



LEONARD P. BARUCH

August 13, 1922 - January 17, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICES: 2:00 PM TUESDAY, January 20, 2026 at:

Congregation Shaarey Zedek

27375 Bell Road

Southfield, MI 48034

248-357-5544

csz.info@shaareyzedek.org

Services will be live-streamed and recorded.

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Leonard P. Baruch, age 103, of Southfield, died January 17, 2026

Beloved husband of Ann Kaufman Baruch for over 74 years.

Dear father of Miriam (Dr. Mark) Goldberg of West Bloomfield, Dr. Murray (Linda) Baruch of West Bloomfield, and Rhonda (Dr. Robb) Feldman of Highland Park, Ill.

Adored Zaydie to Joshua Goldberg, Ilana Goldberg Block (Adam Block), Dr. Jeremy Baruch (Dr. Rachel), Dr. Adam Baruch (Tali), Dr. Sarah Baruch Platt (Dr. Kevin Platt), Dana Feldman Cohen (Erez Cohen), Jeffrey Feldman (Dr.

Hannah Elkus), Ari Feldman (fiancée Emily Lauter).

Precious Great Zaydie to Talia, Judah and Shira Block; Noam, Lior, Hadar, Eden and Yona Baruch; Matan, Lev and Shira Baruch; Jacob and Noah Platt; Sivan and Yael Cohen.

Beloved son of the late Morris and the late Dora Applebaum Baruch.

Brother of the late Rose Levin.

Cherished son-in-law of the late Abraham and the late Hilda Kaufman.

The family would like to extend its deep appreciation to the many caregivers who made it possible for Leonard to live comfortably in his home for the last few years.

OFFICIATORS:

Rabbi Aaron Starr

Rabbi Yoni Dahlen

Hazzan David Propis

Ritual Director Saul A. Rube

SHIVA:

Tuesday after the interment, the family will be holding a 5:30 PM Mincha-Maariv service and gather until 8:00 PM at Clover Hill Cemetery's Mari and Ken Barnett Shiva Center

2425 East Fourteen Mile Road, Birmingham, MI 48009

248-723-8884

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday from 2:00-4:00 PM, the family will receive friends at Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

Note: the family requests privacy between 4:30 and 5:30 PM.

The family will resume gathering in the library from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday.

The family will be joining Congregational Services at 7:30 AM on weekdays (8:30 AM on Sunday) and at 5:30 PM. The family will attend the 7:30 AM Shacharit service on Monday morning, when Shiva will conclude.

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Contributions:

If you wish to honor the memory of Leonard P. Baruch, contributions can be made to:

Friends of the Israel Defense Forces
PO Box 4224 NY, NY 10163 USA.
<https://www.fidf.org/ways-to-give/>
1-888-318-3433

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New York, NY 10018-9784
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Resource Development Department,
84 Shmaryahu Levin Street,
Jerusalem 9109002 ISRAEL
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Ann and Leonard P. Baruch Tzedakah Fund

27375 Bell Road
Southfield, MI 48034
248-357-5544
<https://shaarezedek.shulcloud.com/payment.php>

Ann and Leonard P. Baruch Frankel Jewish Academy Scholarship Fund
Frankel Jewish Academy
6600 West Maple Rd
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
248-592-5263
<https://frankelja.org/giving/>

Cemetery Details

Clover Hill Park Cemetery

2425 East 14 Mile Road
Birmingham, MI 48009

Previous Events

FUNERAL

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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27375 Bell Road
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<http://2483575544>

Tribute Wall

HM

“ *Link to recording of the funeral service.*

<https://control.resi.io/webplayer/video.html?id=YzRjZjM5OGYtOGU5My00Njk0LTk4OGMtMzg4M2JIMGQ0MWZiOmFjZDE1YmlzLWY2NTUuMTFmMC1iNTdhLWNIYzEyZDZiYTJmMg==&type=library&autoplay=false>

Hebrew Memorial - January 23 at 09:34 AM

MH

“ *This man was so important in my life story. He was the Librarian at Cooley High School when I attended from 1962-1965. I would meet my friends in the library and was very often asked to leave by Mr. Baruch because we were giggling and talking too loud. I remember thinking what a boring job he had! Then I went to Wayne State U. and majored in Art. My part time job was at Hubbard Branch Library shelving books. When I was a Senior, I was made aware of a very generous Grant by my chief at Hubbard and I applied on a whim. I received my MSLS in 1969 and went on to a rewarding, not boring career with the Detroit Public Library, the Mt. Clemens Public Library and the Woodland Park Library in Colorado. I liked Mr. Baruch and he opened a curiosity about a library career that set me on such a rewarding path for my life. I still volunteer at our local library in NC and will never forget Leonard Baruch.*

