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

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

Hundreds of people attended the funeral yesterday afternoon at a packed Community Synagogue in Monsey, the synagogue her husband led for decades.

After the service at the Maple Avenue shul, Sifra Tendler was buried in Brick Church Cemetery on Route 306, keeping with the Jewish tradition of burial within 24 hours of death.

She died yesterday after a lengthy illness. She was 79 and would have turned 80 on Nov. 11.

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

Rabbi Tendler, 80, is a 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. Several of their children became rabbis, one is a doctor.

Several relatives live in Israel, which the Tendlers strongly supported.

The Tendlers recently returned from Israel, where one of their granddaughters was married.

Sifra Tendler 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."

The Ramapo police and Sheriff's Department did traffic control during the funeral and burial.
