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El Maley Rachamim

O God, full of compassion, dwelling in the heavens' heights,
grant perfect rest beneath the sheltering wings of your Shechina,
among the holy and pure, illuminating like the brilliance of the skies,
the souls of our beloved ones who went to their eternal place of rest. May
you who are the source of mercy, shelter them eternally
beneath your wings and bind their souls among the living,
that they may rest in peace. And let us say: Amen.

We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and at its going down,
we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.
So long as we live, they too shall live;
for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.

—Sylvan D. Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

A Few Words of Introduction

When a righteous person dies, we say *zichrono livracha*—
may his/her memory be for a blessing. We turn the memories of those we loved into blessings by echoing in our own lives the best of who they were in the world. During *Yizkor,* observed four times each year, we remember friends and family who are no longer with us and affirm that we will strive to live lives that indeed make their memories blessings. At *Yizkor* we remember all those we have lost over the course of our lifetime, not only those who died within the past year.

We asked you to share not only the names of your loved ones, but also some of their blessings. Who are the people who helped shape your life? How did you know them? What are your most profound memories of them? How have they changed the way that you look at the world?

This record of memories illuminates the gifts of those who touched our lives, allowing their values and deeds flow through to through our entire community. We hope that by reading them, you will learn more and feel closer to your friends at JRC.

Yehiyu zichronam livracha.

We regret any inadvertent errors or omissions.
We would appreciate having them called to our attention
so we can make corrections in the future.

Our Loved Ones Who Have Died During the Year ...

Joel Zemans, father of Rebecca Zemans

Beverly Sorkin Shapiro, stepmother of Alisa Cohen-Stein

Rich Katz, beloved JRC Member, husband of Heidi Katz, father of Aviva Katz Turner and Alex Katz

Frank Chanen, father of Stuart Chanen

Paul Dolinko, father of Ann Dolinko and and grandfather of Alexa Dolinko

Joshua Harmon, brother of Jacqi Shine

Susan Jolles Seilback, mother of Marjorie Jolles

Anita Goldin, mother of Harry Goldin and grandmother of Jacob Goldin

Rollie (Roslyn) Stamm, mother of Ronna Stamm

Jordan Bloom, father of Michael Bloom

Rachel Tami Davis, niece of Steven Fox

Marilyn Smith Layton, mother of Rabbi Eleanor Smith, grandmother of Sophie Terry

Lanny Moldofsky, uncle of Brad Moldofsky

Hannah Medow Hope, cousin of Cece Lobin and Jay Schwartz

Michelle Feingold-Fisher, beloved JRC Member and wife of Deborah Feingold-Fischer, mother of Emily and Andy Feingold-Fisher

Marcia Linda Rubenstein, mother of Lisa Gould

Judith Pollack, sister of Patty Rubin

Jack Zwick, father of Nancy Zwick

Mindy Ferber, beloved JRC Member, wife of Larry Marks, mother of Sammy (Leah) Marks and Shira (Jonathan) Marcks, grandmother of Noam and Perry Marks and Nora Marcks

Skip Landt, beloved JRC Member, husband of Fran Landt, brother-in-law of Jan Wishinsky

Paul Lindauer, father of Sydney Hart

Morton "Sonny" Rich, father of Susie Brooke, grandfather of Michaela Farbor

Howard Legatt, uncle of Mike Legatt

Robert Gotkin, uncle of Lisa Gotkin

Jeffrey Koltenuk, father of Danielle Rappoport

Shelley Robbins, sister of Paula Lange

P. David Pearson, father of Matthew Pearson

Jennifer Allen, cousin of Anne Goldberg

Roger Simon, brother-in-law of Darlene Grossman

WE REMEMBER

Micky and Jeff Baer

Donald Baer, father of Jeff Baer

Sam Lewis, stepfather of Jeff Baer, father-in-law of Micky Baer

Todd Feldman, dear friend of Jeff Baer

Neil Ament, dear friend of Jeff Baer

Barbara Bank and Phillip Finkelstein

Hyme Bank, father of Barbara Bank

Rose Bank, mother of Barbara Bank

Freada Golden, dear friend of Barbara Bank

A dear friend, 97 years old, and a well-wished mother, died 9/13/25. I loved her so much.

