



## LESLIE ALLAN GREENBLATT

June 28, 1946 - October 5, 2021

GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 1:00 PM WEDNESDAY 10/6/2021 at WORKMEN'S CIRCLE CEMETERY.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Age 75, of Ann Arbor, died October 5, 2021.

An avid collector of words, books, and stray animals.

Received Outstanding Educator Award from Prince George's County (MD) Schools in 1989.

Received the TESLO/Newbury House Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1992.

Won a number of word contests over the years.

Former member of Temple Shomer Emunim in Toledo.

Teacher for thirty years, most of that in English as a Second Language. On all levels, from pre-K through high school, college, and adult education. Taught courses at the University of Maryland at its College Park, Baltimore County, and Eastern Shore campuses.

Consultant for the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington, DC.  
Past President of WATESOL (Washington Area Teachers of English to  
Speakers of Other Languages).

In the US army from 1966 - 1969.

B.S. from Wayne State University and Master's Degree from Trinity College in  
Washington, DC.

Retired from teaching in 1998 and immediately returned to work for his  
brother, Barry, owner of Barry Bagels.

Wrote or co-wrote a number of articles for various periodicals and journals on  
teaching English to international students.

Presented workshops at teacher conferences across the country.

Beloved brother to the late Barry (Judie) Greenblatt.

Devoted uncle of Mark (Stephanie) Greenblatt, Mindy (Jason) Stroom and  
Marnie (Daniel) Sulzer.

Loving great-uncle of Mason, Spencer, Samuel, Bradyn, Benjamin, Joshua,  
Nolal, and Oliver.

#### OFFICIATING:

Rabbi S. Rubenstein

#### INTERMENT:

Workmen's Circle Cemetery

#### CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

LESLIE ALLAN GREENBLATT

you may do so by making a contribution to:

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit

or

Guiding Eyes for the Blind

or

Planned Parenthood

or

Jewish Braille Institute

# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

OCT 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Workmen's Circle Cemetery/Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery  
33550 Gratiot  
Clinton Township, MI

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ I realize this condolence message is late, but I wanted to express my sadness. I worked with Les in the ESOL (English as a Second Language) program in Prince George's County, MD. Les was a wonderful person: smart, caring, and always there to help. I was going through some old photos and just couldn't rest until I looked him up on the internet.

*I love the photo that is on this site. It is so Les.*

*My sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

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**Carolyn Bernache** - September 06, 2024 at 08:14 PM

RZ

“ Les was a part of our lives in Toledo along with Judie and Barry from 1972 onward. We will miss his smile and his endearing personality. May his memory be a blessing.

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**Rick and Nancy Zerner** - October 08, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DB

“ I knew Les when I started working at Barry's. He would always be taking the orders which I would then make. He always asked how I was doing and would discuss the upcoming Jewish holidays with me. I enjoyed talking with him and he will be missed greatly.

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**David Black** - October 06, 2021 at 04:38 PM

JC

“ I was so fortunate to have had the honour of meeting Uncle Les. In person, just the once, but over the phone on a number of occasions. He was wonderful company, a real gentleman and will be deeply, deeply missed by Sara, my wonderful partner, and her family.

I won't ever forget when we went out for lunch together and we shared a Godfather Cocktail, as well as a great meal. It was a lovely day.

Much love to you and my sincere condolences to your family at this time,

John xxx

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**john Chesshire** - October 06, 2021 at 03:25 PM

JF

“ My deepest condolences to your whole family. Les was one of the kindest people I have every known I'm sure he will be missed by all.

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**Janice Fineman** - October 06, 2021 at 02:45 PM

DS

“ We adored our uncle Les- he was pure joy, love and selflessness. Love always, your niece Mindy

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**Dr. Mindy Stroom** - October 05, 2021 at 01:19 PM

RS

Les was the most kindest, generous, loving man who was loved by everyone that knew him. He will be greatly missed. With much love, your friend Robin

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**robin soleau** - October 06, 2021 at 07:23 AM

RS

*Les was the most kindest, generous, loving man who was loved by anyone that knew him. He will be greatly missed. Much love, from your friend Robin*

**robin soleau** - October 06, 2021 at 07:25 AM

TM

*Les was a special person, I loved sitting a talking to him. He had special place in my heart. I will miss him.*