Margaret Zinn Hindley - January 22 at 01:24 PM

BR

“ I met Leonard as a young professional on the synagogue executive directors council, and I remember thinking he was really cool. He had that little smile that always made it seem like he was in on a joke. He was a great leader in the community, and I always liked him a lot. My deepest condolences - he was a good one.

Beth Robinson - January 22 at 01:18 PM

FL

“ It is a testament to the undying power of grateful memory that Leonard Baruch , of blessed memory, will be for so long and by so many, gratefully remembered. I first met Leonard and his dear family when I was 10 years old and count the following 10 years of Camp Petosega memories among my most cherished, including working with Leonard and Ann and Miriam from my age 18 to 20. The remarkable family of Petosega "alumni" is one that has lasted for close to 75 years and will last into the future, and that thriving family is part of Leonard's legacy as well. May the Shalom of the righteous be that of Leonard Baruch. B'Shalom, Freddy LeVine

Fredric LeVine - January 20 at 03:52 PM

MR

“ I previous wrote about how I was a camper at Camp Petosega. I also wrote that my father, Malcolm Leventen, designed and built the Baruch's home in Twyckingham . I would like to add that I watched the funeral today, and the children and grandchildren spoke so beautifully. I was emotional by all of the memories. I loved Ann and Leonard dearly.

Marilyn Leventen Rudick - January 20 at 03:16 PM

FL

Marilyn, this is Freddy LeVine. I just posted a tribute to Leonard . I want you to know that you and I are cousins! Your father and my .other Sophie, of blessed memory, were first cousins and he designed our contemporary home in Sherwood Forest as well.

Fredric LeVine - January 20 at 04:04 PM

MR

Are you Dad Levine's son? If so I remember you and your family so well!

Marilyn Leventen Rudick - January 21 at 02:19 PM

MR

I meant Dan Levine

Marilyn rudick - February 10 at 10:02 AM

SA

“ Mr Baruch was a kind, knowledgeable man & a joy to be in his presence. I Always respected his point of view, love of his religion & family. He was and will always be a pillar of the Detroit Jewish community & Congregation Shaarey Zedek. Rest in peace, your Legacy will endure the test of time. May your name be forever a Blessing! Steven & Faye Adelson

Steven D Adelson - January 20 at 12:58 PM

MR

“ My name is Marilyn Leventen Rudick. My parents were Malcolm and Beatrice Leventen. My father designed and build the Baruch home in Southfield. I was a camper at Camp Petosega. I have many happy memories. Ann Baruch was so kind and wonderful!

Marilyn Leventen Rudick - January 19 at 01:42 PM

ES

“ Leonard was a great man who always had a smile on his face and something wise to say. His passing is a tremendous loss for the Detroit Jewish Community.

Eli Saulson - January 19 at 01:11 PM

RS

“ I remember Mr. Baruch as a great and warm man along with his wonderful wife Ann every time we saw him at Shaarey Zedek.

Risha Broner Stern - January 18 at 06:40 PM

OD

“ Leonard was one of the first congregants that I met. It has been an honor to be in his presence at family and community programs. His wisdom will be missed but his loyalty to his family; to his faith and his legacy of love and caring will certainly continue on.
Otto and Shelley Dube

Otto Dube - January 18 at 04:44 PM

AC

“ FJA mourns the loss of Mr. Leonard Baruch, a Detroit icon. We were blessed to have Leonard at FJA from 2008 - 2020. He was passionate about Jewish education, Israel, and the vitality of the Jewish community. He was resilient and kind, thoughtful and wise. He turned adversity into opportunities (even as a young man) and engaged everyone he encountered with the utmost respect and kindness. We all loved him and learned from him. May his memory be a blessing and may our community continue to thrive in his merit.

