

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.

Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times.

Andy Williams, who gave us Moon River

Jacob G Behrman, a giant in the world of Jewish publishing.

Arlen Specter, gruff, independent-minded moderate, served in Senate for 3 decades.

George McGovern, the liberal war hero who opposed Nixon and the Vietnam war.

Donnall Thomas, the Nobel prize winning physician who pioneered bone marrow transplants.

Antoni Dobrowolski, at age 108 the oldest known survivor of Auschwitz, a Polish teacher who defied the Nazis.

Vladka Meed, born Feyge Peltel, one of the leaders of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising - her red hair helped her pass as a Pole and act as a courier, smuggling arms in and children out.

Larry Hagman, astronaut Major Anthony Nelson dreaming of Jeanie, and scheming JR Ewing in Dallas.

Hector “Macho” Camacho, the theatrical division three boxing champion.

Joseph Murray, who performed the first successful kidney transplant.

Marvin Miller, the founding chief of Major League Baseball’s player’s union, who pioneered free agency and changed the face of professional sports.

Dave Brubek, one of the great jazz musicians.

Ravi Shankar, who introduced the sitar to the West and hobnobbed with the Beatles.

Daniel Inouye, Medal of Honor winner, first person in Hawaii to buy an Israel bond, first Japanese-American in the Senate, where he served for 49 years.

Jack Klugman, star of The Odd Couple and Quincy.

Norman Schwarzkopf, known as Stormin’ Norman, led a broad military coalition in the first gulf war against Saddam Hussein.

John Sheardown, the Canadian diplomat who sheltered fugitive American Embassy staffers during the 1979 Iran Hostage crisis.

Pauline Esther Friedman Phillips, also known as “Dear Abby.”

Ed Koch, the Mayor who saved New York City.

Rabbi David Hartman, a master teacher and philosopher, critic and lover of Israel.

Rabbi Hershel Schachter, who helped liberate the Jews of Buchenwald with the words, “Shalom Aleichem, Yidden, ihr zint frei!” You are free!

Roger Ebert, owner of the most important thumb in Hollywood.

Margaret Thatcher, the first and only female Prime Minister of Great Britain, and friend of Israel.

Annette Funicello, America's Mouseketeer.

Boruch Spiegel, one of the last three surviving fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Jean Stapleton, who played Archie Bunker's long-suffering wife Edith in the long-running 1970s television series "All in the Family."

Senator Frank Lautenberg, the last surviving WWII veteran in Congress, who helped open the flow of Soviet Jews and other persecuted minorities to the US.

Doug Engelbart, the inventor of the computer mouse.

Oscar Schechtman, a Jewish basketball player who scored the first basket in the history of what became the NBA.

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