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As the beloved Rabbi at Temple Isaiah in Palm Springs, CA from 1958-1998, “Rabbi Joe” was a community leader who initiated interfaith relations in the early 1960s to build connections between people. Known as “Everybody’s Rabbi” and “Rabbi to the Stars,” Rabbi Hurwitz’s warmth, oratory skills, and legendary sense of humor made him a sought-after emcee where he presided over community and other events interacting with numerous residents, dignitaries, and celebrities. He was a successful fundraiser who, with the help of his friend Frank Sinatra and others, was able to build the new synagogue in Palm Springs. An avid cat lover, he was also Vice President of the Mountain Lion Foundation – an organization devoted to passing policies that protect California mountain lions. Rabbi Joe retired to Hollywood, FL and in recent years, enjoyed riding his scooter on the Hollywood Broadwalk. He is survived by Faith Hurwitz, his loving wife of 18 years; his four children; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Mountain Lion Foundation, <https://www.mountainlion.org/>. Arrangements by Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg-Rubin-Zilbert (305) 932-2700



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**Mrs. Rute Zinn** posted:

A high Thank You to All his beloved family for sharing him with everyone, Thank to the Almighty for allowing our little family to cross his path .With Rebbe Hurwitz help . We found our way back to Judaism my husband had been missing for 10 years due to P.T.S.D. I and my daughters returned to Judaism in 1997. I would always ask the Rabbe to please help me pray for his return. Seven years after my returned My husband returned to . This last June the last time I ask him to please help us by praying that we would get our home out of state . I would always ask him Rabbe if you will please pray for our intension I will pray for yours. We said-our May G-D Bless you and we love you. Today I was going to call him and tell him Thank You Rebbe. We have our home, We are still moving my daughter call me to tell me just today that He has travel on . We are not rich, nor , famous. I fact when we met the Rebbe We where living in our car even thou I was a Nurse We had paid our rent and 5 day later where given 5 days to move, We tried legal aid they told me they could not help me because I had a profession Job. I was a Christen at the time , but everyone keep insisting We Were Jews. I just used to do thing that my grandmother did. Rabbe Joe of blessed memory treated us the same as the riches person in the Temple. What no one knew was the night before we went to our first Sabbath at Temple Isisah . Tried to drive the car off view point but the car stop with the front wheels a little over edge. We where having very hard time. But Rabbe Joe, and the rest of the vouteers always help us make threw another . We lived for Amy Simon O. B.M . G-D Bless you and have a wonderful week and Rebbe Joseph O.B.M. Priestly Blessing. He always made the sign of the Shema with both hands as he blessed us and praise for us all. He has a soul full of love for everyone he met. Saved my life, I felt my children where better of with out me. So please know he was our hero, our uncle our brother our grandfather. I never had any brother or sister, I was raised by my grandparents, Thank to Rebbe I now have my husband back still have 4 children and one Jewish grandchild. Be very Thankful he is your You will never know the depths of his love for all of you. With deepest Respect for your loss Mrs. Angelina M.Zinn ( Rute) Miss Jo Ann Carine Zinn ( Adell) Miss Stephanie Jennifer Zinn (Gil's Shoshona)and Ms. Cyanthia Angelica Zinn (Ahova) Master Ari Palomino Zinn and Mr. Charles John Zinn, Mr. Emmanuel Charles Zinn

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