Azaryah Cohen - January 18 at 04:11 PM

JK

“ *BDE and sympathies. He was a great man and a kind uncle. He watched over me carefully at Camp Petosega starting at age 9. So many fond memories and he left a great legacy including his good name.*

Joel Kahn - January 18 at 02:40 PM

RM

“ *Baruch Dayan Ha-Emet. My deepest condolences to the entire Baruch family. I first met Mr. Baruch when he was the executive director of Shaarey Zedek and I was the youth director and a religious school teacher back in the mid-1990s. He was always a mensch and always seemed genuinely interested to hear what I was doing. It's no surprise that his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are all wonderful people. May the memories be for blessings.*



Rabbi Jason Miller - January 18 at 12:57 PM



my deepest condolences My deepest condolences. May his memory be forever a blessing, Gail Goldman Goldstein

y - January 18 at 03:28 PM

AL

What a special picture of my Dad Irving Laker and Leonard Baruch of blessed memory 🤝🙏❤️

ANDREA LAKER - January 18 at 07:34 PM

RM

@Andrea This was me thanking your dad for a scholarship I had won and Rabbi Danny Nevins (on the left) was the one who nominated me.

Rabbi Jason Miller - January 19 at 10:31 AM

JF

*We were blessed to have Leonard as a leader at our congregation, Shaarey Zedek. He was truly a fine man.
Judy Fridson*

Judith Fridson - January 19 at 02:40 PM

MR

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Leonard. He was the ultimate example of a fine, kind, and upstanding individual. May his memory be forever a blessing. With respectful condolence, Joanne and Michael Rowe

Michael and Joanne Rowe - January 18 at 09:24 AM

LM

*I was a camper at Petosega many years ago when he was director
Wonderful person*

Levine Marjorie - January 18 at 11:33 AM

MK

*I knew Leonard from when I was little and he ran the Intermediate Service at Shaarey Zedek on Chicago Blvd. I attended Camp Petosega for several summers. I drove the luggage up to camp. I worked with him as Assistant Executive Director at Shaarey Zedek and went on to be the Executive Direct for 10 years at Valley Beth Shalom in Los Angeles. Leonard and Ann were always a special part of my life. I loved him and I will miss him.
Malcolm Katz*

Malcolm Katz - January 18 at 02:55 PM

RP

*Dear Miriam and family,
You may not remember me, but Marv and I were members on two different occasions at CSZ at which time we were fortunate to not only meet you, but also your dear mother and dad. I will always remember the kindness you showed to both Marv and me. I am truly sorry for the loss of your dear dad in this physical realm. May his soul rest in eternal peace and may his memory be a blessing.*

Ruth Grimald/Marvin Petuch - January 19 at 07:03 AM

BF

*Thinking of you all today as you honor this incredible man. Thank you, Leonard for all the gifts you have given to this world. What a legacy!!
Love to all the Baruch family.
Beverly Sak Feinberg*

Beverly Feinberg - January 20 at 07:50 AM

SH

Mr. and Mrs. Baruch were the first people I met at Congregation Shaarey Zedek years ago. They made a wonderful first impression - very welcoming and warm. Mr. Baruch modeled serenity, and demonstrated for me how to congratulate a person on their birthday. I recall standing there while he asked God to bless me every which way, calling for prosperity and health and a blessed family and a joyful year. I have taken his example and never just say, "Happy Birthday." There is so much more. I feel privileged to have known him.

Sylvia Halpert - January 20 at 03:20 PM

LW

I was very saddened to learn of Leonard's passing. He had a long, productive life, spreading love and wisdom to young and old. I am forever grateful to Leonard and Anne for their dedication to our camp life, providing me (and others) with a safe place to grow freely and fully. Over the following years, Leonard always greeted me—at Shaarey Zedek—with a wide smile and sparkling eyes. I felt so welcomed on those holiday visits.

May Leonard's memory be an eternal blessing.

Lauren S. Weingarden - January 20 at 07:20 PM

SP

I knew him since I was sixteen. He was in charge of Junior Congregation. We were involved with a lot together through the years. He was Mr. Shaarey Zedek. Always a pleasure to be with.

steven parzen - January 21 at 11:41 AM

ES

I met Leonard in 1960. I was 7 years old, and he was Mr. Baruch. He always had a warm and genuine smile. He touched countless people with his characteristic kindness and decency. His memory and legacy are safe now.

Rest well, Mr. Baruch.

Eddie Sidlow

Edward Sidlow - January 23 at 02:57 PM

BL

Sending condolences and hugs to the Baruch family. Leonard was a kind man and a wonderful role model.

Bonnie and Morry Levin

Bonnie Levin - February 09 at 11:08 AM