

REMEMBERING RABBI INDICH

Alan and I have many fond memories of Rabbi Indich and his beautiful wife Risa.

Rabbi Indich had a wonderful sense of humor. He used it to put people at ease and break down the barriers that some people felt in his presence due to a profound respect for him.

I especially remember one incident that occurred at his retirement dinner. Many people attended that were not members of the congregation as his friendships extended to all who came in contact with him.

One of my friends from the Reform Jewish community was his dental hygienist and she inquired about attending the dinner. I remember her congratulating Rabbi Indich by planting a big kiss on his cheek with her bright red lipstick. He didn't say a word and when I explained to her that one does not kiss an Orthodox Rabbi, she apologized profusely and proceeded to clean off his cheek.....She had cleaned his teeth many times, so this was a natural thing for her to do. Rabbi Indich just accepted it all good naturedly without embarrassing anyone. All the people standing near this occurrence had great respect for Rabbi Indich's understanding what was most important and putting the kiss in the proper perspective. He had abundant confidence in himself and instilled respect from those around him.

We loved Rabbi Indich and miss him. My father Rabbi Hyman Cohen felt the same regard and respect for him as we did. Rabbi Indich, in turn, treated my father and mother with dignity and affection. May he rest in eternal peace.

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