

The Life Story



Our Rabbi was born on August 10, 1924 in the town of Gyarmat, Hungary, to Emanuel and Illona Indich. At the age of one, his father emigrated to the United States and was parted from his family for a period of seven years. Under the watchful eye of his mother and grandfather the youngster grew and spent his formative years.

On September 14, 1932, the family consisting of mother, and three sisters arrived to these blessed shores and disembarked in New York. His only brother was to join the family a few years later.

He was enrolled at Yeshiva Torah Vodath in Brooklyn, where he attended elementary school from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. After graduating in 1939, our Rabbi to be, entered the Mesvita Theological Seminary which he attended from 1939 to 1941.

In 1941, a new Hebrew High School was formed in the neighborhood of his residence and our Rabbi transferred to Mesvita Toras Emes which he attended 'till 1943 completing his High School education at New Utrecht High School. At this juncture in his life, he heeded Horace Greeley's admonition "Go West Young Man" and left New York to attend the Rabbinical College of Telshe in Cleveland. While at Telshe he took advantage of the excellent opportunities that Western Reserve offered for his secular education. The Rabbi spent seven years in Cleveland receiving his Smicha (ordination) from two of the most outstanding Rabbis of our age, Rabbi Eliyohu M. Bloch and Rabbi Chaim M. Katz. He also did his post-graduate work in Rabbinics and Theology while at Telshe.

Returning to New York in 1950 our Rabbi attended Brooklyn College as a full time student where he received his Bachelors Degree in Education in 1952.

He met Risa, his intended, on Thanksgiving Day 1952 and after a whirlwind courtship of 10 weeks they had Tnoyim (engagement).

At this point in his life, Rabbi Indich was called upon to occupy the pulpit of the Forest Avenue Synagogue in Avondale. He assumed his duties on April 1, 1952 and was installed, at a gala affair with the participation of the entire Jewish Community, on November 23, 1952.

In his eighteen years in Cincinnati he has broadened the scope of his vision and activities to encompass not merely his own Congregation, but the entire Cincinnati community; both Jewish and General. Serving on committees and commissions of all types, our Rabbi has earned the esteem and respect of all who have known him.

He took a faltering Congregation and has brought it to a place of prominence in the community. Through personal examples he has demonstrated that one can be traditional and at the same time modern, never allowing his modernity to influence his Orthodoxy.

Rabbi and Mrs. Indich are the proud parents of three boys and a girl, Sossie, Nochum, Ely and Avi.

In 1966, our Rabbi, seeking intellectual stimulation, returned to school receiving a Master Degree in Education (Psychology) from Xavier University in 1968, and has been accepted for a Doctorate program at U.C.

What the future holds - who knows? But if it were up to the prayers of the legions who know him, it would be indeed very rosy.

The Rabbi's motto has been "Met a man, made a friend", or as we find in Ethics of the Fathers "He loved mankind and thereby brought them close to G-d".