



JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION

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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 and 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 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 Behrmann, father of Susan Berhmann  
Shirlee Bernstein, aunt of Maria Tolpin (Bill Hirsch)  
Elaine Bialer, mother of Steve Bialer (Sharon Feigon)  
Fay Chait, aunt of Tina Escobar (Gonzalo)  
Barbara Cohen, mother of Matt Cohen (Sabrina Deitch)  
Howard Coles, stepfather of Loren Stern (Lisa Gotkin)  
Israel Cytrynbaum, brother of Bryna Cytrynbaum  
Francis Deheeger, father of Jean-Pierre Deheeger (Jil)  
Annette Englehardt, mother of Karen Englehardt  
(Richard Stern)  
Celene Epstein, mother of Nancy Delman (Dennis)  
Virginia Fenton, mother of Julie Fenton (Stuart Chanen)  
Johannes Frentzel-Beyme, brother of Helga Low-Harper  
Michael E. Friedlander, uncle of Laura Friedlander  
Susan Frolichstein, mother of Tamar Frolichstein-Appel  
(Elliot) and Michael Frolichstein (Ellen)  
Rosemarie Goelitz, mother of Terese Ross (Ken)  
Dr. Albert Goldin, father of Harry Goldin (Jane Kaplan)  
Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman, father of Jonathan Goldman  
(Monica Lasky)  
Alice Gurstelle, aunt of Jerry Israelite (Barbara)  
Kate Kinser, member  
Gussie Kroan, grandmother of Brad Moldofsky (Kim)  
Al Lieberman, brother-in-law of Adrienne Lieberman  
Arline Jolles Lotman, aunt of Marjorie Jolles  
(Matthew Pearson)

Florence McNelis, mother of Jim McNelis (Diana)  
Edith Margolis, mother-in-law of Wendy Margolis (Jeremy)  
Hal Meyer, former husband of Sheila Meyer  
Jack Benjamin Miller, father of Paul Miller  
(Candace Sukalski)  
Isaac Moldofsky, son of Brad and Kim Moldofsky  
Marvin Muchnick, father of Julie Urow (Dennis)  
Karen Ophir, aunt of Julia Tauber (Rabbi Rachel Weiss)  
Gerald "Jerry" Ornstein, father of Leora Siegel (David Siegel)  
Michael Oshins, brother of Bonnie Nolan (Michael)  
Dr. Leonard D. Schloff, father of Sa Schloff (Scott Lewis)  
Ann Schmidt, member  
Warren Skora, cousin of Dave Skora (Lorriane Woos)  
Phyllis Spatz, mother of Sandy Spatz (Tracy Hultgren)  
Arlene Steinfeldt, mother of Lisa Scott (Andrew)  
Marjorie Vail Tobin, mother of Carole Braverman (Bruce)  
Edith Trilling, mother of Robin Trilling (Jeff Merrill)  
Charlene Urow-DeGraff, mother of Dennis Urow (Julie)  
Joel Voelzke, brother of Rebecca Hamlin (Robert Bearman)  
Henry Waller, father of Becca Waller (Joey Garfield)  
Rick Wealin, brother-in-law of David Tabak (Denise Eichorn)  
Wesley Wildman, father of Anne Wildman  
Shirlee Wishinsky, mother of Jan Wishinsky and  
Fran Landt (Skip)

**WE REMEMBER.**

**Marla Baker** remembers

Bert Barg

**Nancy Bellew** remembers

Arnold Sidney Arfa

**Susan Behrmann** remembers

Joel Behrmann

**Carol Hirsh Blechman** remembers

Arthur I. Hirsh and Gloria Zeidman Hirsh,  
parents of Carol Hirsh Blechman

Steven J. Hirsh, brother of Carol Blechman

Marvin Blechman, father of Joel Blechman

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

remember:

Nathaniel Canter, nephew of Edie Canter and Fred Wellisch, cousin  
of Julia Wellisch

Nancy Canter, mother of Edie Canter, grandmother of Julia Wellisch

Kurt Wellisch, father of Fred Wellisch, grandfather of Rebecca  
Wellisch and Julia Wellisch

