

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

Ann Radich  
Buddy Joseph  
Shalom Solomon

**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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**Harold Bloom**, the most famous literary critic in history.

**Paul Polak**, who got his start fighting poverty in Africa, Asia, and Latin America by building a better donkey cart.

**Morton Siegel**, who created USY and related programs, and was a educational genius for USCJ.

**Fred Cox**, Minnesota Vikings placekicker and co-inventor of the Nerf Football.

**Caroll Spinney**, the most famous man nobody knows, the voice of Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch.

**George Laurer**, an inventor of the modern bar code

**Alexei Leonov**, first person to walk in space.

**Ram Dass**, born Richard Alpert, who introduced a generation of Americans to meditation as a spiritual practice.

**Jake Burton Carpenter**, who invented snowboarding.

**Allen Gerson**, The Nazi hunter who pioneered the practice of suing foreign governments for complicity to terrorism.

**David Stern**, the NBA commissioner who transformed the NBA from a second class league in peril to a multi-billion dollar sports powerhouse.

**Buck Henry**, co-creator of Get Smart, co-writer of The Graduate

**Gary Starkweather**, inventor of the Laser printer, created the desktop publishing industry.

**Jim Lehrer**, who moderated more presidential debates than anyone else in history.

**Kobe Bryant**, one of the greatest basketball players of all time, tarnished by personal indiscretions that may not have been consensual.

**Kirk Douglas**, last of a generation of classic Hollywood leading men, who reconnected to Judaism with a Bar Mitzvah at age 83.

**Larry Tesler**, inventor of copy-and-paste computer function.

**Katherine Johnson**, the human calculator who made John Glenn's history flight possible.

**Kenny Rogers**, folded 'em and walked away.

**Richard Wayne Penniman**, Little Richard, the founding father of Rock & Roll whose music broke the race barrier in the 50's.

**Phillis George**, the first woman to cohost The NFL Today.

**Larry Kramer**, the writer and activist who founded ACT UP in 1987 to shock the country into dealing with the AIDS crisis.

**Saturn**, the alligator rumored to have been Hitler's pet, gifted to the Berlin zoo in 1936, who escaped the zoo during the bombing, was captured by the British and given to the Russians, died at the age of 84.

**Carl Reiner**, comic legend and creator of the Dick Van Dyke show.

Civil rights leaders:

**Reverend Joseph Lowery**, the dean of the Civil Rights Movement.

**Rev. C.T. Vivian**, paladin of nonviolence, who took the punch that launched a national voter registration drive.

**John Lewis**, the conscience of the US Congress.

**Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz**, whose translations of the Talmud in Hebrew, English, and Russian, opened up the world of Rabbinic literature and serious Jewish learning to millions of people.

**Jo Ruby**, creator of the most famous animated dog of all time, Scooby-Doo!

**Tom Seaver**, "The Franchise," the greatest Mets player of all time who led the miracle 1969 Mets to a World Series championship.

**Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, Notorious RBG, a legal powerhouse on behalf of gender equality.

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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.**