Na'Amat, a hebrew acronym for Women Who Work and Volunteer. Pioneer Women did not lose its pioneering spirit, it just changed its name to Na'Amat, USA.

At the age of 70, Mrs. Leemon volunteered to serve in the Israel Army and was assigned to the Southern Army Command in Beersheba for a month. For 30 years, she served as a Chairman of the Board of the Golda Meir Child Development Fund, a special fund for child care centers in development towns and poor neighborhoods as well as advanced pedagogical programs for

child care staff.

At the World Zionist Congress in 2004, she was named an Honorary Fellow of the World Zionist Organization, a "YAKIRA YERUSHALAYIM", a Beloved of Jerusalem.

A life member of the National Council of Jewish Women, ORT America, and Briandeis University Women.

She was married to the late Norman I. Leemon and is survived by her children, Judith Ann Holtz, Mark (Sidney Stillerman Royer) Leemon and Sheldon (Lenore Waldhorn) Leemon.

Grandchildren, Meredith Robin (Adam) Weingarden, Jason Richard Holtz, Ethan Randall (Dana Kushkin) Holtz, Elizabeth Sarah (Michael) Snyder, Joseph Reuben (Courtney) Leemon, Joseph P.L. Henry and Sonia Yonit Portney Leemon.

Great-grandchildren, Noah Ryan Weingarden, Emilie Renee Weingarden, Linley Ava Holtz, Braden Julius Holtz, Sutton Asher Holtz and Brooke Lois Snyder.

Daughter of the late Tillie and the late Henry Smolinsky.

Sister to the late Pauline (late Dr. Leonard) Schreiber, late Miriam (late Sol) Hoberman, Jacqueline (late Paul) Drucker and Gail (late Dr. Floyd) Tukel.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

Hazzan Daniel Gross

INTERMENT:

Beth Tefilo Emanuel Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Friday afternoon

at the residence of a daughter,
Judy Holtz
6003 Glen Eagles Drive
West Bloomfield, MI 48323
(248) 683-1765

PLEASE NOTE:

THE FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT CONDOLENCE VISITS BE MADE
EACH DAY:
FROM 12:00 NOON TO 4:30 PM AND THEN STARTING AGAIN AT 6:30 PM.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

7:00 PM Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

FRIEDA LEEMON

you may do so by making a contribution to:

NA'AMAT USA

21515 Vanowen Street Suite 102

Canoga Park, CA 91303

844.777.5222

www.naamat.org

Previous Events

Service

MAY 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

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

Shiva

MAY 5 to 10 (ET)

Residence of Judy Holtz

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Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of **FRIEDA S. LEEMON**



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - May 03, 2019 at 01:12 PM

EG

“ We just heard about your Mom's passing. Our thoughts are with you.

Elaine and Dan Gruber

Elaine (Leemon) Gruber - October 15, 2019 at 12:11 PM

CC

“ Having come into Frieda's life late, I cannot begin to express what I learned from her and how the experience of knowing her changed me. As a caregiver, i received more from her than i could have ever given. She was a spectacular woman and a great human being. Everything she did was done with excellence, passion, intelligence, humor, persistance and love for her felliw human beings. i know she inspired me in ways that will continue to be revealed in my life. And always at the center of her busy, accomplished life was her family. She is testimony that you are never to old to learn new things, be abundantly useful, flourish, and happily in my case, make new friends. I thank you so very much for posting her beautiful service as i am ill today and could not come, but it touched me beyond measure.

You will be in my thoughts and prayers as you go forward. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to briefly be a part of her life.

Chaplain Lauren Cousineau
Heart to Heart Hospice

Chaplain Lauren Cousineau - May 05, 2019 at 10:30 AM

RS

“ Visiting Frieda at her apartment at All Seasons was always an exciting adventure. To her, each visit with me was like the first visit all over again. She loved to relate anecdotes about herself and her sisters, and the highlights of her numerous trips to Israel. Frieda loved to speak in Ivrit, and to point out some of the special purchases that she made during her trips to Israel. Quite a personality, and a character. I will miss those moments spent with her.

- Rabbi Avie Shapiro (Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network).

Rabbi Avie Shapiro - May 02, 2019 at 11:43 PM