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# Parents of Mumbai attack victim decide to raise their orphaned grandson

Rabbi Shimon Rosenberg and his wife Yehudit sit shiva for their daughter Rivka and her husband, Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg.

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Rivka and her husband, Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg, in their Afula home on Wednesday.

The Holtzbergs, Chabad emissaries, were both killed in the terror attack at Chabad House in Mumbai last week. They were buried in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Gavriel Holtzberg's family, who came for the funeral from the United States, is mourning with the Rosenbergs.

Gavriel Holzberg's bullet-riddled hat and prayer-shawl bag were placed beside the mourning fathers.

The Holtzberg's two-year-old son, Moshe, stayed with his caretaker Sandra at the home of relatives in the central region.

"He'll be coming to our house in Afula in a few days," Shimon Rosenberg said. "Meanwhile we want him to rest a little, away from the eye of the storm."

Rosenberg said that he and his wife had decided to raise their grandchild. "We'll be his grandparents and parents," he said, and added that the child was suffering from a hurt back.

"We don't know how exactly," he said. "What he went through is a mystery. That night he was put to bed on the fifth floor [of Chabad House] while Rivka and Gabi were on the second floor. It's not clear how he reached them or how he escaped the inferno in the building. He never used to go down to the second floor to see them."

Numerous people came to pay their condolences to the grieving families.

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