Joel Blechman & Carol Hirsch Blechman

Gloria Z. Hirsh, mother of Carol Hirsh Blechman

Arthur I. Hirsh, father of Carol Hirsh Blechman

Steven J. Hirsh, brother of Carol Hirsh Blechman

Marvin Blechman, father of Joel M. Blechman

Michael and Diane Bloom

Jordan Bloom, father of Michael Bloom (Diane Bloom), grandfather to Miriam and Elena

Judy Gold Bloom, mother of Michael Bloom (Diane Bloom), grandmother of Miriam and Elena

Mom had a voracious appetite for experience matched only by her energy and an extraordinary capacity for action. Mentor to many, Judy was an authentic, common-ground seeker, who saw the humanity in everyone. A world traveler, gardener, baker, Grandma, professional volunteer and a proud feminist, Mom's principles and ethics were deeply rooted in faith and tradition even as she sought to push boundaries.

Edie Canter, Fred Wellisch, Julia Wellisch, and Rebecca Wellisch

Louis Canter, father of Edie Canter, grandfather of Julia Wellisch. died December 6, 2024

Steven Greenfield, dear friend of Fred Wellisch and family, died July 8, 2025

Nathaniel Canter, nephew of Edie Canter and Fred Wellisch, cousin of Julia Wellisch, died December 30, 2016

Nancy Canter, mother of Edie Canter, grandmother of Julia Wellisch, died February 17, 2014

Kurt Wellisch, father of Fred Wellisch, grandfather of Rebecca Wellisch and Julia Wellisch, died April 15, 1982

Frieda Wellisch, mother of Fred Wellisch, grandmother of Rebecca Wellisch and Julia Wellisch, died June 26, 1990

Regina Auerbach, grandmother of Fred Wellisch, died May 4, 1942

Ignaz Auerbach, grandfather of Fred Wellisch, died May 4, 1942

Samuel Wellisch, grandfather of Fred Wellisch, died October 13, 1971

Laura Wellisch, grandmother of Fred Wellisch, died November 1967

Steven Greenfield, dear friend of Fred, Edie, Becky and Julia

Stacey and Ryan Cloud

Audrey Matisoff, mother of Stacey Cloud (Ryan Cloud) Grammy of Russell, Douglas, and Malcolm Cloud

Rachel Brown, dear friend of Stacey Cloud

Phyllis Kane, great aunt of Stacey Cloud (Ryan Cloud)

Isabelle Dienstag and Kiri Bryant

Jerry Dienstag, father of Isabelle Dienstag, father-in-law of Kiri Bryant

Carrie and Jeremy Elsberg

Jeffrey Mazur, father of Carrie Elsberg (Jeremy Elsberg), grandfather of Levi and Raina Elsberg

Audrey Eisenmann

David Pepperberg, husband

Al & Ruth Eisenmann, parents

Geoffrey Eisenmann, brother

Ida & Otto Eisenmann, grandparents

Jella & Nathan Karlsruher, grandparents

Irene & Frederick Schweizer, aunt and uncle

Henry Schweizer, cousin

Rosalind Pepperberg, mother-in-law

Pamela Ferdinand

Joann Dardick, cousin of Pam Ferdinand and Anya and Emma Thomas

Mark Ferdinand, father of Pamela Ferdinand, grandfather of Anya and Emma Thomas

Patrick Keleher, husband of Joan Ferdinand Keleher, grandfather of Anya and Emma Thomas

Joan Fields

Jeremy Fields, beloved husband of Joan Fields, father of Loren Stillwell, grandfather of Ruby and Beverly

Selma Blatt, mother of Joan Fields, grandmother of Loren Stillwell

Arthur Blatt, father of Joan Fields, grandfather of Loren Stillwell

Ruth Fields, mother of Jeremy Fields, grandmother of Loren Fields

David Fields, father of Jeremy Fields, grandfather of Loren Stillwell

Archie Stillwell, beloved grandson

Loren Fields and Joe Stillwell

Archer Stillwell, son of Loren Fields and Joe Stillwell, brother of Ruby and Beverly Stillwell

Jeremy Fields, father of Loren Fields, grandfather of Archie of blessed memory, Ruby, and Beverly

