

Since last Yom Kippur, we mourn the loss of 6 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.

1. Rosa Parks, who took her seat and changed the world.
2. Kirby Puckett, who will be remembered for his never-ending hustle and major league dedication to his team and his fans.
3. Peter Benchley, author of 'Jaws,' who first made us afraid of sharks and then went on to become an Advocate for Conservation of Sharks
4. Pat Morita, who served us food on *Happy Days* and taught us karate -- wax on, wax off.
5. Richard Pryor, the comedian who turned pain into comedy.
6. Andrea Bronfman, a co-founder of Birthright project and Jewish philanthropist.
7. Coretta Scott King, who founded the King Center to help carry on the work of her husband, Martin Luther King, Jr.
8. Al Lewis, Grandpa on *The Munsters*, who ran for governor of New York.
9. Don Knotts, who as Deputy Fife personified the klutz who is convinced that despite everything he is destined for bigger things.
10. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, a courtly Texan who as the Democrats' vice presidential nominee in 1988 famously told rival Dan Quayle he was "no Jack Kennedy."
11. Aaron Spelling, who entertained us with upwards of 200 television shows and movies we are embarrassed to admit that we watched - though most of us did.
12. Louis Jacobs, the religious authority and spiritual mentor of the Masorti (Conservative) movement in England, proclaimed "the Greatest British Jew."
13. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, a giant in every aspect of the Conservative rabbinate.
14. Steve Irwin, whose enthusiasm for saving animals made us laugh and fall in love

with “dangerous wildlife.”

15. Dana Reeve, activist who helped to raise millions of dollars after her husband Christopher Reeve became paralyzed in 1995.
16. Scott Crossfield, a legendary test pilot who was the first person to fly at twice the speed of sound.
17. A.M. Rosenthal, the demanding editor who lifted The New York Times from economic doldrums in the 1970s and molded it into a journalistic juggernaut.
18. Milton Himmelfarb, the leading Jewish essayist best known for his witty observations such as, “Each Jew knows how thoroughly ordinary he is, yet taken together we seem caught up in things great and inexplicable.”
19. Eugene McCarthy, the Senate dove of the 60's who stunned the nation by upending President Lyndon Johnson's re-election drive amid the turmoil of the Viet Nam war.

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