

Since last Yom Kippur, we mourn the loss of X members of our congregation.

[Read names]

We are not only members of individual families, but also members of the Jewish people and citizens of the world. Therefore, at this moment before Yizkor, we remember also the following people whose lives made a difference to the world.

Novelist William Styron, who brought *Sofie's Choice*, a tragic decision with haunting consequences, into the English Lexicon.

Milton Friedman, the Nobel Prize winning grandmaster of free-market economic theory in the postwar era and a prime force in the movement of nations toward less government and greater reliance on individual responsibility.

Legendary Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler.

James Brown, "the hardest working man in show business," who taught us to "feel good."

Gerald Ford, who taught us that sometimes forgiveness trumps revenge.

Teddy Kollek, the long time mayor of Jerusalem who was a bridge between the various religious and ethnic communities in a very divided city.

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. - American historian and social critic.

Kurt Vonnegut. So it goes.

Liviu Librescu - The holocaust survivor whose final act of sacrifice saved at least nine other lives

Jerry Falwell, who transformed American politics by melding it with Conservative Christian evangelism.

Robert Kozminsky, the young Grand Rapids police officer killed responding to a domestic disturbance call.

Ingmar Bergman, the master filmmaker who found bleakness and despair as well as comedy and hope in his indelible explorations of the human condition.

Jean-Marie Lustiger, the son of Polish Jewish refugees who convert to Catholicism while hiding out in Catholic boarding schools and became archbishop of Paris and a top Vatican figure.

Richard Jewell, whose transformation from heroic security guard to Olympic bombing suspect and back again came to symbolize the excesses of law enforcement and the news media

Luciano Pavarotti, simply the best-known tenor of all time.

All these do we remember, together with the ones who were so close to us, for they too are a part of our world.