



## LEONARD FARBER

August 18, 1918 - October 12, 2019

SERVICES: 11:00 AM SUNDAY 10/13/2019 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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

Age 101, of West Bloomfield, died October 12, 2019

Born August 18, 1918 to Sadie Belle and Samuel Farber of blessed memory before WWI ended. His family lived in Windsor. His father died at 38 when Leonard was 7 years old. He was raised by his mother & sister Florence who he adored. The family got by until the Great Depression caused his mother's small hat store to fail. When he was 15, destitute, they moved to Detroit to live with relatives. Leonard worked at a CF Smiths Grocery store where he could eat as much fruit as he wanted while he was at work. He learned the value of hard work and frugality. He wanted to quit school to work more but his mother insisted he stay in school which served him well in life. He was always good with numbers, learned bookkeeping and studied accounting.

When WWII began, he was working as a bookkeeper. He soon realized that he was going to end up in the army so he prepared to enlist. He was needed to train his war time replacement. It was then when the most beautiful girl (as he always said), walked into his office and his life DOLORES.

They began to date. On their first date they walked a mile to save a penny on

the street car. He was ordered to report to the army in California. He told her that they were going to get married and move to California. He went to Officers School and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. He was shipped to the Philippines. Just before landing the army decided they needed 3 attorneys for different organizational tasks.

Of the 200 2nd Lieutenants, there were only two attorneys. They turned to the man with accounting, Leonard. He was tasked with organizing the new Department of Recovered Personnel. He did this so well that he received a Special Commendation from the Commanding General. After the war he returned to Dolores and back to Detroit to start a family. At the same time he continued his accounting studies and became a CPA.

Lynne was the first child, Stuart, Mark & Terri. He worked hard and because of his skill, was asked to become President of a home building company. At that time in 1960 the economy was headed into a serious recession. Because of his organizational and accounting skills, he kept the company alive. In subsequent years, he shepherded the company through 2 more recessions. He earned the respect of his employees (many of whom stayed for 30 years), contractors, competitors and even government officials.

He started snow skiing at 50. Everyone thought he was nuts. It took him 5 years to learn to get off of a chair lift without falling.

Skiing became such a joy to him that he and Dolores bought a second home in Snowmass Colorado. He loved to have his children and grandchildren come west in the winters to ski. He and Dolores also had a condominium in Boca Raton as part of a business deal. When asked when he would go to Florida in the winter instead of Colorado, he said "When I get Old." They sold the condominium without ever seeing it.

They never felt old enough.

He drove until he was 98. His driver's license was reissued, through the mail, until he would have been 103.

Leonard lived for his family and his community.

He did everything he could to improve the lives of his family.

He also never stopped dispensing his advice on how to improve their own lives either.

“Let me explain”, or “There is something I want to cover with you” were a couple of his favorite expressions.

Leonard was always working for his community also. He was a lifelong member of B'nai Brith. Received the David Ben Gurion Award from the State of Israel Bonds.

A Lifetime Achievement Award from Federation. A lifelong member of Congregation Beth Abraham etc. An officer of Beth Abraham. Treasurer of the Tamarack Hills Authority.

A friend to all of the clergy of the shul.

Beloved husband to the late Dolores Farber for 74 years.

Son in law to Lottie and Samson Salzman of blessed memory.

Devoted Father to Lynne Farber (Maurice Long), Stuart Farber(Donna), Mark Farber(Lori), Terri Farber (Yosef Fleischmann).

Loving Saba to Ronnen, Andrea, Yaneev, Sarah Leah and Arly Golombek, Shirah and Matt Eurich, Alaina Farber, Owen Farber, Halli and Adam Cohen, Carri and Adam Riemer, Cody Farber and (fiancé) Devin Klein, Elana and Stephen Parker, Jennifer and Samson Maxbauer, Dena Roth and Rivka Friedman, Rachel and Reuben Maxbauer, Kendall Maxbauer and Elad Zuntz. Proud Great Saba to Max, Ami, Avrah, Lev, Conner, Brody, Olivia, Sutton, Nathan, Ezra, Adi, Amit, Ted, Betsy, Kerem, Dor.

Loving brother to Florence and Al Tucker of blessed memory.

Loving Uncle to Marilyn, Stefan, Bonnie, Marcy Tucker (Martin Rosenfeld of Blessed memory)

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Steven Rubenstein

INTERMENT:

Beth Abraham Cemetery

SHIVA:

DUE TO SUKKOT, THE FAMILY WILL OBSERVE SHIVA THROUGH  
5:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE RESIDENCE

5357 Isle Royal Court

West Bloomfield, MI 48323

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

LEONARD FARBER

you may do so by making a contribution to

HILLEL DAY SCHOOL

32200 Middlebelt Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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

or

CONGREGATION BETH AHM

5075 West Maple Road,

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

248-851-6880

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

# Cemetery Details

## BETH ABRAHAM

21569 WOODWARD  
FERNDALE, MI

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Shiva

OCT **13** (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of LEONARD FARBER*



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**Hebrew Memorial Chapel** - October 13, 2019 at 09:13 AM

MF

“ *Leonard was a great guy and we loved our discussions with him about community, love and our different politics! We will miss his enthusiasm for life!*

*Marion and Michael Freedman*

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**Marion Freedman** - October 19, 2019 at 12:39 PM

DC

“ *Stuart and Mark I just heard of your Dad's passing. Your parents were long time customers of mine at Direct Optical. Your Dad was a wonderful mentor to me in my early years starting out. I had many great conversations with him about business. Your Mom was a joy and I so remember how well they complimented each other. May both their memories be a blessing to you both and your entire families. Dennis Chaiken.*

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**dennis chaiken** - October 15, 2019 at 09:24 PM

RZ

“ A dearest friend forever to me, Myrna, and the rest of the Zack family — and also dear uncle to Joanne, Steven and Ronna; and best friend to Sam. We will think of Leonard and Delores often and miss them with love.

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**Ronna Zack** - October 13, 2019 at 08:30 AM

MO

“ Leonard Farber has been a part of my Shul family as long as I can remember. From the Linwood until now. That's over 78 years for me. I truly feel the loss and my condolences to his family. I'm out of town, but my heart will be on Woodward and 8 mile. Morry Opperer.

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**Maurice opperer** - October 13, 2019 at 08:00 AM