

REMEMBERING RABBI INDICH

On this 20th Yahrzeit of Rabbi Dr. David I. Indich, Yisroel Isser ben Menachem the congregants of Golf Manor Synagogue and the community come together to honor his memory. My father first met Rabbi Indich in the mid 50's, and they soon became great friends. Rabbi Indich became the most influential person upon our family. I know and I knew then that he was not only a special friend and so influential upon my family, but to almost everyone he met.

When we were reminded of his 20th Yahrzeit, I felt personally, and as Chairman of the Board of Golf Manor Synagogue, deeply obligated and happy to organize this program. As I talked to others we all felt the same. Rabbi & Rebbetzin Indich were devoted to our congregation. Individuals told me and I knew of others, who had experienced tragedies in their immediate families, people who were not members of his congregation that Rabbi Indich would show up at their house, introduce himself, and would console and inspire them. It did not matter to him whether you were a member of his congregation or not.

Through his sincerity, kindness, and humor, many people were attracted to Golf Manor Synagogue. Through his knowledge and joy of being an observant Jew, Rabbi Indich influenced so many of us to be observant. Many of us enjoyed our time with Rabbi Indich at Sunday morning breakfast minyan, where we were inspired to lay teffilin in the morning.

When I was a young boy, I felt the Orthodox and Reform communities were so far apart. I saw Rabbi Indich bridge that gap. First he would tell a truly funny story and then he would sincerely say that we were all Jews. He would also bridge the gap between Jews and people of other religions.

I am so thankful for the time we had with him.

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