Tessa Fischer and Richard Rosen

Sander Rosen, son of Richard Rosen (Tessa Fischer)

Carol Friedman

Rick Friedman, beloved husband of Carol Friedman, devoted father of Aaron and Elisha, Gabriel and Thúy-Lan, Daniel and Kiandokht, adoring grandfather of Zev, Rose, Benji, Talia, Levi and Noa

Our parents, Anneliese Dreifus Neubauer & Franz Otto Neubauer, and Kay & Howard Friedman

Elliot and Tamar Frolichstein-Appel

David Appel, father of Elliot Frolichstein-Appel

Susan Frolichstein, mother of Tamar Frolichstein-Appel

Sy Frolichstein, father of Tamar Frolichstein-Appel

Joseph Frolichstein-Appel, son of Tamar and Elliot Frolichstein-Appel

Betsy Fuchs

Sue Shapiro, sister of Betsy Fuchs

Cheryl Hoiseth, former partner and dear friend of Betsy Fuchs

Charlene Gelber

Howard Gelber, husband of Charlene

Larry Powitz, brother of Charlene

Richard Gelber, brother of Howard

Naomi Siegel, sister of Howard

Anne Sokol Schiff, dear friend of Charlene

Clara and Morris Powitz, parents of Charlene

Sam and Irene Gelber, parents of Howard

Edwin Getz and Teri Drews

Lanny Drews, father of Terri Drews

Tim Drews, brother of Terri Drews

Mary Cohen, grandmother of Ed Getz

Monty Cohen, grandfather of Ed Getz

Judah Getz, grandfather of Ed Getz

Fay Getz, grandmother of Ed Getz

Saul Zwi, uncle of Ed Getz

Joel Ingel, uncle of Ed Getz

Gerald Katz, uncle of Ed Getz

Joel DeWeese, dear friend of Terri Drews

Charles Wyszomirski, dear friend of Ed Getz and Terri Drews

Shelley Stern, dear friend of Terri Drews

Neville Cohen, cousin of Ed Getz

Alan and Nancy Goldberg

Barry Yelenik, Brother of Nancy Goldberg

A kind, smart, generous brother who was adored by family and friends. He was passionate about his field of research science, had a great sense of humor and an unexplainable love for fast cars and loud music.

Frances Rapoport Yelenik, mother of Nancy Goldberg

Irving Yelenik, father of Nancy Goldberg

Rose Bloom Goldberg, mother of Alan Goldberg

Milton Goldberg, father of Alan Goldberg

Joel and Reese Gratch

Alan Gratch, father of Joel Gratch

In memory of a loving father and father-in law, and an amazing Zaide to Steph and Henry, Becca and Michael, Edith, and Alice. We will keep him alive in our hearts forever.

Jerome McDermott, father of Reese Gratch

Sallie Gratch

So many losses as the years go by, friends and family. But my heart remains heavy with the loss of my Alan, our son Brian.

Darlene and Ray Grossman

Our parents, Gertrude Adler & Leonard Jacob Grossman, Anne Lee Eisenmann & Martin Kramer

Donna Lee Kramer & Jeremy Kramer, Darlene's twin sister and her son

Sadie Wolf & Fred Kramer, Darlene's paternal grandparents

Helene Vogel, Heinrich & Günter Eisenmann, Darlene's maternal grandparents and uncle, in Poland, 1942

Ronald Jericho & Geoffrey Eisenmann, Darlene's cousins

Roger Simon, Darlene's brother-in-law

Judy Gruber

Manuel "Dijay" Castillon, husband of Judy Gruber, father of Olivia and Matthew Castillon

Emily Harris and Jim Ridker

Philip Lister, friend of Emily Harris and Jim Ridker

Our dear friend Phil was a psychiatrist, a writer, poet, painter, who wanted to be remembered as a "love slinger." His book A Short Good Life about the death of his daughter Liza at age 6 chronicles his legacy of confronting cancer with brave honesty and unbounded love.

