



## ISRAEL HOCHBERG

August 27, 1933 - August 12, 2018

SERVICES: 11:30 am TUESDAY 8/14/2018 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE

Age 84, of Oak Park, died August 12, 2018.

Past executive director of New Horizons, he moved to Israel at age 2 and then became a member of the Israeli army.

Beloved father of Deborah Hochberg, Ruth Rothenberg and David Hochberg.

Dear brother of Samuel (Jeri) Hochberg.

Loving grandfather of Hannah Rothenberg and Daniel Rothenberg.

### OFFICIATOR:

Rabbi P. Yedwab, Cantor N. Michaels

### INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

### SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Wednesday evening at the daughter's residence

Ruth Rothenberg  
3106 Elmhurst Ave.  
Royal Oak MI 48073  
586-662-9990

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

7:00 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

ISRAEL HOCHBERG

you may do so by making a contribution to:

NEW HORIZONS

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

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **14**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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

## Shiva

AUG **14** to **15** (ET)

Ruth Rothenberg  
3106 Elmhurst Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

*Services 7:00 PM Tuesday and Wednesday.*

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of ISRAEL HOCHBERG



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - August 13, 2018 at 01:36 PM

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*My dear, sweet cousin with the biggest heart and the driest wit. A true mensch and never to be forgotten. One in a million and truly of blessed memory.*

Tzvia Idan - August 15, 2018 at 10:23 AM



*Tzvia, thank you for your beautiful thoughts.*

Deborah Hochberg - August 16, 2018 at 12:30 AM



*1st i knew as the father of a dear dear friend.  
Then as a man caught up in those thing of life.  
Then as a musician with a wonderful ear for it.. a man with a vision for those challenged to live a life of independence living.  
Then as a man seeking the comforts that come with the challenge of advance years.. through it all he maintained a wonderful sense of humour. The fruits of a life well spent.  
Rest well my friend  
May God love you*

Kenneth Cassabon - August 17, 2018 at 02:13 PM



*Thank you for your words Ken, and for your ongoing support...*

Deborah Hochberg - August 18, 2018 at 07:14 AM

VD

“*Deb, your father was so memorable, so connected to his Jewish roots and Eretz Israel Tzion. Israel, the name which in Hebrew means, to wrestle with God. May this be his blessing to all of you: Shalom. He doesn't have to wrestle with God or suffer in this life any more. I am honored to have been with you In Poland while finding your familial roots. Love, Vivian*

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**Vivian DeGain** - August 15, 2018 at 12:23 PM



*Vivian, thanks so much for your thoughts, and for bringing forward the meaning of my dad's name. That trip to Poland that we shared was when I had the opportunity to set foot in the shtetl of Kosow Laski where my father was born.*

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**Deborah Hochberg** - August 16, 2018 at 12:29 AM

“ Israel was a special friend and a very special man, indeed. I met Israel in 2001 when I moved to southeast Michigan and began visiting various ballroom dance venues. He spotted me sitting alone and asked me to dance. His charm, wit and tremendous kindness won me over and we became fast friends and dance partners. Israel had taken extensive ballroom dance lessons and was agreeable to teaching me what he knew. Our favorites were the rumba and the swing. We had many wonderful times on the dance floor together.

I came to discover what an extraordinary man Israel Hochberg was as he shared himself and his passions with me. He had a love for the Arts, in ballroom dance, of course, but also for art in various forms. I visited his apartment and saw it filled with paintings and sculptures. He was an artist himself and presented me with a lovely gift of personal drawings.

Music was a love of his and he was talented in several instruments. I was delighted when he would indulge me in a serenade on occasion. I still have a CD he had made of himself playing music with the recorder.

Another quality that was undeniable about him was his love for his family. He loved to tell me about his life as a young boy, about his brother, Samuel, his children, Debbie, Ruth and David, and his grandchildren Hannah and Daniel. How very proud he was while telling stories, keeping me updated on their lives, and showing me so many interesting pictures.

