

Hersh Goldberg-Polin, 23, from Jerusalem, was kidnapped from the Supernova music festival on October 7th and murdered in captivity. He attended the rave with a group of friends, including his close friend Aner Shapiro, an off-duty soldier. When the rocket fire began, they left via car and stopped on the side of the road to seek safety in a roadside bomb shelter next to Kibbutz Re'im.

Hamas gunmen attacked the shelter with grenades and gunfire, and Aner was killed after throwing back a number of unexploded grenades. In one of the explosions, Hersh's left arm was blown off at the elbow. He sent his parents two texts from inside the shelter: "I love you" and "I'm sorry."

Ultimately, Hersh was kidnapped from the shelter along with Alon Ohel, Eliya Cohen and Or Levy. His parents, Jon Polin and Rachel Goldberg-Polin, became full-time hostage advocates fighting for his release for 330 days.

On August 29, 2024, after surviving horrifying conditions in Gaza for close to a year, the IDF announced that Hersh was murdered in captivity alongside Carmel Gat, Ori Danino, Alex Lobanov, Almog Sarusi and Eden Yerushalmi. Their bodies were retrieved by the IDF two days later from a tunnel in south Gaza.

Hersh was buried in Jerusalem on September 2. He is survived by his parents, Rachel and Jon, who remain steadfast in their quest for freedom of every hostage held by Hamas, and his younger sisters Leebie and Orly.

REMEMBER THEM. REMEMBER OCTOBER 7.

STAND WITH ISRAEL — SO THIS **NEVER** HAPPENS AGAIN.

