

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

Lois Gerard

Judy Subar

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 whose lives made a difference, for good or bad, to the world.

Kanchha Sherpa, the last surviving member of the first expedition to successfully scale the summit of Mount Everest.

Susan Stamberg, a founding mother of NPR and the first woman to host a national news program.

Drew Struzan, the artist behind some of the most recognizable movie posters in cinema history, including for the Star Wars, Indiana Jones and Back to the Future franchises.

Rabbi Arthur Waskow, peace and environmental activist, creator of the eco-kosher movement.

Stanley Chesley, the class-action lawsuit pioneer who took on cigarette companies and the makers of faulty breast implants before his legal career ended amid accusations of unethical conduct.

Dick Cheney, a principled conservative republican.

James D. Watson, the ambitious, arrogant, and racist scientist whose co-discovery of the twisted-ladder structure of DNA in 1953 helped revolutionize medicine, crimefighting, and genealogy.

Morris Kahn, Israel's billionaire venture philanthropist whose motto was, "I don't want to be the richest man in the cemetery."

Aldrich Ames, the Russian spy who became the most damaging CIA traitor in agency history, who reportedly caused the death of at least 10 CIA or allied intelligence agents.

Rabbi Eliezer Diamond, the beloved teacher of Talmud and Rabbinics whose personal piety and generosity of spirit influenced generations of American rabbis.

Gabriel Barkay, the Jerusalem archeologist who discovered silver amulets containing the priestly blessing, one of the oldest fragments of the Hebrew Bible, and co-director of the Temple mount sifting project, using innovating techniques to examine thousands of tons of soil illegally excavated from the Temple Mount.

Claudette Colvin, the high school junior who was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus 9 months before Rosa Parks.

Dr. William Foege, who led the world in one of humanity's greatest public health victories — the global eradication of smallpox.

Yocheved Gold, the teenager who snuck into the 1936 Olympic games and sat next to Hitler. The other girls were handing Hitler flowers. She refused.

Matti Caspi, one of the greatest Israeli music creators of our generation.

Reverend Jesse Jackson, the most influential Black leader between Martin Luther King, Jr., and Barak Obama.

Alexander Butterfield, who disclosed the Nixon Watergate tapes.

Edna Foa, who developed an intervention that gave hope of recovery to those suffering from PTSD.

Ted Turner, who gave us the 24-7 hour news on CNN.

Abraham Foxman, who spent 30 years as national director of the ADL, who saw the world through the lens of antisemitism and believed he could defeat it.

Ya'akov Agam, the pioneering kinetic artist.

Dolly Parton, who lived the quintessential story of overcoming adversity and resilience in the face of poverty, to become the singer, songwriter, actor, and philanthropist whose gift of over 300 million books to children inspired Harold Grinspoon to create PJ library.

Gloria Steinem, the writer and activist who became the face of the modern women's movement and co-founded Ms. magazine in 1971

Ada Yonath, Nobel Prize laureate in chemistry for mapping the ribosome, paving the way for new antibiotic technology.

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

Consult the AP News Year End in review and CBS News deaths