Albert Harris, father of Emily Harris, grandfather of Abby and Matthew Harris-Ridker

Norma Harris, mother of Emily Harris, grandmother of Abby and Matthew Harris-Ridker

Ralph Leviton, stepfather of Emily Harris, stepgrandfather of Abby and Matthew Harris-Ridker

David Jaffe and David Lewis

Lucille Jaffe, mother of David Jaffe

Seymour Jaffe, father of David Jaffe

Margie Jolles and Matthew Pearson

P. David Pearson, father of Matthew Pearson (Marjorie Jolles) and grandfather of Eliza Jolles

Mary Alyce Pearson, mother of Matthew Pearson (Marjorie Jolles) and grandmother of Eliza Jolles

Susan Jolles Seilback, mother of Marjorie Jolles (Matthew Pearson) and grandmother of Eliza Jolles

Arline Jolles Lotman, aunt of Marjorie Jolles (Matthew Pearson) and great-aunt of Eliza Jolles

Mark and Cheryl Kaplan

Judy Kaplan, mother of Mark Kaplan (Cheryl Kaplan)

Fred Bondy, father of Cheryl Kaplan (Mark Kaplan)

Martin Kaplan, father of Mark Kaplan (Cheryl Kaplan)

Linda Mathias Kaskel and Bruce Kaskel

Melvin Mathias, father of Linda Mathias Kaskel (Bruce Kaskel), grandfather of Beth Kaskel, great-grandfather of Mason and Florence.

Florence Decker, grandmother of Linda Mathias Kaskel, great-grandmother of Beth Kaskel

Theodore Decker, grandmother of Linda Mathias Kaskel

Harry Glassoff, grandfather of Bruce Kaskel

Rena Glassoff, grandmother of Bruce Kaskel, great-grandmother of Beth Kaskel

Beverly Kaskel, mother of Bruce Kaskel

Jacob Kaskel, grandfather of Bruce Kaskel

Mannie Kaskel, father of Bruce Kaskel (Linda Mathias Kaskel), step-father of Andra Gomberg, grandfather of Beth Kaskel and Maya Gomberg

Sara Kaskel, grandmother of Bruce Kaskel

Eric Mathias, grandfather of Linda Mathias Kaskel

Kathinka Mathias, grandmother of Linda Mathias Kaskel, great-grandmother of Beth Kaskel

Joanne Mathias, mother of Linda Mathias Kaskel, grandmother of Beth Kaskel

Lauren O'Neill, sister of Michael O'Neill (Beth Kaskel)

Fran Landt

Skip (Dan) Landt, husband of Fran, father of Ginny and Matt, brother-in-law of Jan Wishinsky

Skip came to town on a graduate scholarship from the University of Chicago Divinity program. The scholarship was for students who had shown an interest in religion but were not currently planning to enter the ministry. Skip had

taken a class in Jewish studies! A friend, after attending both Skip's memorial service at JRC, and his Celebration of Life at the Old Town School of Music, said that it was obvious that his ministry was sharing love through teaching and playing music. A ministry that reached much further than if he had decided to stay in the divinity program. In his career as a college administrator, and in his musical life, Skip encouraged students and colleagues to reach higher than they ever thought they could. Skip was deeply loved by his family, those he taught and those he worked alongside. His memory will be a blessing for all of us.

Jil Levin Deheeger and Jean-Pierre Deheeger

Daniel E. Levin, husband of Fay Hartog Levin, father of Jil Levin Deheeger

A ray of loving sunshine, Dad was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He touched many lives with his humor, caring, and sincere interest in others. He is so deeply missed.

Janine Deheeger, mother of Jean-Pierre Deheeger

Janine's maternal and loving presence will be forever close to us. We miss you!

Carolyn S. Levin, mother of Jil Levin Deheeger

Mom loved people, traveling, classical music, singing with our family, literature, working for progressive causes (especially women's rights), and the occasional risqué jokes... maybe not all that occasional! We miss you so much, Mom.

Francis Deheeger, father of Jean-Pierre Deheeger

A wonderful, quiet, talented, and loving person. We miss you.

Mimi Levin Lieber, aunt of Jil Levin Deheeger, sister of Daniel Levin *z"l*

What a woman, so full of love, energy, and purpose. We miss you.

