



## REVA BARAHAL

July 16, 1923 - January 29, 2020

SERVICES: 11:30 a.m. Sunday, February 2, 2020, at Hebrew Memorial Chapel in Oak Park.

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

Mrs. Barahal, of West Bloomfield, died January 29, after sundown, at the age of 96.

Graduate of Detroit Central High School, a big supporter of Hadassah.

Worked for the Oakland County Department of Public Health, performing dental hygiene and fluoride treatments for children in schools.

Worked as an usher at the Michigan Opera House as well as other venues.

Was active in community health issues, including maintaining availability and access to archived X-rays, and handicap access in public facilities.

Hobbies and interests included classical music, opera, piano, gardening, nature, animal welfare, sewing, knitting and other crafts. Member of The Creative Clothing Club.

Active in charity: Making blankets for children in the Children's Hospital, contributing to Hadassah, as well as other charities.

Active member of the Jewish community

Love for family and friends. She respected and wanted to help everybody she knew, and had the love, respect, and admiration of those who knew her.

Beloved wife of the late Max Barahal. Devoted mother of Judith Barahal and Dr. David (Cari) Barahal. Dear sister of the late Allen (late Ethel) Bobroff and the late Charlotte (late Dr. George) Miller. Loving grandmother of Derek Gibbins and Alyssa (Steve) Schicketanz.

OFFICIATOR: Rabbi Dovid Polter

INTERMENT: Machpelah Cemetery, 21701 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, MI

SHIVA: Through Tuesday evening at the home of niece and nephew:

Dianne and Robert Alpiner

6796 Oyster Cove

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

248.425.4355

SERVICES: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

To honor the memory of Reva Barahal, you may best do so by a donation to one of the following charities:

Yad Ezra

2850 W. 11 Mile Road

Berkley, MI 48072

248.548.3663 [www.yadezra.org](http://www.yadezra.org)

Jewish National Fund (TREES)

24100 Chagrin Blvd. Ste. 430

Cleveland, OH 44122

800-542-8733 [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org)

Any WW II Veteran charity

# Cemetery Details

## Machpelah Cemetery

21701 Woodward Avenue  
Ferndale, MI 48220

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of REVA BARAHAL



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - February 02, 2020 at 10:12 AM

JG

*Michael and Janelle were gratified to be able to watch Reva's service. May her memory be a blessing to all of us. ❤️*

janelle Gelfand - February 02, 2020 at 12:29 PM

JK

*Reva was so intensely full of life. She was a blessing in so many ways. I'm grateful to say she was and always will be my relative*

Jonathan Kurtzman - February 02, 2020 at 12:39 PM

AF

*I'm so glad I was able to view the service. Reva told me last time I saw her, that she missed my Mom. I will miss your Mom too.  
Alene Franklin*

Alene Franklin - February 02, 2020 at 03:25 PM

AK

*Reva was a fireball. She was a fighter to the end. She was fiercely loving to her children and always made me laugh.*

Andie Kutinsky - February 06, 2020 at 08:01 AM

FA

“ Dear Judy and David,  
Your mom and I volunteered together for many years at the Detroit Chamber Music Society and also the Detroit Opera House. She was fun to be with, a lively personality. I enjoyed her intelligence, her twinkling eyes, and her spirit. We had many good chats as we worked together.

Thank you for calling to let me know about her passing. I am so sorry I was unable to attend her services, as I was overseas at the time.

Reva's memory will live on. She was special.

*Fran Alberts*

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**Fran Alberts** - February 08, 2020 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ Reva was a kind distant cousin and the few times I met with her she had so many nice ideas and things to say. I am sorry I did not know her better. I will always have warm thoughts of her energy. Judy Moss-Stern

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**judy stern** - February 03, 2020 at 08:10 PM

CI

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Cindy** - February 02, 2020 at 01:17 PM



*Judy -*

*I am saddened to learn of your mother's passing. I send my condolences to you and your family.*

*Nicole at Malibu East*

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**Nicole Gavrel Kotz** - February 03, 2020 at 03:32 PM

MD

“*Judy and David, I was fortunate to have met Reva through the friendship of David and my oldest son. We remained friends through the years. I extend my condolences to the family. Sincerely, Marilyn Davidson and family*

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**Marilyn Davidson** - February 01, 2020 at 06:24 PM

“ Dear Judy and David,  
I appreciate you notifying me of your mom's passing. It is my heartfelt wish that you both gently care for yourselves as you grieve your mom's loss. It is sad to have to let go of the people we love. A few years ago, I had a visit with your mom in her apartment at American House. She had my phone number and contacted me. We agreed I would come over for a visit. She told me about and showed me her clothes collection that seemed to delight her. I recall she loved to sew. Reva was quite talkative; so mentally sharp and articulate. I heard about how she was trained as a dental hygienist. But, truly what I will remember most about your mom was her passion, sparkle in her eyes and "feisty" spirit.

My recollection may be somewhat foggy, but I remember Reva telling me about how her concerns about the safety and ability of elders to function in public bathrooms, specifically the need to have handrails and elevated toilet seats available, became a passionate mission of hers to remedy the inadequacies of these public facilities. I recall her describing research she did on this issue and how she took action. It was clear to me that Reva could not stay silent when she was witness to any issue that struck her as being unjust or a problem that needed fixing. I was struck by how her spirit and convictions were so strong and that even with her advanced age, she saw herself as a strong warrior that needed to engage in battles where the causes were worth fighting for. Yet, while she spoke with such strong belief in her positions, she also laughed quite a bit during our visit. To my view, she had a very funny and clever sense of humor. And, although she took matters of concern seriously, she also was reduced to an easy laugh when she described to me what she saw as absurd and ludicrous aspects of life.

This is the memory of your mom that I will always remember. My final thought is Reva showed me a photograph of herself when she was a young woman and I recall thinking she was a very beautiful woman.

Clearly, Reva was a force to reckon with in her elder years as she continued to fight to make positive changes in this world. I can only try to imagine what that spirit and energy looked like in her youth.

*Hugs to you both.*

*Warmly,*

*Karen Minkoff Burstein*

*(daughter of Reva's friend Eleanor Minkoff)*

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**Karen Minkoff Burstein** - February 01, 2020 at 04:50 PM