I enjoy thinking of all the words I would use to describe Israel. He was intelligent. He loved books and gave me books as gifts. Being very generous, he also gave me many small gifts of art and sculpture. He was accomplished with having been the director of New Horizons, helping those disabled or handicapped find purpose in tasks they could complete for area businesses and corporations. This showed the humanitarian sensibility he possessed. There was a trustworthiness about Israel, a dignity to him and a mutual respect that played out with all whom he came in contact.

Yes, Israel was an extraordinary man, a special friend, and a gift from God to me for a time on this earth. I will cherish the memory of

*him and our friendship and hold it in my heart always. Rest In Peace, dear Israel.*

**Jean Arnold** - August 14, 2018 at 08:46 PM



*Jean, thank you so much for your beautiful thoughts! It brings me comfort to know what a special relationship you shared with my father.*

**Deborah Hochberg** - August 16, 2018 at 12:22 AM

JR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Jon Rothenberg** - August 13, 2018 at 02:03 PM



*This picture must date from between August 1933, when my dad was born, and 1935, when he left Poland with his parents, as this picture was taken in Poland. It was probably taken shortly before my dad and his parents left Poland. My dad is a very young child seated between his maternal grandparents Aaron Paluba and Shaindl Rothenberg. To the top left are his parents, Taube Paluba and Chaim Hochberg, and at the top right is his mother's sister, Esther Paluba. Esther was killed during the Holocaust.*

**Deborah Hochberg** - August 16, 2018 at 12:15 AM

RS

“ Daughter Deborah has long told me of Israel's great service to the community of metro Detroit through New Horizons and other organizations and as an individual. I did not know he was a member of the IDF and this further contributes to my respect for him. Shalom.

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**Ron Stang** - August 13, 2018 at 11:26 AM

DA

*I did not get to spend as much time with my Uncle as I might have wanted to, however, every opportunity I got was filled with joy and conversation and music and memories that I will never forget. My uncle was a gracious and loving man with his time and his wisdom. I can only hope the Lord is celebrating his arrival and that Uncle Israel is no longer in any pain.*

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**David Allen** - August 13, 2018 at 08:10 PM



*Ron, there are so many aspects to my dad's life, I'm also so proud of his service in the IDF, as well as his work in several kibbutzim during his teen years. And cousin David, thank you for your thoughts as well. If only we had not lived at opposite ends of the country there surely would have been more time spent together.*

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**Deborah Hochberg** - August 16, 2018 at 12:26 AM

ER

*Sorry to hear about your loss. He was Sam's older brother and as a part of his twenties on until we lost touch, I remember many celebrations, much music and laughter along with the hard times. I was close to the family (being a chaverah and Gerrie's best friend) and knew your paternal grandparents as well. I have given my condolences to Sam and Gerry and wish to offer them to you as well.*

*Ellen Robinson - August 21, 2018*

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**Ellen Robinson** - August 21, 2018 at 10:21 PM



*Thank you Ellen, its comforting to think of all the good times my father experienced when he was young.*

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**Deborah Hochberg** - August 23, 2018 at 06:35 AM



*Over the years that I knew Israel he would proudly share the latest news about Hannah's progress in school, and he would make interested inquiries about my son Jordan, who is the same age as Hannah. Israel always recognized that we adults pin our hopes on the development of our next generations. My sincere condolences to the whole family for your loss. He surely loved each of you very much. He often spoke of Debbie, Ruth, David, Hannah, Daniel, and Samuel, and would proudly share photographs of you. Far beyond any earthly possessions, you were surely his greatest treasures.*

*Laura Joswiak*

*September 10, 2018*

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**Laura Joswiak** - September 10, 2018 at 08:00 PM



*Thank you Laura, I appreciate your thoughts about my dad, and appreciate your condolences.*

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**Deborah Hochberg** - September 22, 2018 at 07:08 PM