

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

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**Monty Hall**, who didn't get into medical school because of quotas on Jewish students, so instead invited us to choose door number one, two, or three!

**Fats Domino**, sunrise of rock n'roll.

**Rabbi Neil Gillman**, who took theology out of the ivory tower and transformed it into a personal exploration of God.

**Aharon Appelfield**, Shoah survivor and acclaimed Israeli novelist, who wrote about the holocaust in terms of Jewish loneliness, immigration, and ordinary people.

**Julius Lester**, role model for Jews of color.

**Mort Walker**, Cartoonist of classic Americana.

**Billy Graham**, America's pastor, counselor to presidents, who transformed American evangelical religious life.

**Roger Bannester**, first man to break the four minute mile.

**Stephen Hawkin**, the brilliant physicist with a wry sense of humor.

**Gideon Lichtman**, the first fighter pilot in the Israeli air force to shoot down an enemy fighter in aerial combat.

**Sudan**, the last surviving male northern white rhino.

**Johan van Hulst**, age 107, who saved between 500 and 1000 children during the Shoah by sneaking them into his seminary and out to a network of safe houses.

**Linda Brown**, a schoolgirl forced to travel a significant distance, was the daughter of Oliver Brown, a plaintiff in the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education, which declared separate was not equal.

**David Wyman**, the holocaust scholar who documented the American government's indifference to the plight of European Jewry.

**Winnie Mandela**, former wife of Nelson Mandella, who tirelessly fought for his release from prison and was an anti-apartheid force in her own right.

**Carl Kassel**, who brought unflappable authority to NPR news and a lively sense of humor to Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me.

**Barbara Bush**, wife and mother of president, fierce campaigner and defender of her family.

**Bob Dorough**, noted Jazz musician and composer who taught us the magic of numbers, multiplication, and American history in the Schoolhouse rock short videos.

**Rabbi Aaron Panken**, leader of the HUC-JIR's four international Seminaries, a passionate product of and support of Reform Judaism.

**Tom Wolfe**, the forceful observer of points of generational change, in the Electric Kool-aid Acid Test, The Right Stuff, and The Bonfire of the Vanities.

**Bernard Lewis**, quite possibly the most influential postwar historian of Islam and the Middle East.

**Philip Roth**, America's most decorated author, whose wrote fiction and memoir inspired by his Jewish American life story.

**Jerry Maren**, the "lollipop kid" in the Wizard of Oz, the last surviving munchkin. (also the Hamburgler and Mayor McCheese).

**Koko the guerrilla**, who taught us that primates have complex emotions and language.  
**Charles Krauthammer**, the articulate and insightful writer who died with humility and gratitude for his life, without a shred of bitterness at the diving accident that took away the use of much of his arms and legs.

**Claude Lanzmann**, the documentary filmmaker who let survivors tell the story in the monumental nine-hour movie, Shoah.

**Richard Siegel**, co-author of the groundbreaking work of do-it-yourself Judaism, the Jewish Catalog.

**Aretha Franklin**, Queen of Soul.

**John McCain**, the Maverick, the Lion of the Senate.

**Neil Simon**, the patron saint of laughter.

**Rabbi Rachel Cowan**, one of the founders of the Jewish healing movement, who was instrumental in introducing contemplative spiritual practices and wise aging to Jewish leaders.

**Rich Devos**, the co-founder of Amway, whose generosity has enriched our quality of life in Grand Rapids.

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