

REMEMBERING RABBI INDICH

They called him "Rebbele". A few weeks after Rabbi Indich passed away, I was in Miami Beach, FL on a family vacation. The rabbi of the shul where I davened in the morning was Rabbi Pinchas Weberman and he knew Rabbi Indich. So the first morning I was in Rabbi Weberman's shul, I spoke to him after davening and gave him the sad news about Rabbi Indich. He sighed and looked very sad. He then proceeded to tell me that he grew up with Rabbi Indich in Williamsburg. He said that even as a youngster, people in that neighborhood knew that he would one day be a rav of a kehilla (congregation). He showed such care and concern for people, that they used to call him "Rebbele" (the little Rebbe). As we all know that care and concern for everyone that he met and befriended, continued throughout the many years that he was the rabbi of our shul in Cincinnati. I would like to describe this aspect of Rabbi Indich, z"l, borrowing words from a phrase found in the daily davening. He had a "laiv ne'eman". Literally a trustworthy heart. He had a big heart that was open to listening to others, to caring about them, to sharing in their lives. He combined this with ne'emanus. He was trustworthy, responsible, and dedicated to his shul, the members of his shul, and the institutions of the Jewish community.

On this occasion of the 20th yahrzeit of Rabbi David Indich, let us remember his "laiv ne'eman" and all that he did for the shul and the community. Let it be an inspiration to us to show more care and concern for those people with whom we interact.

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