

We are so glad that Rabbi Balto is being recognized for his service as a volunteer for Bikur Cholim as well as a chaplain for hospitals, old people homes and prison.

I met Rabbi Balto in late 2018 when I had knee replacement surgery. I was at Washington Hospital Center and he came to visit me because it was Friday afternoon.

We started a conversation and he told me he was originally from the Twin Cities. I told him that our son Tzvi was buried in Saint Paul. He offered to visit him next time he would visit The Twin Cities. I remember he sent me a picture of the grave as well as a beautiful card that said: "May the Garden of Eden be his resting place". I keep this card close to my prayer books.

Throughout the years Rabbi Balto has stayed in touch and continued to visit my son's grave and been a source of spiritual support to me through some difficult times.

After my husband passed away in February last year Rabbi Balto offered to come with me to his grave to pray for him. We went together with my daughter to The Garden of Remembrance where Rabbi Balto prayed with us and gave us solace

I can only say excellent things about Rabbi Balto. It was a blessing to have met him and I'll always be grateful to him.

Best,
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