
Sifra Tendler, wife and daughter of renowned rabbis, dies in Monsey

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MONSEY - Sifra Tendler, the wife of Monsey Rabbi Moshe Dovid Tendler, has died.

Her funeral is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at Community Synagogue in Monsey, a synagogue led by her husband for decades.

She is a daughter the late Moshe Feinstein, a renowned Orthodox Jewish U.S. rabbi whose religious rulings were accepted worldwide among Orthodox Jewry.

Rabbi Tendler is the leading Orthodox Jewish rabbi in the U.S. He is a professor of biology at Yeshiva University and an expert on medical ethics pertaining to Jewish law.

The Tendlers have five sons, three daughters and numerous grandchildren.

Sifra Tendler, 79, held the title of honor of "rebbetzin," wife of the rabbi. She was very active within the religious community.

"Her death is a major loss to the community," said Elaine Silverberg, a family friend and congregant.

Another congregant, Shimon Sontag of Monsey, said Sifra Tendler was well-respected and beloved for her work with people.

She was active with the synagogue's sisterhood and with her husband's work at the shul.

"She was a good-hearted and learned person," Sontag said. "She was respected by everyone. She was always there for people when they needed her."

Because of her family lineage, several thousand people are likely to attend her funeral and subsequent burial in Brick Church Cemetery.

The Ramapo police and Sheriff's Department will do traffic control in the community.
