



## PINHAS BARAK

April 3, 1935 - October 31, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICES: 2:00 PM MONDAY 11/1/2021 at HEBREW  
MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Age 86, of Bloomfield Hills, died October 31, 2021.

Beloved husband of Miriam Barak.

Devoted father of Leor Itzhak Barak and Shlomit (Brian) Blaufeux.

Loving grandfather of Adam Chaim Blaufeux and Chloe Leah Blaufeux

Born in Morocco, Pinhas was an orphan at a young age with very little in this world. He worked hard to build himself up from nothing. After being taken to Israel by a Jewish organization, he joined a kibbutz in Israel, Hafetz Haim, where he studied Judaism. He joined the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and worked his way up to Lieutenant Colonel. One of his proudest life accomplishments was designing the Israeli tank, the Merkava. During his time at the IDF, he worked hard to be accepted into the Technion in Haifa, Israel, where he got an advanced degree in engineering.

Pinhas and his family moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1979 so that he could pursue a Ph.D. from Wayne State University. Pinhas became a tenured professor at General Motors Institute (GMI)/ Kettering University where he had a long career of over 25 years. Throughout his career, he became a world-renown expert in his field of mechanical engineering, suspension design, and

dynamics. He also wrote several textbooks in his field.

Pinhas loved the State of Israel, soccer (futbol), James Bond movies, and all types of music. He was a gentle, loving, emotional, and optimistic person. He was a natural fighter and persevered through numerous challenging medical conditions. He always found the good in people and looked for peace in difficult situations. Even during his sickness, nurses and doctors were amazed by his humor and optimism.

**OFFICIATING:**

Rabbi S. Rubenstein

Hazzan D. Gross

**INTERMENT (BURIAL SERVICE):**

Clover Hill Park Cemetery. Close friends and family only are welcome to attend after the memorial service.

**SHIVA/ MOURNING:**

The family will observe Shiva during the times below at the residence:

2691 West Hickory Grove, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

- Mon, 11/1/21 - to 6pm
- Tues, 11/2/21 - 1pm to 6pm
- Wed, 11/3/21 - 1pm to 6pm
- Thur, 11/4/21 - 1pm to 6pm
- Fri, 11/5/21 - 1pm to 5pm

\*\*The family has asked for privacy after the end times listed above.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

If you would like to further honor the memory of PINHAS BARAK you may do

so by making a contribution to:

Friends of IDF

P. O. Box 999, Walled Lake, MI 48390

248-926.4110/4111

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

OR

Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue

1457 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226

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

OR

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# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of PINHAS BARAK



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - November 01, 2021 at 10:40 AM

LB

*Password to watch the memorial service is "Pinhas" with a capital "P"*

Leor Barak - November 03, 2021 at 03:28 PM

EU

*Pinhas*

Eugenia - November 04, 2021 at 05:17 AM

EU

*vreau sa vad*

Eugenia - November 04, 2021 at 05:18 AM



“ Loveable. Compassion. Caring man he was he loved his family he was like family to us all his smile will always be with us all he was like my own family he will always and forever be in our hearts he is and always be with us in spirit. Much love to the family and friends of Pinhas Barak

Trina Scott - November 04, 2021 at 04:15 PM

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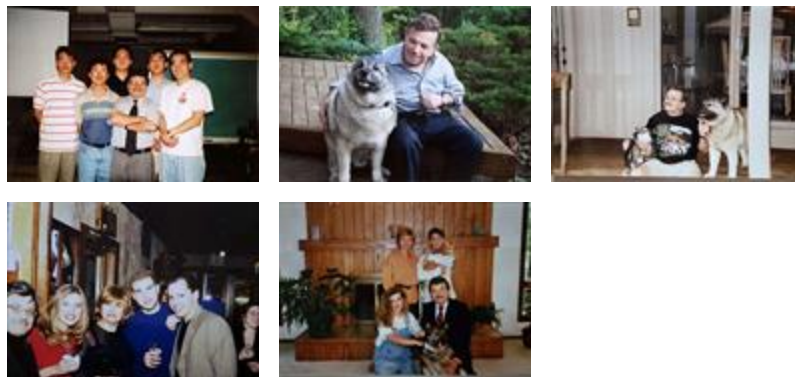
“ Whenever I saw Pinchas, he had a smile on his face and a witty comment to spare. He was so proud of Leor and everything he had done for the Downtown Synagogue. He was warm and welcoming and exuded sincerity and kindness. I'm honored to have known him.