Phyllis Levun-Agostino

Esther Silverman Levun, mother of Phyllis Levun-Agostino

Henry Levun, father of Phyllis Levun-Agostino

Arthur Silverman, grandfather of Phyllis Levun-Agostino

Mary Silverman, grandmother of Phyllis Levun-Agostino

Minnie Levin, grandmother of Phyllis Levun-Agostino

Lori Lippitz and Marc Chinitz

Dr. David Beach

Dave was a dear friend of mine and of Marc's as well as a staunch supporter of the Salaam-Shalom Music Project, my interfaith group. As one of the Muslim musicians put it: "The world has lost a truly remarkable soul. David was more than just a man; he was a bridge between hearts, a champion of unity, and a believer in the power of music to transcend faith and differences. His passion for interfaith harmony was not just an idea but a melody he lived, one that will continue to echo in the lives he touched. May his memory be a guiding light, and may the love he shared live on in the music and the people he brought together."

Jack Chinitz, father of Marc Chinitz and father-in-law of Lori Lippitz

My father-in-law was already physically diminished by heart disease when I met him, but he was as spiritually deep and as loving a person as I have ever met. His devotion to Jewish observance was quiet and dignified—I often came to the breakfast table to find him davening (praying) with a tallit over his head. His devotion to his patients when he was a pediatrician was only matched by his intense love of family. A gentle man, he exemplified "shalom bayit"—the importance of keeping peace in the home.

Charles Aronin Lippitz, father of Lori Lippitz

My father loved life, music, jokes from the Borsht Belt to Monty Python, the drama of opera, and the deep truths of theater. After many years as a lawyer, at age 60, he became a

film producer. At the end of his life, cut short by cancer, he told us all, "Life doesn't owe me anything." He showed me how one could be both funny and noble at the same time.

Irina Geinisman, dear friend of Lori Lippitz

A 13-year-old immigrant from the USSR, Irina arrived to Chicago in 1975, and my Russian teacher at ETHS asked me if I could be a friend to her. She became the closest friend I have ever known, wiser than her years, poetic, loving, and given of a preternatural understanding of the meaning of life. When she was the victim of an armed purse snatcher on the L platform, the world lost one of its purest souls. I will keep the flame of her memory alive all of my days.

Hattie and Julius Seligman, Lori's maternal grandparents

Blanche Aronin Lippitz and Milton Lippitz, Lori's paternal grandparents

Genia and Arco Baran, Marc's maternal grandparents

Dr. David Beach, friend of Lori Lippitz and Marc Chinitz

Pauline and Phillip Chinitz, Marc's paternal grandparents

Daniel and Joyce Litoff

Bert Litoff, father of Daniel Litoff

Jackie Flisler, sister of Daniel Litoff

Dan Mendelson and Scott Cook

Steve Mendelson, Dan's brother

Fern and Warren Mendelson, Dan's parents

Abe and Jeanette Frank, Dan's grandparents

William and Janette Mendelson, Dan's grandparents

William Harrison Cook and Delma Jean (Smith) Cook, Scott's parents

Kevin Cook, Scott's brother

Sheila Meyer and Arnold Pritsker

Jacob Pritsker, father of Arnold Pritsker

He was the essence of Chesed nearly to a fault.

Evelyn Pritsker, mother of Arnold Pritsker

She was a woman of great energy and intellect who was limited by the era and circumstances of her birth.

Marissa Manos, beloved sister of Sheila Meyer, beloved aunt of Danny and Mari Hino

The divine Ms. M. Beloved fashionista. Friend and auntie to all. She lit up our lives with boundless joy, warmth, love and compassion.

Libby Liss Dolgin, beloved mother of Sheila Meyer, beloved grandmother of Danny Meyer and Mari Hino

A force of nature. She overcame the gender limitations of her birth era and rose to the heights of the modern woman she was meant to be.

Melvin Liss, mother of Sheila Meyer, grandfather of Danny Meyer and Mari Hino

A gentle soul who loved deeply. A poet at heart.

Hal Meyer, ex-husband of Sheila Meyer, father of Danny Meyer and Mari Hino

Baseball lover. Chicago hot dog connoisseur. Hard head, soft heart.

Jerry Manos, ex-husband of Marissa Manos, best friend of Sheila Meyer

Equal parts hard-headed and big-hearted, he was loyal and generous to the core.

