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RUBIN, JOSHUA, 30, of Brooklyn, NY. Born in Providence, he was a beloved son of Leon (Phyllis) Rubin of North Grafton, MA and Sandra (Ben Zion) Taube of Pawtucket.

Joshua had been a resident of Brooklyn for 4 years where he owned and operated Whisk Bakery Café. He was a graduate of Classical High School and the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence, and UMass Amherst. Joshua was a former member of Temple Emanu-El.

Along with his parents, he is survived by his sister Hilarie Rubin of Attleboro and his brother Jonathan Rubin of Arlington, VA.

His funeral service will be held Tuesday, December 27th at 10 AM at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Donations may be made in his memory to Camp Ramah New England, 39 Bennett St., Palmer, MA 01069 or BJERI - Israel Desk Scholarship Fund, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906. Shiva will be held at the home of Sandra and Ben Zion Taube Tues. 7-9 PM and Wed., Thurs., & Sun. 2-4 & 7-9 PM. For information and condolences www.SugarmanSinai.com

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Body Of Josh Rubin, Missing Brooklyn Cafe Owner, Found Shot And Burned In Pennsylvania

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When Josh Rubin, a well-loved Brooklyn cafe owner, disappeared on Halloween night, friends and family mounted a massive search for the thirty year-old. They posted signs on storefronts and in subways, and started the "Find Josh Rubin" Facebook page while local blogs followed the story closely.

But, with speculation that Rubin had vanished of his own accord (Rubin was reportedly in debt from opening the Whisk cafe in Ditmas Park and had recently been diagnosed with bipolar disorder) eventually the NYPD relegated Rubin's case to the "Missing Persons" division, a sign that the "trail had gone cold."

Meanwhile, on November 1st, the smoldering remains of a man were discovered by a public works employee in a rural area of Pennsylvania. Because the body was so badly burnt, it remained unidentified as officials were unable to use fingerprints. When DNA results were ready 6 weeks later, they revealed that the man-- who had been fatally shot, set on fire, and dumped off the side of a road-- was Josh Rubin, WFMZ reports.

Rubin's death has been ruled a homicide by officials in South Whitehall, Pennsylvania and *The New York Post* reports that "a day or two" after his body was found, Rubin's credit card was used at the Woodbury Commons outlets in Orange County, New York.

Investigators have begun questioning Rubin's family, but are asking the community for help. "Now we can attempt to reconstruct Mr. Rubin's movements of the days preceding his death and hopefully at some point solve his homicide," said South Whitehall District Attorney Jim Martin.

Rubin, who was also diabetic, was last seen leaving his Kensington apartment without his insulin.

Whisk Cafe has been shuttered since his disappearance and the Ditmas Park Blog reports the landlord has begun proceedings to reclaim the property. Last night, "a yellow flower clung to the metal grate out front, and a candle, tied with a red ribbon, flickered in the cold."

JOSHUA RUBIN

Died: November 1, 2011 - 4 Heshvan, 5772

Funeral Service: Tuesday, December 27 at 10 a.m.
Temple Emanu-El
99 Taft Avenue
Providence, RI

Interment: Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, RI

Shiva: Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.
Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.
and Sunday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.
at the home of
Sandra and Benzion Taube
43 Geneva Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Minyan: At Temple Emanu-El at
regular Chapel Minyan times

Remembrances in Josh's memory may be made to:

Camp Ramah in New England
2 Commerce Way
Norwood, MA 02062
or
Bureau of Jewish Education of RI
Israel Desk Scholarship Fund
130 Sessions Street
Providence, RI 02906