

MOTION

As a remembrance and inspiration, the intersection of Highland Avenue and 3rd Street in Los Angeles should be named "Moshe Rubin Memorial Square." This location is adjacent to Rabbi Chaim Baruch Rubin's shul located at 303 South Highland Avenue, where Moshe was a beloved presence through his 16 years of life.

Moshe suffered from Down Syndrome, but that did not prevent him from being a one-man welcoming crew for everyone who attended the shul.

In 2004, Moshe's Bar Mitzvah was being held at the shul. There was community opposition to Moshe and his gathering walking down the street with a Torah, a typical Bar Mitzvah ritual. The LAPD had been requested to provide an escort.

Naming the square after Moshe is more than a tribute to a spirited young man who had Down Syndrome. It also is a tribute to religious freedom, diversity and tolerance that is much needed in turbulent times.

NOW, I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Highland Avenue and 3rd Street be named "Moshe Rubin Memorial Square," in recognition of religious freedom, diversity and tolerance; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to fabricate and install permanent ceremonial signs to this effect at, or suitably near, this location.

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