



RABBI YISROEL POLTER

August 11, 1937 - February 3, 2020

A GRAVESIDE SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK, TUESDAY
02/04/2020 1:20 PM, AT OLD MONTEFIORE CEMETERY IN SPRINGFIELD
GARDENS, NY.

SHIVA:

Leah Polter will be observing Shiva TODAY (Tuesday) and Tomorrow
(Wednesday)

between 10:30 am and 10:00 pm

at her residence

15922 Goldwin Place

Southfield, MI

NO VISITORS FROM 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM PLEASE

On Thursday, she will continue observing Shiva with the rest of the family.

The family members will be returning to Detroit Wednesday evening. Through
Monday morning at the Polter residence,

23141 Gardner

Oak Park, MI 48237

THE FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THEIR PRIVACY BETWEEN 2:00 PM AND
4:00 PM DAILY.

FAMILY WILL BE IN FLINT FOR SHABBOS

LEAH ONLY WILL BE SITTING MOTZAI SHABBOS AT
15922 GOLDWIN PLACE (NO MAARIV)

SERVICES:

- 9:30 pm Maariv Wednesday night.
- 9:30 am Shacharis Thursday
- 5:20 pm & 5:40 pm Mincha Thursday and Sunday (two Minyonim) followed by Maariv
- 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 9:30 am Shacharis Friday and Monday (three Minyonim)
- 1:15 pm Mincha Friday
- 7:15 am, 8:30 am, 9:30 am Shacharis Sunday

CONTRIBUTIONS:

To further honor the memory of Rabbi Yisroel Polter,
a donation may be made to
Chabad House of Flint
5385 Calkins Road
Flint, MI 48532
(810) 230-0770

Cemetery Details

Old Montefiore Cemetery

121-83 Springfield Blvd
Springfield, NY 11413

Previous Events

Service

FEB 4. 1:20 PM (ET)

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Shiva

FEB 5 to 10 (ET)

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“ FROM AYELET SKINNER

5 years ago I observed Rabbi Polter's dedication to chesed and wrote the following:

In 1974 Belgium born Rabbi Yisrael Polter decided to invest his greatest commodity, his time, on every evening he was needed, quietly sitting with those who had just passed at the Hebrew Memorial Chapel in Oak Park, Michigan. He has been doing the same for over 40 years. His photograph does not grace the hall of Chapel presidents.. Or grace the halls at all, although he has been there longer than anyone.

Those he sits with will never be able to repay him for his kindness. On a rare evening off, Rabbi Polter takes in the luxury of a documentary or film at home, only when no one has died. In a time period where the majority of American men spend their evenings in front of a television, his quiet giving selflessness shines so bright. I believe angels escort those who pass, and in Oak Park Michigan, Shomer Rabbi Polter is among the first of them all.

He was the rarest of diamonds in a simple leather pouch. His warmth, the twinkle in his eye, his humor, his joy of life and love for family so deep. Always so positive, full of wisdom, so approachable and caring. He was a man of few words whose actions spoke for him. His faith and family were everything to him. He expressed his gratitude constantly, his respect and consideration for others was tremendous. He treated everyone with dignity, including the ones who could never repay him. Time was important to him and he used his minutes for everything that truly mattered. May the light of his life only grow brighter through the family he loved.

Otto B. Dube - February 10, 2020 at 11:58 AM

“ 8 Shevat 5780

A Tribute To My Great Uncle, Yisroel Polter

The word “shocked” does not do justice to the feeling I had when I heard the devastating news of the passing of my dear great uncle this morning. My uncle Yisroel (affectionately called Uncle Lulie) was supposed to live forever; where did he go?

Whoever came in contact with him for even a short while would understand when I say that uncle Yisroel was a larger than life personality who left us much too soon.

My mind is streaming with memories and descriptions of who he truly was while my heart writhes in pain over the fact that I will miss him dearly.

For the last fifteen years, since the passing of my dear grandfather, his brother, Moshe Polter, my uncle was a “Zaidy” figure for me. Every time we spoke, I could feel the deep wisdom and life experience behind his witty and humorous words. His outlook on the world, life, and family were tremendously instructive to my family and me. He endeared himself even more to me by trying to hide his principled and prioritized life behind a façade of simplicity and down-to-earthness.

To put his life into a few words would be doing a great injustice to his life and legacy. However, I will try to express some of the most important lessons which I have taken from his special life:

1. Happiness – It was a given that Uncle Lulie was always happy; you would never find him emotionally unavailable due to his personal mood or feelings. This doesn’t mean that he didn’t have his portion (rather large) of suffering and pain, but you would never know it. He always had a contagious smile spread over his face.

2. *Fearlessness – I don't remember him ever being fazed about anything. He was always present and living it up in the moment. In fact, we once had a conversation about his life span, and in keeping with his humorous and witty style, he said that he doesn't need to live past 90. After we spoke, I remember thinking, "This guy is going to live forever, if only because he's not scared of death in the slightest."*

3. *Family – He loved every single member of his family, and would go to the other end of the world to help them in any possible way. He put a great emphasis on attending every Simcha of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and his many nephews and nieces. After the passing of my Zaidy, he was instrumental in keeping a warm and supportive relationship with my dear Bubby לאיוש"ט. He had a very strong opinion of how relatives should talk and reach out to each other regardless of circumstance.*

4. *Yiddishkeit – He was a passionate Yid and a real Chossid of the Rebbe. Until his last day he made an effort to daven with a minyan with a chayus and bren as only someone who heard his Davening knows. His old school Bal-Tefilah style is unmatched nowadays and will be sorely missed. He was a dedicated Shochet for several decades and he certainly had the Yiras Shomayim that was needed to go along with it.*

5. *Authenticity – This is probably the rarest of traits and the most difficult to explain because you only know it when you see it. Suffice it to say that he was very real and raw without any 'show' or ulterior motives and intent.*

Uncle Yisroel, we all loved you and adored you. We now have the rest of our lives upon this earth to live up to the standard you have set for us.

May you rest in peace על משכבכם בשלום תנוחו and we look forward to seeing you soon with the coming of Moshiach, speedily in our

days, Amen!

Mendel Polter - February 09, 2020 at 09:44 AM