

Since last Yom Kippur, we mourn the loss of 2 members of our congregation.

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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.

Marcel Marceau, son of a Jewish butcher, fighter in the French Resistance, and the greatest mime artist of the 20th century .

former chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira, who ordered soldiers to refuse orders to aid in the dismantling of Jewish settlements in the Gaza strip in 2005.

Joey Bishop, last of the “Rat Pack.”

Herbert Saffir, developer of the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale, for measuring the intensity of hurricanes.

Roger King, the TV Executive whose syndication brought us Oprah, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, Rachael Ray, and Dr. Phil.

Sir Edmund Hillary, who, guided by the Sherpa, Tenzing Norgay, were the first known climbers to reach the summit of Mt. Everest.

Congressman Tom Lantos, Nazi fighter and penniless holocaust survivor who became a leading champions of human rights.

Rabbi Ben Hollandar, a loving and gentle soul, an inspiring and dedicated teacher of Torah, and a founder of Rabbis for Human Rights.

William F. Buckley Jr., the polysyllabic host of “Firing Line” founder of “National Review.”

Sir Arthur C. Clarke, the science fiction writer who envisioned space shuttles, super-computers and geosynchronous communications satellites.

Irvine Robbins, who helped give us 31 flavors of ice cream.

Irena Sendlerowa, who saved 2500 children in the Warsaw ghetto.

Tim Russett, who set the standard for political journalism with plain-spoken explanations and hard-hitting questions, extraordinary skill and integrity.

Cyd Charisse, one of the most brilliant and beautiful female dancers ever to appear on the big screen.

Randy Pausch, the Carnegie Mellon University professor whose “last lecture” inspired millions of people to examine their life purposes and relationships with loved ones.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the great Russian dissident and chronicler of Communist repression of the Soviet era.

Paul Tibbets, the WWII pilot who flew the Enola Gay.

Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister of Pakistan, assassinated as she campaigned to return to office.

Bobby Fischer, the reclusive American chess Grand Master and World Champion.

Charlton Heston, the actor who played Moses and the politician who led the NRA.

Alexander Courage, the composer of the original *Star Trek* theme.

Dr. Michael DeBakey, the pioneering heart surgeon who performed the first coronary bypass operation.

Hyman Golden, the co-founder of Snapple.

Paul Newman, the actor with the brilliant blue eyes, whose tzedakah projects include a string of summer camps for children with cancer.

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