*Love you Les.*

*Toni*

**Toni Metty** - October 06, 2021 at 08:35 AM

MS

*Les, much like his brother Barry had a heart of gold. He was an amazing listener and learner of both books and people. Like books, Les had this amazing ability to put a book mark on every conversation that he would have and be able to to pick right up the next time he saw you without forgetting a detail . He loved people and took a lot of time to listen and learn about each an everyone. He will be missed. Mike Sher*

**Mike Sher** - October 06, 2021 at 08:46 AM

RZ

*Knowing Les and the entire Greenblatt family for over 70 years from childhood on has been a true blessing. Les was a true Mench always concerned and caring about everyone he came to know. May his life be a blessing to all who knew him and may he Rest In Peace*  
*Ronna Goldstein Zelickman*

**Ronna Zelickman** - October 06, 2021 at 09:06 AM

MS

*Les was one of the most caring individuals I've ever come across in my life. Truly and inspiration to anyone he came in contact with! A great listener..... we sure had some great talks.*

*I will treasure your friendship forever!!! I can only imagine when you arrived in heaven the look on your moms face, she will say: I finally got both boys together again. And of course Barry will say: it took you long enough. lol Rest in Peace my friend.*

**Marilyn Sharp** - October 06, 2021 at 09:51 AM

SJ

*Les was the kindest person I've ever know.*

Sara James - October 06, 2021 at 10:58 AM

JG

*Leslie was a very intelligent man with a heart of gold. I always loved simply sitting with him and sharing knowledge and memories. Rest in peace Les, and know that you are loved by so very many of your friends and relatives.*

Jack A Green - October 06, 2021 at 11:02 AM

LA

*Les we all will miss you, you were loved by so many. You were a kind and generous soul to humans and especially animals. We all were better for having you in our lives. RIP my friend. Love Laura*

Laura - October 06, 2021 at 11:19 AM

BS

*Les was my late father's best man and best childhood friend. Decades later, long after my father passed away, I had the honor and pleasure of becoming good friends myself with Les, just as I was starting my adult life. Les gave me something that no one else could give -- a direct and unadulterated connection to my father when he was around the same age that I was. And Les did so in the only way Les knew how -- incredibly pure, loving, and intelligent. Our friendship spanned into areas of humor, music, law, religion, travel, academics, and more. Les poured love and attention into me and my family for years, and it will forever remain with us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

Brian Saxe - October 06, 2021 at 02:02 PM

JC

*I just learned of the sad passing of Les Greenblatt. Les was one of the kindest and most loved teachers I have known. We worked together for many years when he was with the Prince George's County, Maryland, schools. I visited him once after he moved to Ann Arbor and also had a chance to see his brother and all his wonderful golden retrievers. We shared a love of dogs! I knew he was sick. I had planned to visit him, but he let me know that it wasn't a good time. He will always be in my thoughts.*

Jodi Crandall - October 10, 2021 at 01:54 PM

HS

*We both were fortunate to have worked with Les in the Prince George's County school system. And, we enjoyed continuing to connect with him in person or by phone after he retired and moved back with family. The words used by others -- kind, gentle, intelligent, loving, respected, dedicated educator -- so describe Les. He was appreciated and respected by so many who were lucky enough to know him and call him a friend.*

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**Holly and Howie Stein** - October 14, 2021 at 01:45 PM



*Just found this page today...Mr. Greenblatt was my ESOL Teacher at Kenmore ES in Landover, Maryland from 1974-1976. Over 200 Korean-American Students and I are GRATEFUL to Mr. Greenblatt for teaching us. He was a Kind Soul that had the Utmost Patience. Mr. Greenblatt will FOREVER be "Our Teacher" in our Lives.*

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**Michael Kim** - January 25, 2023 at 04:27 PM

FB

*Today is May 5th, 2023 and I have just read your obituary. I am so sorry that I am so late in hearing of your passing. I am in shock. You were a bright day in my work life at the offices of Barry Bagels. Kind, funny and caring. You are proof that the good die sooner than those of us who aren't as shiny as a new mint penny. I so lucky I met you. Rest in Peace. But you truly left too soon.*

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**F Kay Baumann** - May 05, 2023 at 06:05 PM