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HERSH GOLDBERG-POLIN

A LIFE FULL OF PROMISE

Hersh Goldberg-Polin was just 23 years old when he was attacked and kidnapped by Hamas terrorists.

An American-Israeli born in Berkeley, California, and raised in Jerusalem, Hersh was attending the Nova music festival on October 7, 2023, when Hamas launched its brutal terrorist attack. **After losing part of his left arm in a grenade attack on the shelter where he had taken refuge, Hersh was taken hostage.**

For nearly eleven months, his family endured unimaginable uncertainty. His parents, Jon and Rachel Goldberg-Polin, became tireless advocates for the hostages, traveling across the world to keep Hersh's name—and the names of every person still in captivity—before the eyes of the international community. Their message was rooted in hope, compassion, and the belief that every hostage needed to come home.

On August 31, 2024, Israeli forces reached the area where Hersh and five other hostages were being held and found that they were murdered in captivity just days before. His death was mourned around the world by people who had come to know his story through his family's unwavering advocacy.

Hersh's story is one of courage, kindness, and extraordinary resilience. His life reminds us that behind every headline is a son, a brother, a friend, and a future filled with promise.

*"Hope is **mandatory.**"*
-RACHEL GOLDBERG-POLIN, MOTHER OF HERSH

AGE ON OCTOBER 7, 2023: 23

FROM: BERKELEY, CA
RAISED IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

AMERICAN-ISRAELI CITIZEN

TAKEN HOSTAGE: OCTOBER 7, 2023

MURDERED IN CAPTIVITY:
HIS BODY WAS RECOVERED BY THE IDF ON AUGUST 31, 2024

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