

Since last Yom Kippur, we mourn the loss of # members of our congregation:

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.

Al Davis, the most reviled and revered owner in football.

Dennis Ritchie, who was responsible for two of the key technologies that have made the modern Internet possible, his C programming language and the co-builder of the Unix operating system.

Andy Rooney, who shared a few minutes of his prickly wit with us weekly.

Joe Frazier, whose hard hitting three fights against Muhammad Ali became boxing's most thrilling moments.

Bil Keane, who reminded us how to see the world through the eyes of children in "Family Circus."

Ed Pauls, who invented the Nordic Trac because he didn't want to exercise outside.

Evelyn Lauder, who pioneered the pink ribbon as a symbol of breast cancer.

Fred Meijer, inventor of the superstore, who will be remembered by us for his modesty and generosity.

Harry Morgan, MASH's tough but fair Colonel Sherman T. Potter.

Paula Hyman, pioneering historian and feminist, the first female dean of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Christopher Hitchens, the aggressively argumentative atheist.

Joe Simon, co-creator of Captain America, the superhero foe to Hitler.

Tom Keith, who created an astounding array of captivating, hilarious, bawdy sounds and voices as longtime master of radio sound effects for Garrison Keillor's nationally syndicated "A Prairie Home Companion."

Evelyn Handler, fifth president of Brandeis University, who lowered the Jewish profile of this historically Jewish University by adding pork and shellfish to the university cafeteria, dropping the Hebrew word for "truth" from the university logo and not including Jewish holidays on the school calendar.

Cheetah, Tarzan's chimp, age 80, who loved finger painting and seeing people laugh.

Yaffa Yarkoni, one of Israel's greatest and best-loved singers, known as the Voice of Israel.

Thomas T. Johnson, who in 1981 ruled that the Holocaust was "a fact and not reasonably subject to dispute."

Joe Paterno, whose position as the greatest college football coach of all time was destroyed when he was fired months before his death for failing to take action against an assistant coach in a child sex abuse scandal.

Robert Hegyes, Jewish Puerto Rican Juan Epstein on Welcome Back Kotter.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, editor of the Humash published by the Reform movement.

Whitney Houston, one of the top selling artists in music history.

Jeffrey Zaslow, Wall Street Journal reporter and author, with a talent of illuminating people's sharpest emotions during life's transitions.

Steve Kordek, who invented the two flipper pinball machine.

Davy Jones, the leader of the Beatles inspired Monkeys.

Robert Sherman, half of the song-writing duo who gave us "It's a Small World," Mary Poppins, and more.

Murry Lender, who made the bagel a household name.

Earl Scruggs, the bluegrass banjo player whose hard-driving picking style influenced generations of musicians.

Mike Wallace, the hard hitting 60 minutes reporter.

Dick Clark, host of American Bandstand which put Rock into the mainstream, and counted us down to the New Year for the last four decades.

Maurice Sendak, who showed us "Where the Wild Things Are."

Vidal Sassoon, who grew up in a Jewish orphanage and fought in Israel's war of Independence before going on to become a famous hairdresser.

Donna Summer, who transcended the queen of disco label with her powerful voice.

Robin Gibb, who with his brothers Maurice and Barry, the Bee Gees, defined the disco era.

Eugene Polley, inventor of the flash-o-matic wireless TV remote.

Ray Bradbury, the visionary author who gave us Fahrenheit 451 and hundreds more short stories and novels.

Richard Dawson, who charmed us in Hogan's heros and Family Feud.

Candy Sapp, who along with her husband Mike turned "Paws with a Cause" into a national organization training service dogs.

Yitzhak Shamir, the first Israeli Prime Minister to negotiate directly with the Palestinians, but who never compromised on his belief in an Israel whose borders would include Jewish sovereignty over all of Judea and Samaria.

Steven Covey, self help pioneer, author of "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

Andy Griffith, the charming small town sheriff and the rumpel, cagey defense attorney Matlock.

Sally Ride, first female US Astronaut.

Marvin Hamlisch, who wrote more than 40 film scores, in addition to giving us "A Singular Sensation."

Helen Gurley Brown, who introduced frank discussion of sex for women.

Ron Palillo, the second sweathog death of the year.

Phyllis Diller, whose aggressive, hard hitting comedy paved the way for other female comics.

Neil Armstrong, who took one small step for man, one giant leap for Mankind.

Sun Myung Moon, self-proclaimed savior of the world, known for marrying 10,000 couples in a single ceremony.

Bill Moggridge, designer of the clamshell case of the laptop computer.

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