



## HERSH GOLDBERG POLIN (23)

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Hersh loves to learn and read books; as a child, he bought atlases and studied their maps. He enjoys simple pleasures such as good music, parties, and travelling abroad. In December, he was supposed to board a plane to India for a big trip. He celebrated his 23rd birthday just 4 days prior to his kidnapping.

Hersh arrived with his friends to the party in Reim. When they heard the siren on Saturday morning, they rushed to a shelter where they encountered terrorists. His close friend, Aner Shapiro, took command and decided that every grenade thrown towards the shelter would be thrown back at the terrorists. Aner threw about 7 grenades towards the terrorists, and on the eighth grenade, he was fatally wounded. Hersh himself was severely injured during the attack, losing his left hand. He was then taken by the terrorists to a pick-up truck and kidnapped into Gaza.

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