

Since last Yom Kippur, we mourn the loss of 3 members of our congregation.

Phyllis Rapaport

Carrie Rosen

Rosalie Rotenberg

Morrie Levenburg

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.

Studs Terkel, who documented American Oral History through books and radio.

Michael Crichton, who defined the techno-thriller in literature, television, and movies.

Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman, helped hundreds and maybe thousands of women to begin a new life, a believer in intra- and inter-religious dialogue, long before it was in vogue.

Rabbi Charles Rosenzweig, Shoah survivor, founder and executive vice president of the first freestanding Holocaust museum in the country in Detroit.

Rabbi David Leiber, past president of the University of Judaism, and editor of the Etz Hayyim Humash project.

W. Mark Felt, who, as Deep Throat, brought down a President.

Eartha Kitt - who will be remembered by a generation of teenage boys as Catwoman.

Ricardo Montelbaum - who welcomed us to to fantasy Island.

Rabbi Alan Lew, who taught us to treasure the reality of every moment, and to realize that we are completely unprepared for the next moment.

John Updike, explorer of the American Protestant small-town middle class through protagonists such as "Rabbit."

Paul Harvey, who shared "The Rest of the Story" with us for over 50 years.

Bill Davidson, owner of the Pistons and major Jewish philanthropist in the Conservative Jewish world.

Alan Livingston, who created Bozo the clown, and signed Frank Sinatra and the Beatles.

Bea Arthur - Maude and Dorothy Zbonak on the Golden Girls, two of the strongest women in the world of the sitcom.

Congressman Jack Kemp, a "compassionate conservative" who cared deeply about the poor in our country, and a lover of Israel.

Marilyn French, trailblazing feminist, author of "The Women's Room."

William Seidman, the father of Grand Valley State University and the former head of the FDIC.

Ephraim Katzir, fourth President of the State of Israel, scientist and a founder of the Weizmann Institute.

Ed McMahon, the ultimate sidekick.

Michael Jackson, the “King of Pop,” whose stellar popularity in the 1980’s imploded in scandal of bizarre weirdness.

Farrah Fawcett, the blond beauty with the iconic hair and star of Charlie’s Angels.

Karl Malden, who reminded us not to leave home without it.

Meir Amit, Mossad chief between 1963 and 1968, whose intelligence lead to the victory in the Six Day war.

Walter Cronkite, the most trusted man in America.

Les Paul, who for 70 years created music that had never before been heard on instruments that had never before been played.

Don Hewitt, creator of CBS news and 60 Minutes, producer/director of some of the most monumental news moments of the 50’s and 60’s, including the Nixon-Kennedy debates.

Senator Edward Kennedy, politician extraordinaire, who devoted his life to service of his country.

Capt. Asaf Ramon, the Israeli Air Force pilot, son of the first Israeli Astronaut Ilan Ramon z”l, leaving his mother bereft of a husband and a son.

Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, former President and Chancellor of Hebrew Union College, who brought Zionism and tradition into the Reform movement.

Patrick Swayze, who taught us dirty dancing.

Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, credited with saving over a billion people from starvation by developing high-yield, disease-resistant wheat varieties, and introducing them in Central America, Asia, and Africa along with modern agricultural production techniques.

William Safire, who gave us the gift of language.

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