

# Your VOICE

## ALL WALKS OF LIFE

### TO THE EDITOR:

I very much enjoyed your article about the life and activities of Dr. Moller, z"l in the *Parashas Noach*/October 29 issue. What I particularly appreciated was *Hamodia's* willingness to write about someone "outside the box" — one who was not part of the "politically correct" *chareidi* world.

I have noticed this willingness on *Hamodia's* part in a considerable number of articles of late — your pieces on Yossele Rosenblatt, Congregation Young Israel-Beth El of Boro Park, and Dr. Antin, to name a few. My compliments to you for your efforts to include a broad spectrum of Torah Jewry in your reporting.

Sincerely,

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YOUNG ISRAEL OF FLATBUSH

## HAKARAS HATOV

### TO THE EDITOR:

As someone who grew up in Washington Heights and benefited from many of the things that were described in the beautiful article about Dr. Moller, I would like to add that while the legacy of Dr. Moller carries on and his family can proudly point to "100 great-grandchildren learning full-time," as the article stated, I think it would be fair to honor Dr. Moller and all who knew him by pointing to all the other children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who are not learning full time. These descendants are full-time representatives of *Torah im derech eretz*, making a *kiddush Hashem* — the ultimate goal to which Dr. Moller devoted his life.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude to two of Dr. Moller's children. The first is Rabbi Shamshon Moller, who was my group leader in Pirchei. He was a successful engineer during the week, and a fascinating *rebbe* and role model for *ahavas Torah* on Shabbosos and Yamim Tovim.

Second is Mrs. Wurtzburger, who ran the SRH Day Camp in Washington Heights, which saved me and many others from the dangers of a summer on the streets of New York. It gave us an atmosphere charged with Torah, *yiras Shamayim*, and *middos tovos*, and an aspiration for growth in all these areas. It was a *girsas d'yankusa* that has accompanied me over the decades, in my rise through yeshivos and *kollelim* and a variety of positions in Torah institutions in Yerushalayim. May Hashem bless her and her entire family with *nachas*, and may they continue to carry out their father's legacy of *avodas hakodesh* for the benefit of *Klal Yisrael*.

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### TO THE EDITOR:

Having grown up in K'hal Adath Jeshurun in Washington Heights, I was overjoyed to read the article about Dr. Raphael Moller, z"l. Dr. Moller was there for both adult and child. Yes, the picture you printed was his genuine smile — to everyone. His love and *dveikus* to Hashem was evident as we heard his *Avinu Malkeinu* at *Minchah* of Rosh Hashanah. It is forever engraved on my mind.

One of the many kindnesses that my family experienced occurred in the 1960's. One day, during my father's, a"h, last illness, Dr. Moller came to our apartment door. My mother, a"h, stammered and finally said, "Herr doctor, we didn't call you." To which this very busy *tzaddik* answered, "Oh! I just came to be *mevaker choleh*." My father was quite upset that as a result of his illness, he couldn't *daven* the words of the *siddur*. Dr. Moller reassured him by saying, "Mr. Plaut, all you have to do is have the *siddur* in your hand and you are *davening*."

The peace of mind he gave my father that day made all the difference in his last months.

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## A LASTING IMPRESSION

### TO THE EDITOR:

Your recent article on Dr. Raphael Moller, z"l, was interesting and inspiring.

Today we have many books and articles about *Gedolim* — Rabbanim, Rebbes, and Roshei Yeshivah. Many of these books are inspiring. However, I have felt for some time now that since the overwhelming majority of us end

up working for a living, it is important that we have models of people who were and are involved in the outside world and who are considered exceptional Torah personalities. One such person was Dr. Raphael Moller, as your article makes clear.

You were kind enough to allow me to distribute this article to my email list. The result has been that a number of people have told me stories about Dr. Moller that add to his luster as a physician and brilliant diagnostician who devoted as much time as possible to Torah learning. In addition, he performed countless acts of *chesed* for people.

Somone sent me the following in an email: "When we came to the U.S. in 1949 from the D.P. camps, my father needed medical attention for his wartime injuries. He went to Dr. Moller, who not only did not charge him but gave him the money to pay for the medication and something extra to buy food for Shabbos. My mother did not know what he had done until they reached home since during the examination Dr. Moller hid the money in my father's jacket pocket."

The stories in this article are true. He was one in more than a million!

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