Beryl Michaels and John Bach

Elaine Michaels, sister-in-law of Beryl and John

Irving Michaels, father of Beryl Michaels

Gussie Michaels Lorange, mother of Beryl Michaels

Howard Michaels, brother of Beryl Michaels

Ruth Bach, mother of John Bach

Ira Bach, father of John Bach

Muriel Bach Diamond, stepmother of John Bach

Susan Wolfson, stepsister of John Bach

Claire Michaels, cousin of Beryl Michaels

Irv Miller

Baila Miller, wife of Irv Miller

Gertrude Miller, mother of Irv Miller

Sol Miller, father of Irv Miller

Anna Klappholz Miller, stepmother of Irv Miller

Norma Gersh, mother of Baila Miller

Harry Milner, father of Baila Miller

Ken McLennan, brother-in-law of Irv Miller

Susan Nerlove and Joe Naccache

Marc Nerlove, father of Susan Nerlove

Mary Ellen Nerlove, mother of Susan Nerlove

Nadia Naccache, mother of Joe Naccache

Elias Naccache, father of Joe Naccache

Francie and Michael Niederman

Arthur Goldner, brother of Francie Goldner Niederman

The best at teasing everyone and making my mother laugh.

Martha Unobskey Goldner, mother of Francie G, Niederman, grandmother of Aaron, Natalie and Hannah Niederman, mother-in-law to Michael Niederman, died in Calais, Maine, August 27, 2022.

Fred Goldner, MD, father of Francie G. Niederman, grandfather of Aaron, Natalie, and Hannah Niederman, father-in-law of Michael Niederman
Died in Nashville, Tennessee, April 3, 2021

Allan Niederman , father of Michael and Mindy Niederman, husband of Joyce L. Niederman, father-in-law of Francie Niederman, Papa of Aaron, Natalie, and Hannah Niederman

Norma Neaderthal, aunt of Francie

Reta Guttman, aunt of Francie

Michael and Bonnie Nolan

Augustine (Gus) Nolan, father of Michael Nolan

Robert Oshins, father of Bonnie Nolan

Michael Oshins, brother of Bonnie Nolan

Rhonda Present and Larry Minsky

Stuart Minsky, brother of Laurence Minsky

Doris & Joseph Minsky, parents of Laurence Minsky

Marjorie & David Present, parents of Rhonda Present

Dawn Ravine and Stirling McLaughlin

Nika "Bubbles" McLaughlin, child of Dawn & Stirling, sibling of Teji

Marsha Richman

Selma & Arnold Richman, parents of Marsha Richman

Ruth Richman

Marilyn Richman

William Richman

Selma and Charles Melvoin

Mollye Kaplan

Sue Melvoin

Jeffrey and Kathy Rose

Patricia and Gerald Stenman, parents of Kathy Rose and grandparents of Devin and Eric Rose

Marilyn Rose, mother of Jeff Rose and grandmother of Devin and Eric Rose

Sam Perez, nephew of Kathy and Jeff Rose and cousin of Devin and Eric Rose

David and Edith Silver, aunt and uncle of Jeff, Devin and Eric Rose

Neal and Bonnie Rubin & Alan and Patty Rubin

Judith Pollock, Patty's sister and sister-in-law of Alan Rubin

Manuel Segal, Patty's father

Sara Segal, Patty's mother

Charles Segall, Bonnie's father

Clara Segall, Bonnie's mother

Stanley Rubin, Alan and Neal's father

Dawn Missner Rubin, Alan and Neal's mother

Doris Patinkin Rubin, Alan and Neal's stepmother

Marsha Patinkin, Alan and Neal's stepsister

Ida Salusky

Robert Salusky, father of Ida Salusky, grandfather of Libby and Meir Salusky-Coronado

Cacilda Salusky, mother of Ida Salusky, grandmother of Meir and Libby Salusky-Coronado

Teddy Seidman and Lara Altman

Barbara Seidman, mother of Teddy Seidman, grandmother to Hazel and Ruby

Allen Seidman, father of Teddy Seidman

Phoenix Singer

Merrill Rosenberg, uncle of Phoenix Singer

Sandra Singer, mother of Phoenix Singer

Paul Singer, father of Phoenix Singer

Ann Singer, sister of Phoenix Singer

Kate and Alvin Spector

Jane Batchelder Johnson, sister-in-law of Kate and Alvin and aunt to Max and Zeke

We lost Janie this past March. She and Matt were married for 53 years. They met in college in 1968.