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Noam - November 03, 2021 at 07:30 PM

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Leor Barak - November 02, 2021 at 05:08 PM

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Leor Barak - November 02, 2021 at 05:03 PM

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**Leor Barak** - November 02, 2021 at 05:02 PM

NL

“ I got to interview Pinhas twice in 2019 and 2020; to hear his life's journey from Morocco to Detroit via France and Israel was absolutely remarkable. He navigated so much so early on in life, and on his own, to become a brilliant engineer and professor, decorated IDF officer, grandfather and father to two great kids, one of whom I've been lucky to know the last few years. He was a gentle and thoughtful guy and such a kind host to me on many occasions. May his memory be a blessing over the entire Barak family.

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**Noah Levinson** - November 01, 2021 at 11:24 PM

JF

“ So many fond memories of visiting the Barak family while at MSU with Shelly. He was always so welcoming, and my did he love his dogs. My favorite memory was the time we took Pinhas to the casino. He was a wonderful man, may you cherish his memory as he now rests in peace.

*Much love.  
Julie Franczek*

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**Julie Franczek** - November 01, 2021 at 07:02 PM

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“ *Dr. Pinhas holding up the Havdallah candle at a Birmingham Bloomfield Shul Havdallah kumzitz. He bore the light of Judaism in so many ways. His passing is a great loss for our community and he will be sorely missed.*



**Tzvi Muller** - November 01, 2021 at 09:33 AM

LB

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**Leor Barak** - October 31, 2021 at 07:55 PM



*I Am So So Sorry, Leor. Love You.*

**Miriam Silverstein** - October 31, 2021 at 11:20 PM

TF

*Pinhas so beloved by all in his extended family. A great soul, a leader by example, a treasured father and a man of learning every day he drew breath. We are blessed for having known him!*

**The Tobey and Bertoni families** - November 01, 2021 at 03:55 AM

SV

*Pinhas memory will reside forever in our hearts. What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. We have many nice moments that we will always remember..Miorita, Shlomit and Leor please accept our sincere Sympathies.*

*Razvan & Saviana Vasu-Demetriade*

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**saviana vasu** - November 01, 2021 at 06:48 AM

KH

“ *Pinhas was a welcoming and kind person, he will be truly missed.*

*Miriam and family you are in my thoughts and prayers. My heart shares your grief during this time of great loss.*

*Ha'makom yenahem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei  
Tziyonvi'Yerushalayim.*

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**Kelilah Shalvia Hopkins** - October 31, 2021 at 07:40 PM

BS

*Rest. In. Peace. From. A. Friend. In. Metro. West. Boston. Bruce. Sher.  
witnessethequickness@gmail.com*

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**bruce. sher** - October 31, 2021 at 08:25 PM

DM

“ *They don't make people like this anymore 🎩❤️✓*

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**DeShean M.McClinton** - October 31, 2021 at 06:25 PM

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**Leor Barak** - October 31, 2021 at 02:26 PM

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**Leor Barak** - October 31, 2021 at 02:24 PM

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**Leor Barak** - October 31, 2021 at 02:21 PM

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**Leor Barak** - October 31, 2021 at 02:20 PM

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ממש זכיתי להכיר אותך קצת. שנישמתך לעד תהיה חקוקה במוחנו ובלבינו. באהבה  
רבה רבה אילנית

**ILanit Atias** - November 01, 2021 at 11:04 PM