

Dear Audrey Siegel,

I am writing to express my delight upon learning that Rabbi David Balto is being honored by Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington. He deserves recognition for his unwavering commitment to helping and supporting individuals and families with medical challenges.

As a Chaplain Resident at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, David showed great dedication in supporting parents with a newborn or infant in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). He also demonstrated exceptional care and compassion towards patients who suffered pregnancy and infant loss.

His willingness to listen, offer comforting words, prayer, and a warm presence to parents amid their grief was genuinely remarkable. David's dedication to supporting grieving parents did not end with his residency. He continues to volunteer as a chaplain at the annual Little Lives Remembered event that commemorates the lives of babies who died due to a miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death, or chromosome abnormality. His ability to walk alongside these patients and offer continued support and guidance is a true gift. David's tireless efforts have made a real and lasting impact on those he serves. Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington is fortunate to have someone like David as a volunteer. His kindness, generosity, and compassion are an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations to David on this well-deserved honor. This special award is a testament to his commitment and passion for helping others. He should be very proud of himself. I encourage him to continue his amazing work and to keep inspiring