Sarah and Max Spector, mother and father of Alvin Spector

Mary Korbel Johnson and Murrey Mathews Johnson, mother and father of Kate Spector

Miriam McNear Korbel and Hope Mathews Johnson, Kate's grandmothers

I honor my grandmothers with my Hebrew name, Miriam Tikvah.

Betty and Jack Levin, aunt and uncle of Alvin Spector

Hillel Resner, brother-in-law of Kate and Alvin Spector

Bob Tanner

Faigie Tanner, wife of Bob, mother of Gita & Laona, bubbie of Jenna, Greta, Ben, Adam & Jackson

We are so fortunate to have had you in our lives! You touched so many as Art Therapist, Artist, and Friend!

Barbara Vertel

Bob Kemp, mentor, colleague and friend, who died during the year

Adrian Gross, colleague and friend, who died during the year

Gertrude and Albert Maker, mother and father

Anna Harris, maternal grandmother

Mollie and Irving Vertel, mother and father in-law

Bob Vertel, brother-in-law

Harold, Dina, Karole Harris, and Sylvia Dlugatch, uncle and aunts

Sherry and Ellie Lester, cousins

Marilyn and Patrick Schaffer, mother and father in-law of daughter Alison

Also I fondly remember dear family and friends:
Werner Straus, Jon Daniel, John Keller, Linda Walters, Seth Willenson, Cindy Brandon, George Ojakian, Bill Upholt, Coleen Spinka, Kayla Soderblom, Sonia Spinka, Eric Gall, Dave McCandless, John Becker, and Carl Halperin

Laurel and Bruce Watson

Mary Clare Smith, cousin of Laurel Smith Watson

Sandy Waxman

Frieda Goodman Waxman, Sandy Waxman's mom

I still miss her, 50 years later. She died too young.. and would have so loved to meet her grandchildren—and now her great grandchildren.

Fif Waxman, Sandy Waxman's dad

Here's a little snippet that captures my father's joyful spirit. After visiting him one day, we mistakenly left behind my then-toddler's best beloved–Roger, a stuffed dog. Fif got Roger back to us the very same day. How? He put Roger

in a cardboard box, poked holes in the top so Roger could 'breathe', and filled the box with chocolate chip cookies, just in case Roger got hungry on the trip. He then brought Roger to the Hartford bus station, entrusted the precious cargo to the driver, and we picked Roger up that afternoon in Boston. This is joy!

Marcie Weiss-Good

Mildred Berkson, mother of Marcie Weiss, Jeff Berkson and Earl Berkson, grandmother of Rachel and Gabe

Kenneth Berkson, father of Marcie Weiss, Jeff Berkson and Earl Berkson, grandfather of Rachel and Gabe

Dale Good, husband of Marcie Weiss

Marc Wilson and Leslie Brown

Bernard Wilson, father of Marc Wilson and Jennifer Bonner, father-in-law of Leslie Brown and Aaron Bonner, grandfather of Jacob Wilson, Mahalia Bonner and Quincy Bonner

Reva Keller, aunt of Marc Wilson and Leslie Brown, Jennifer and Aaron Bonner, great aunt of Jacob Wilson, Mahalia Bonner, and Quincy Bonner

Jeremy Eisen, brother of Marc Wilson, dear friend of Leslie Brown

Gary Wolf

Fred Wolf

Beverly Wolf

Frank Fromkin

Tillie Fromkin

Max Wolf

Esther Wolf

Scott Wolf

Rebecca Zemans and Ryan Blitstein

Joel Zemans, father of Rebecca Zemans (Ryan Blitstein), grandfather of Judah, Silas and Naomi Blitstein

Margie Morrison Zivin and Mark Zivin

Elaine and Art Morrison, parents of Margie Morrison Zivin

Jocelyn and Nat Zivin, parents of Mark Zivin

Fannie and Dave Weiss, Anne and Myer Morrison, grandparents of Margie Morrison Zivin

Anna and Henry Stine, Dora and Abe Zivin, grandparents of Mark Zivin

Nancy Zwick and Joel Straus

Jack Zwick, father of Nancy Zwick, grandfather of Nathan and Isabel Straus