Frieda Wellisch, mother of Fred Wellisch, grandmother of Rebecca  
Wellisch and Julia Wellisch

Regina Auerbach, grandmother of Fred Wellisch

Ignaz Auerbach, grandfather of Fred Wellisch

Samuel Wellisch, grandfather of Fred Wellisch

Laura Wellisch, grandmother of Fred Wellisch

**Ron Deitch** remembers

Beth Jacoby–Deitch

*An extremely talented individual who made everything brighter.*

*A great wife and mother!*

**The Edwards–Mizel Family** remembers

Selma Mizel, *who would make at least a small donation to any organization that asked for one.*

Edmund Mizel, *who esteemed those who persisted.*

**The Frolichstein and Frolichstein–Appel Family** remember

Susan Frolichstein

*born May 12, 1941 died July 11, 2020*

Seymour Frolichstein

*born May 3, 1936 died February 1, 2018*

**Bill Gates** remembers

Walter Gates, father

Irene Radziewitz, grandmother

**Charlene and Howard Gelber** remember

Her Mother, Clara Powitz

Her father, Morriss Powitz

Her dear friend, Anne Schiff

His mother, Irene Gelber

His father, Sam Gelber

**Ed Getz and Terri Drews** remember

Shelley Stern, dear friend of Terri Drews

**Ruth Gilbert** remembers

Her husband, Dewey Gilbert

Her life partner, Marshall Lobin

Her mother, Selma Ross

Her father, Alter Lejzerowitch

Her step-father, Irving Ross

Her dear friend, Allen Greenberger

**Sue and Arnie Ginsburg** remember

Sue's beloved parents, Fay and Arnold Leff

Arnie's beloved parents, Arline and William Ginsburg

**Harry Goldin and Jane Kaplan** remember

Herbert Kaplan, father of Jane Kaplan

Lorelei Nierman Kaplan, mother of Jane Kaplan

Dr. Albert Goldin, father of Harry Goldin

Ned Goldin, uncle of Harry Goldin

Ralph Goldin, uncle of Harry Goldin

**Barbara Goodman and Seth Weinberger** remember

Carol Goodman, father, August 17, 2004

Morris Goodman, grandfather, October 27, 1967

Miriam Goodman, mother, December 8, 2012

Bertha Gutman, grandmother, August 2, 1973

Gene Silver, aunt, January 20, 1965

Shirley Weinberger, mother, September 11, 1995

**The Gratch Family** remember

Brian Gratch

*We think of him every day.*

His parents, Sallie and Alan

His brother and sister, Joel and Mikel

Their spouses, Reese and Dan

His wife, Michelle and their children,  
Simon, Helen, Anton and Sabine



**Darlene and Ray Grossman** remember

Gertrude Adler and Leonard Jacob Grossman, Ray's parents

Anne Lee and Martin Kramer, Darlene's parents

Donna Lee and Jeremy Kramer, Darlene's twin sister and nephew

Sadie and Fred Kramer, Darlene's paternal grandparents

Helene, Heinrich and Günter Eisenmann, Darlene's maternal  
grandparents & uncle

*I once asked my mother, who had lost her family in Nazi Germany,  
if she believed in God. "How could I?" she replied.*

*Years later, Ray and I planned to travel to Israel. But my mother  
was dying and had moved into our home. When I told her I would  
cancel the trip, Mom insisted we go.*

*Just before we departed, she handed me a small note, tightly folded  
and taped shut, telling me to put it into the Wall. —Darlene*

**Jerry Herst and Julie Dorfman** remember

Kate Kinser

*Kate Kinser passed away this year. She had a long history at JRC  
as a teacher, tutor and inspiring activist. She touched the lives of a  
great many members either as their tutor helping them get ready  
for their Bar/t Mitzvah or as the parent of a tutee, or as a social  
justice activist, especially focused on immigrant rights.*

**Marie Davidson** remembers Kate as her tutor:

*Kate was my Torah tutor for the adult bat mitzvah I had with  
Bryna Cytrynbaum in November 1992. She was delightful and  
fun as a tutor and got me started on an appreciation of the  
economy and musicality of Biblical Hebrew.*

*Bryna and I try to read (Parsha) Toldot every year if we can,  
and we always think of Kate, one of the most generous spirits  
I have known.*

