

**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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**Yogi Berra** ... sadly, it's over.

**Daniel Thompson**, who invented the bagel making machine.

**Paul Prudhomme**, who put spicy, blackened, creole food on the American culinary map.

**Ken Taylor**, the Canadian ambassador who saved six Americans who escaped from the embassy in Iran during the 1979 hostage crisis.

**Melissa Mathison**, screenwriter for the movie ET, who showed us how and how not to welcome the stranger.

**Jerry Parr**, who saved President Reagan's life the day he was shot outside a Washington DC hotel.

**Maureen O'Hara**, the flame-haired Irish movie star who lifted us up in "Miracle on 34th Street."

**Al Molinaro**, the lovable character actor with the hangdog face who was known to millions of TV viewers for playing Murray the cop on "The Odd Couple" and malt shop owner Al Delvecchio on "Happy Days."

**Fred Thompson**, Former U.S. senator was a folksy Tennessee lawyer whose career led him from politics to Hollywood and back again.

**Larry Rosen**, co-founder of GRP record, first record label to issue every album on CD back when CDs were scary and new.

**Harriet Klausner**, was Amazon.com's most prolific book reviewer, a grand total of 31,014 over the course of her reviewing life.

**Vera B. Williams** was an author and illustrator of beautiful, timeless, powerful children's books depicting Asian-American, black and multiracial families and showed fathers doing the active work of parenting.

**Yitzhak Navon**, fifth president of Israel.

**George Clayton Johnson**, who wrote the first broadcast episode of Star Trek, a number of Twilight Zone episodes, and co-wrote the novel Logan's Run.

**Meadowlark Lemon**, the clown prince of the Harlem Globetrotters.

**Natalie Cole**, the daughter of a king, unforgettable, with love.

**David Bowie**, who transcended music, art, and fashion, and taught us that there is empathy beyond difference.

**Glenn Frey**, the co-founder of Eagles, with an an encyclopedic knowledge of popular music and a work ethic that wouldn't quit.

**Eugene Borowitz**, who taught that reason and self-imposed ethics needed the undergirding of what he called a covenantal relationship with God.

**Abe Vigoda**, the sad faced actor who survived an erroneous report of his death by 34 years to find fame in the Godfather and Barney Miller.

**Antonin Scalia**, whose elegant and acidic opinions inspired a movement of legal thinkers and ignited liberal critics.

**Harper Lee**, whose first novel, To Kill a Mockingbird, sold more than 40 million copies and became one of the most beloved and most taught works of fiction ever written by an American.

**Ray Tomlinson**, who sent the first email and choose the @-sign for email addresses.

**Nancy Reagan**, an active, power behind the scenes' first lady, Ronald Reagan's secret weapon and great love.

**George Martin**, the English record producer, arranger, composer, conductor, audio engineer and musician referred to as the fifth Beatle by Paul McCartney and others.

**Maurice White**, founder of soul group Earth, Wind, and Fire, who presented Afrocentric jazz with spiritual positivity.

**Merle Haggard**, the outlaw who used what may have been country's greatest vocal instrument to sing about alcohol's shadow, the heartbroken, and the displaced.

**Prince**, a musical prodigy who could play every instrument and sing every vocal line on his albums, a wildly prolific songwriter, a virtuoso on guitars, keyboards and drums.

**Meir Dagan**, ex-head of the Israeli Mossad intelligence agency, a fierce protector of Israel and Jews.

**Andrew Grove**, the intellectual giant of Silicon Valley, builder of Intel.

**Joe Medicine Crow**, the Crow Nation's last chief, activist, author, and WWII military hero.

**Les Waas**, creator of the Mr. Softee jingle.

**Morley Safer**, whose 46 years on 60 minutes constituted the longest run anyone ever had on primetime news.

**Bill Backer**, adman behind "I'd like to buy the world a Coke."

**Muhammad Ali**, the principled, defiant, heavyweight champ whose charisma defined a style of boxing.

**Gordie Howe**, Mr. Hockey.

**Elie Wiesel**, icon of conscience.

**Pat Summit**, the most successful coach in Division I college basketball history.

**Kenny Baker**, the 3' 8" actor who was hired for his biggest role, in which he was neither seen nor heard, because of his small stature, in which he played R2D2 in the first 6 Star Wars movies.

**Steven Hill**, the original mission impossible leader, who was fired in part because he had embraced traditional Judaism and wouldn't work on Shabbat.

**Gene Wilder**, the brilliant comedic star who teamed up with Mel Brooks to create memorable eccentric and neurotic characters.

**William Patrick "W.P." Kinsella**, who inspired us to dream of playing baseball with Shoeless Joe in his eponymous novel set in a cornfield in Iowa.

**Charmian Carr**, who will forever be 16, going on 17.

**Arnold Palmer**, who popularized golf among the working class.

**Shimon Peres**, who, over a 70 year political career, held virtually every significant political office in the State of Israel culminating in President.

**Agnes Nixon**, who turned daytime television soap operas into a forum for exploring serious social issues such as racism, sexism, and sexuality.

**Jacob Neusner**, the impossible prolific scholar of Judaism, translator of virtually every text in the canon of Rabbinic Jewish literature.

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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.**