



## RUTH COHEN SIEGEL

December 16, 2015

Ruth Cohen Siegel, 86 years young, passed away early Wednesday morning in Bloomfield Hills, MI at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Karen Siegel and David Propis. She was born and raised in Boston, MA to Sam and Fanny Getrya Cohen and was the middle of three daughters, all of whom were first-generation Americans. As a young adult, Ruth became involved in the Zionist Pioneer movement and remained a staunch Zionist her whole life. In the early 1950's, she moved with her husband, Stanley Siegel, to Puerto Rico and became another kind of pioneer. She was the driving force behind the construction of the JCC de Puerto Rico, also known as Sharey Tzedek Synagogue. She collected money by sitting at a table near the gangway of cruise ships with a sign that said "Help us build a synagogue here." From Puerto Rico, the family moved to Atlanta, GA in 1965 where she became active in Hadassah, Federation, NCJW, ORT, Senior University at Mercer University, AIPAC, CUFI, the symphony, opera and the Holocaust museum. She also transcribed books into braille. After 46 years in Atlanta, Ruth moved to be near her daughter in Michigan, where she felt she had returned to her roots, enjoying the four seasons and the lilac trees she loved growing up in Boston.

The funeral will be at Crestlawn Cemetery, 2000 Marietta Blvd, Atlanta, GA at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 17, 2015.

Date & Time: Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Officiator: Hazzan David Propis

#### Interment Information

Where: Crestlawn Cemetery  
Atlanta, Georgia

#### Shiva Information

Where: The family will observe Shiva the first night at the home of Randie Siegel in Atlanta and then Karen and her husband Hazzan David Propis will return to observe Shiva here in Michigan.

The family will continue observing Shiva on Monday through Tuesday evening at the residence of daughter and son-in-law  
Karen and Hazzan David Propis  
5017 Dianna Drive  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

The family has requested that condolence visits be made between 2 PM and 4PM and then from 7 PM to 9 PM both days.

Map & Directions

## Family Members

Ruth is pre-deceased by her parents, Sam and Fanny Cohen and her older sister, Carol Krems. She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Kaufman (Alberto zl), her children, Morrie Siegel (Leigh), Randie Siegel and Karen Siegel (David Propis) and special niece, Jan (Brian) Channon. In addition, she leaves her grandchildren, Lillian and Sarah Siegel, Dena and Sam Propis (Elyse), great-niece Rachel Channon Miller (Zac) and great-nephew Daniel Channon, as well as Gari Fisher (Mark) and their children Samantha Diaz (Daniel) and Oliver Fisher, and Greg Kaufman (Ellen) and their children Kayla and Daniel.

## Charitable Contributions

The family suggests that those who wish to further honor the memory of RUTH COHEN SIEGEL may best do so by means of a contribution to:

Hadassah

5030 Orchard Lake Rd.

West Bloomfield, MI 48323

(248) 683.5030

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

or

Friends of I.D.F.

P. O. Box 999,

Walled Lake, MI 48390

248-926.4110/4111 [www.michigan@fidf.org](http://www.michigan@fidf.org)

or

The Holocaust Memorial Center

28123 Orchard Lake Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

248-553-2400 [www.holocaustcenter.org](http://www.holocaustcenter.org)

or

A fund to be determined at

Congregation Shaarey Zedek

27375 Bell Road

Southfield, MI 48034

(248) 357-5544

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