**Tina Escobar** remembers Kate as an immigration activist:

*I met Kate Kinser a long time ago—we were in so many places at the same time. We participated in the Broadview vigil and also attended CRLN and ICDI events. She used to go into the buses at Broadview. (As clergy, counseling and praying with the detainees just as they were being deported). But I think she also went to McHenry and/or Kenosha and later Kankakee (detention centers).*

**Julie Dorfman** remembers Kate as our daughters' tutor:

*I have such happy memories of Kate and each of my daughters practicing for their Bat Mitzvahs at our dining room table. I would go upstairs to “rest” and listen to their beautiful voices reciting prayers, quietly discussing liturgy or biblical history and the house was filled with peace and holiness. We miss her.*

**JRC Choir** remembers

Ann Schmidt, deceased 2020

*Music was Ann's life; choir provided her an outlet where her abilities could shine. She had a lovely voice and was a proficient sight reader. She always was willing to help any choir member who was struggling to learn a new piece of music, even coming early to rehearsal to work with them. She could be serious at times, but mostly was about delight and fun in everything she did. She had a special little giggle that we all will miss.*

*Her passing has left a hole in the heart of the choir which will take time to mend.*

**Rich and Heidi Katz** remember

Dorothy Katz, mother of Rich

Heidi Ann Katz, sister of Rich and Heidi Katz

Jerome Katz, father of Rich

**Fran Landt** remembers

Shirlee Wishinsky

**Paula Lange** remembers

Pearl Robbins

Kenneth Robbins

**Barbara Levin and Jay Goldman** remember

Her husband, Marv Bogdanoff

Her husband, Eugene Levin

Her father, David Weissman

Her mother, Anne Weissman

Her aunt, Nelle Gold

Her aunt, Mary Seigel

Her uncle, Reuben Weissman

Her brother, Richard Weissman

His grandmother, Rosa Morris

His father, David Goldman

His mother, Carrie Goldman

His wife, Janis Goldman

His grandmother, Lottie Goldman

His grandfather, Nathan Goldman

**Adrienne Lieberman** remembers

Syd Lieberman

*a uniquely gifted writer and storyteller, who shared his tales with the world, and who especially loved to bring them home to JRC. His big heart and his warm voice continue to make our hearts sing.*

Al Lieberman

**Lori Lippitz and Marc Chinitz** remember

Charles Lippitz; father of Lori Lippitz, father-in-law of Marc Chinitz,  
grandfather of Kayla Chinitz

Jack Chinitz; father of Marc Chinitz, father-in-law of Lori Lippitz,  
grandfather of Kayla Chinitz

**Rhita Lippitz** remembers

Her mother, Hattie Seligman

Her father, Julius Seligman

Her mother-in-law, Blanche Aronin Lippitz

Her father-in-law, Milton C. Lippitz

Her husband, Charles Aronin Lippitz

Her brother-in-law, Irving H. Levy

Her sister-in-law, Shari Rosen

*As I honor the memories of my family members who are gone,  
those who survive become ever more precious to me.*

