

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

Al Libman

Helen Dolinka

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.

Marek Edelman, the last surviving leader of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

Soupy Sales, who build his comic career on pranks and thousands of pies to the face.

Lyman Parks, the first Black City Commissioner and Mayor of Grand Rapids.

Dr. William Ganz, a cardiologist and medical inventor who helped develop a revolutionary catheter to measure blood flow and heart functions.

Dr. Yohanan Muffs, the passionate, dramatic, enthusiastic Bible professor.

Yosef Yerushalmi, one of the most creative and influential Jewish historians of our day.

Oral Roberts, the evangelist who rose from humble tent revivals to a multimillion-dollar ministry.

Art Cloky, the creator of Gumby and Pokey.

Miep Gies, the office secretary who defied the Nazi occupiers to hide Anne Frank and family.

J.D. Salinger, author of *Catcher in the Rye*, creator of one of America's most famous teen anti-heroes.

Walter Frederick Morrison, the inventor of the frisbee.

Judge Sylvia B. Pressler, whose 1973 ruling opened the door for girls to play Little League baseball.

Yitta Schwartz, who generated one of the largest clans of any survivor of the Holocaust - about 2,000 living descendants.

Hank Rosenstein, who played in what is considered the NBA's first game, in 1946, as an original member of the New York Knicks.

Fess Parker - the face of the American frontiersman for millions of children in the 50's and 60's, in his portrayals of Davey Crockett and Daniel Boone.

Clara Hammer, "Chicken Lady of Jerusalem," who spearheaded a fund that provided free chickens to thousands of needy people in Jerusalem.

Dr. Henry Edward Roberts, developer of the Altair 8800 build it yourself computer in the 70's, which inspired Bill Gates and Paul Allen to found Microsoft.

Meinhardt Raabe, the Munchkin Coroner in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Lech Kaczynski, the Polish president who died in a tragic plane crash, who visited Israel not long before his death, extending a hand of friendship from a country with a reputation for antisemitism.

Dorothy Height, the Legendary civil rights leader who spent most of her life battling for the empowerment of women and blacks and who had the ear of U.S. presidents from Eisenhower to Obama.

Rabbi David Forman, who founded of Rabbis for Human Rights out of his passion for Judaism and Israel.

Ernie Harwell, the voice of the Detroit Tigers and one of the greatest broadcasters ever to speak into a microphone.

Art Linkletter, who shared the darndest things with us.

Moishe Rosen, a controversial Baptist minister, writer and founder of the group Jews for Jesus

John Wooden, College basketball coach extraordinaire.

Rabbi Jacob Milgrom, who made Leviticus and other arcane Biblical passages come alive with meaning.

Senator Robert Byrd, fiery orator, hard-charging power broker, and the longest serving US Senator ever.

Captain Ike Aronowitz and **Dr. Joshua Cohen**, who served aboard the Exodus, the legendary ship that attempted to bring Holocaust survivors from war-torn Europe to British-mandated Palestine in 1947.

George Steinbrenner, the tyrannical Yankees owner whose major contribution to baseball was salary inflation.

Daniel Schorr, whose aggressive broadcast and print reporting over 70 years brought him the distinction of having made Nixon's enemies list.

Morrie R. Yohai, the creator of the crunchy, finger-staining orange Cheez Doodles snack.

Bobby Thomson, whose "shot heard 'round the world" won the pennant for the New York Giants.

Reginald Levy, who as captain of a hijacked Belgian airliner in 1972 was hailed as a hero for enabling Israeli commandos to storm the plane and rescue all 100 passengers and crew members

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