



## GERALDINE ZACKS

July 21, 1948 - September 16, 2020

FAMILY GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 11:00 AM FRIDAY 9/18/2020 at HEBREW MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY

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Age 72, of Farmington Hills, died September 16, 2020.

Beloved wife to Howard Zacks.

Devoted mother of Matthew Mercadante, Daniel (Valerie) Mercadante, Matthew (Lisa) Zacks, Stephen Zacks and Michele Zacks.

Loving grandmother of Oliver Mercadante, Aria Mercadante and Dylan Zacks  
Cherished sister of Lee (Dawn) Gayer, Mitchell Gayer and Diane (David) Scheingoltz.

Also survived by loving nieces and nephew.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi L. Burnham

INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva privately

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

GERALDINE ZACKS

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# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery  
33230 Gratiot  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Geri was truly a blessing in my life. Geri put me on a path to my Jewish learning. Meeting Geri may have appeared as a complete accident, but I know that she was brought to all of us from above. I first met Geri at my Granpa's Yahrzeit at Temple Shir Shalom, I know he wanted me to learn The Torah. I can say this with confidence, Geri was an epitome of Yiddishe Mama to me and everyone she knew in her life. She was always so caring and always remember to ask about my family. Geri was a rare gem in the world. Because of her warm heart and welcoming spirit, she provided us with an amazing opportunity to learn The Torah. She brought the light of The Torah into my life. I walked into Geri's home as a stranger and walked out as a family member. She loved her beautiful babies and was always so proud of them, it was so heartwarming to hear. The world lost an amazing person and it was completely devastating to hear the news of her death. I am making a promise to lead by her example, that's one way we can keep her memory alive. She will be forever missed but never be forgotten. May her memory be a blessing. I would also like to thank Howard for being so gracious and sharing Geri with all us and also for his patience of having a full house, there are not many people who could handle the hustle and bustle we brought with us when we came to study or to Break Fast. Hugs and Prayers to the whole family

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**Alla Bush** - October 01, 2020 at 11:54 AM

LK

“ I met Geri 7 years ago through my daughter, Saraliza Scheinberg, and it was truly a gift to know her. Tuesdays at Geri's became the highlight of our week. She welcomed each of us so graciously and elevated those times for all of us. I know how we all looked forward to gathering together, and no matter what was going on for each of us, that sacred time was spent learning, sharing and connecting. Geri asked such good questions. I was moved beyond words when she told me that she had read & studied the entire weekly Torah portions in the five books of Chumash. She said she wanted to leave her Torah journals for her grandchildren. I cannot think of a greater gift. Geri was wise, warm and had a wonderful sense of humor. She was the drive behind the success of our first Holy Women trip together to Israel. I will never forget how much she added to that trip.

Listening to Rabbi Burnham speak at the funeral, it was clear that Geri grabbed each day fiercely and made it the best it could be. Whether as a daughter, a teacher, a wife, mother, grandmother and friend, she impacted and inspired so many of us. Our hearts are broken for Howard and her dear children and grandchildren, whom she adored so much. I know what a gaping hole it leaves for all of us too. May her memory be a blessing for all of us that loved her. And may we learn and continue her commitment to Torah and making the world a better place. She never sought the easy route. She searched for the paths that made a difference. It was an honor, a joy, and an inspiration to know her.

With deep sadness,  
Leah Kohn

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Leah Kohn - September 25, 2020 at 12:14 AM

KM

“ I was blessed to meet a group of extraordinary women in 2000 at the Northwest Early Childhood Center. Geri was one of those women. Our classrooms were next door to each other. Geri was a great teacher, colleague, and friend because of her love and consider for people. Geri loved her family and community. I send my thoughts and prayers to all those whom loved her, and whom she loved. Rest well Geri.

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**Kieya Morrison** - September 19, 2020 at 11:47 AM

TS

“ I met Geri in 2000 at Northwest Early Childhood Center. She was my laughter daily. Always had a kind word to say to everyone. I will miss her smile. She's resting now.

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**Tracey Spencer** - September 19, 2020 at 11:11 AM

CK

“ Mrs. Zacks was my daughter's preschool teacher almost 20 years ago. She was a loving, patient, and kind soul to her and my family. We kept in touch with her over the years and loved her so. I'm saddened but know that she touched so many hearts and lives. This world was made better with her in it.

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**Carole Lenton and Lindsay Keener** - September 19, 2020 at 12:23 AM

OT

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**otto** - September 18, 2020 at 02:03 PM

LO

“ I was very touched by Geri’s warmth, generosity and passion for Judaism and her willingness to open up her house and share her gifts. She leaves a huge hole in our community and will be sorely missed. All my thoughts and prayers for her family.  
*Lorraine Feber*

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**Lorraine** - September 18, 2020 at 11:37 AM

JS

“ Geri brought many gifts into this world. She was a brilliant woman and a leader of Judaism to so many people. She was fun, vivacious, and magnetic. She has left a beautiful legacy behind! She will be greatly missed. She truly left a part of herself in my heart, and my families that will last forever.

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**jackie sikora** - September 18, 2020 at 06:17 AM

HO

“ Geri, was such a blessing in my life, she was a friend and my teacher in so many ways.. She was a Light into the world, which I will be looking for the Light as I am on my journey which she started me on. I will miss my friend and all her Love.

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**Horton** - September 17, 2020 at 08:14 PM

BP

“ We all lost an angel. My heart is oh so sad, heavy and broken. Geri was a leader of our community. She was a natural. Generous, loving and giving to so many with a magnetic force. I will miss my friend and her wonderful sense of humor that attracted me in the first place. What a loss for all of us that knew her.  
*Barbara & Gary Pollack*

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**Barbara Pollack** - September 17, 2020 at 03:21 PM

EW

“ Geri was a gift. She was so patient with both of my children when she taught them their Torah portions. She was also very kind. She had a big heart! To her family - I am so very sorry for your loss. I can't imagine how much she will be missed by those closest to her.

Eileen Warshaw - September 17, 2020 at 08:07 AM

SK

Geri had a heart as big and as warm as the sun. She made everyone feel loved.

Stacey A Koltonow - September 17, 2020 at 08:41 PM

RM

Geri had a lot of love to give. She welcomed you in and made you feel loved. I feel lucky to call her my friend and will always miss her.

Robin Myles - September 17, 2020 at 08:59 PM

LT

My condolences to Howard and their family. Geri was always smiling and gracious to everyone that she met. She will truly be missed in our midst!

Lois from TSS Tish - September 18, 2020 at 09:57 AM

NB

My heart goes out to the family and dear friends of Gerri. She was so very welcoming to me at my first attendance of Sunday minyon prayer. May her memory be a blessing.

Nancie Rakotz Becker - September 18, 2020 at 10:53 AM

HK

I remember her. We learned Hebrew together. What a kind and lovely person.

hannah klein - September 18, 2020 at 07:15 PM