**Beryl Michaels and John Bach** remember

Irving Michaels, father of Beryl Michaels

Gussie Michaels, mother of Beryl Michaels

Ruth Bach, mother of John Bach

Ira Bach, father of John Bach

Murial Bach Diamond, stepmother of John Bach

Susan Wolfson, stepsister of John Bach

**Michael and Bonnie Nolan** remember

Michael Oshins, brother of Bonnie Nolan

Robert Oshins, father of Bonnie Nolan

**Barbara and David Pinzur** remember

David's parents, Goldye and Sam Pinzur

Barbara's parents, Bernice and Sam Zlatin

David's grandparents, Sara and David Grey

David's grandparents, Esther and Louis Pinzur

Barbara's grandparents, Rose and Harry Robinson

Barbara's grandparents, Chaiah and Yale Zlatin

*May all their memories be for a blessing.*

**Sue and Steve Rasher** remember

Goldye Pinzur, mother of Sue Rasher

Sam Pinzur, father of Sue Rasher

Esther and Louis Pinzur, grandparents of Sue Rasher

Sara and David Grey, grandparents of Sue Rasher

Asseneth Rasher, mother of Steve Rasher

Al Rasher, father of Steve Rasher

Abe and Fanny Minacker, grandparents of Steve Rasher

**Kathy, Jeff, Devin, and Eric Rose** remember with love

Their mother and grandmother, Patricia Stenman

Their nephew and cousin, Samuel Perez

Their aunt, Edith Silver

Their mother and grandmother, Marilyn Rose

Their uncle, David Silver

Their father and grandfather, Gerald Stenman

*They live forever in our hearts.*

**Alan and Patty Rubin and Neal and Bonnie Rubin** remember

Patty's father, Manuel Segal

Patty's mother, Sara Segal

Bonnie's father, Charles Segall

Bonnie's mother, Clara Segall

Alan and Neal's father, Stanley Rubin

Alan and Neal's mother, Dawn Missner Rubin

Alan and Neal's stepmother, Doris Patinkin Rubin

Alan and Neal's stepsister, Marsha Patinkin

**Lisa Scott** remembers

Arlene Steinfeldt

**David, Leora, Jesse and Jordana Siegel** remember with love

David's father, Efraim Siegel

Leora's father, Gerald Ornstein

**Jeany Soshnik** remembers

Her father, Robert Pappenheimer

*Dad had a wonderful smile and showed everyone great kindness.  
He is greatly missed by his family.*

Her mother, Beatrice Karp

*Mom was a Holocaust survivor who shared her story with  
thousands of children and adults. She was very active within  
the Omaha Jewish Community and received the Humanitarian  
Award from the Omaha Jewish Federation in 2017. Beatrice is  
greatly missed by her family.*

**Alvin and Catherine Spector** remember

Alvin's mother and father, Sarah and Max Spector

Catherine's mother and father, Mary Korbel Johnson and Murrey  
Mathews Johnson

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

*Both of whom she honors with her Hebrew name, Miriam Tikvah.*

Aunt and Uncle of Alvin and Catherine, Jack and Betty Levin

**Barbara Vertel** fondly remembers, with love and gratitude

my parents Gertrude Harris and Albert Martin Maker

my grandmother Anna Harris

my in-laws Irving and Mollie Vertel, brother-in-law Bob Vertel

my uncle Harold Harris

my cousin Sherry Lester

my various friends and relatives: Harold Harris, Sherry Lester,

Marilyn Schaffer, Werner Straus, Jon Daniels, John Keller, Cindy  
Brandon, George Ojakian, Bill Upholt

*They live forever in my heart.*

**Julie and Dennis Urow** remember

Charlene Urow, mother of Dennis Urow, mother-in-law of Julie Urow  
Marvin Muchnick, father of Julie Urow, father-in-law of  
Dennis Urow

**Margie Morrison Zivin and Mark Zivin** dearly miss and  
remember with love

Their parents: Elaine and Art Morrison  
Jocelyn and Nat Zivin

Their grandparents: Fannie and David Weiss  
Anne and Myer Morrison

H.A. and Anna Stine

Abe and Dora Zivin



**JRC remembers our beloved members**

Susan Frolichstein

Kate Kinser

Isaac Moldofsky

Ann Schmidt

Shirlee Wishinsky

*Their dedication to their loved ones and our congregational  
community will be felt for generations to come.*

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

Birth is a beginning  
And death a destination.  
And life is a journey:  
From childhood to maturity  
And youth to age;  
From innocence to awareness  
And ignorance to knowing;  
From foolishness to discretion  
And then perhaps to wisdom;  
From weakness to strength  
Or strength to weakness—  
And, often back again;  
From health to sickness  
And back, we pray, to health again;  
From offense to forgiveness,  
From loneliness to love,  
From joy to gratitude,  
From pain to compassion,  
And grief to understanding—  
From fear to faith;  
From defeat to defeat—  
Until, looking backward or ahead,  
We see that victory lies  
Not in some high place along the way,  
But in having made the journey, stage by stage,  
A sacred pilgrimage,  
Birth is a beginning  
And death a destination  
But life is a journey,  
A sacred pilgrimage—  
To life everlasting.

—Alvin I. Fine



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