

Since last Yom Kippur, we mourn the loss of 6 members of our congregation:

Leon Ash
Phil Rotenberg
Michael Chambers
Salomea Blum
Bruce Stout
Moe Kleiman

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.

Leon Lederman, the Nobel Prize winner who nicknamed an elusive sub-atomic particle, “The Goddamned Particle.” which publishers shortened to “The God Particle.”

Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft

Dorcas Reilly, the Campbell’s Soup test kitchen cook who invented the green bean casserole.

Douglas Raines, the voice of “I’m sorry Dave ... I can’t do that.”

Stan Lee, Stanley Leiber, superhero vision, who created flawed humans with superhero powers.

Dr. Olivia Hooker, first African-American woman to enlist in the Coast Guard.

Stephen Hillenburg, who gave us the porous, yellow, sponge with pants who lives in a pineapple under the sea.

George H.W. Bush, the 41st President of the United States, who spoke of “a thousand points of light” of the power of community organizations to solve problems.

Amos Oz, the Israeli novelist, Israeli Prize Laureate, and peace activist.

Mary Oliver, Pulitzer Prize winning and best selling poet.

John Dingell, the longest serving member of the House of Representatives.

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founder of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, notable for his fundraising in the evangelical Christian community for needy Jews and the security of Israel.

Richard Cole, last surviving member of the Doolittle raid on Japan that raised moral just four months after the devastation of Pearl Harbor.

Sen. Richard Lugar, who led efforts to dismantle and secure the former Soviet states’ nuclear arsenal.

Damon Keith, who, as a Federal judge struck down President Nixon’s wiretapping, attacked racial segregation in education and housing, and coined the phrase, “Democracy dies behind closed doors.”

Peter Mayhew - Who could make “Aaaaaaaaaaaaaa” mean anything.

Moore. Roger Moore.

Tim Conway, whose comedy made his costars laugh.

IM Pei, the architect who built a pyramid in the Louvre.

Grumpy Cat, the cat that launched a thousand memes.

Herman Wouk, the legendary author who embodied the postwar possibilities for American Jews.

Hillel Butman, the refusnik imprisoned for his role in an aborted 1970 plot to hijack an airplane to draw attention to the plight of Soviet Jews.

Bart Starr, the legendary Packers quarterback, the first to win five NFL championships.

Robert L. Bernstein, founder of Human Rights Watch

Ross Perot, the most successful third party presidential candidate in modern US history.

Justice John Paul Stevens, justice of the Supreme Court, praised by President Ford as “serving his nation well, with dignity, intellect and without partisan political concerns.”

George Rosenkranz, one of the creators of the first birth control pill.

Hal Prince, King of Broadway.

Toni Morrison, whose powerful literary voice illustrated the African American experience.

Cokie Roberts, a founding mother of NPR.

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