



Yizkor Memorial Booklet

Yom Kippur 2024/5785



*In honor of loved family and friends who
died within the past year*

In Memory of . . .

Rivka Bar-On

September 22, 2024

Rivka Bar-On of Haifa was my second cousin; our grandmothers, sisters. A sabra, she grew up on Moshav Haniel, daughter of Holocaust survivors. Married her lifelong love, Israel, also deceased. They had two daughters, both raising families in Israel. Rivka and I were teen penpals, saw one another and communicated through the years. But not enough.

Rachel Braun

Judy Beltz

March 13, 2024

Judy Beltz loved being part of the Jewish community. She was a voracious Jewish learner and loved Torah discussions, always ready to contribute. Her big heart included everyone, not just her beloved family, and she was always ready to offer help. She is missed: her memory is for a blessing.

Lauryn and Linda Beltz

Daniel Adin Brookman

July 31, 2024

Our son's early life centered around Silver Spring and Takoma Park, Maryland. Dan loved visiting friends, hiking, cooking, reading, studying everything from Japanese language to television soundtracks. He/they graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and became a musician, writer, artist, and designer, known as DANNN.

Amy and Philip Brookman

Sheila Rothgart Browning

September 17, 2023

Sheila was my best friend from about age 8 till age 13. We later met a few times in our mature years. Sheila had become a devoted wife, mother, nonna, sister, friend and teacher. Sadly, she ended her life, over-taken by intolerable depression and anxiety.

Diane Tepfer

Arthur (Art) Cohen

March 22, 2024

I met Art at a temp job in Baltimore. A nice Jewish boy—of course we became friends. We hung out in Baltimore and later Washington, where eventually he connected with Fabrangon and met Carol. Lover of puns and art; caring, devoted friend—I really miss him.

Michele Alperin

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Art was my loving partner for about 40 years. He had a good sense of humor, was a willing companion (Loved to go places and do things), was a friendly guy and had my "back." He was also stubborn and could be quite oppositional. He was an art dealer for many years and was passionate about his work. He was really fun to go through an art museum with.

Carol Simon

Janet Irene Elfant

February 28, 2024

Many hardships in our "baby sister's" life. Lost her mother at age 15 and her 19 year old son in an accident. Lifelong battle with depression. Finally found her calling tending homeless clients in a daytime facility; they adored her. Long courageous battle with cancer. Gentle, caring soul; loved by everyone.

Kay Flick Elfant

Richard (Dick) Frankel

September 29, 2024

Dick joined the Fabrangen meditation group despite the fact that the "focus on your breath" stuff wasn't his natural inclination. He became a valued member. We appreciated hearing his thoughts on the world and science and getting updates on his life.

Fabrangen Meditation Circle

Dick (Avraham Bezalel ben Yehuda v' Rachel) loved science, chess, theater, good food, intelligent conversation, and dogs. He regularly attended Fabrangen services on Zoom, and periodically spoke during the Torah discussions, invariably with something interesting to share. May his memory serve as a blessing to others for generations to come.

Lucy Steinitz

We went to some Nats games. He had season tickets for years.

We went to restaurants at times, always ones he had heard or read about.

He was always ready to go to the theater. But, always, always he was ready to talk about science.

He wanted to talk to anyone with the least bit of interest in what it was new about our world.

Jerry Stilkind

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Dick loved learning, especially about the world around him, and never lost his passion for studying and then sharing all the amazing things he had learned. He was a devoted family man, museum goer, community benefactor, and dog aficionado, especially of Portuguese Water Dogs. He will be greatly missed.

Sheryl Segal

Sol Garber

December 28, 2023

My uncle Sol was always the life of our family get-togethers, telling jokes and keeping everyone smiling. He lived until age 91 and was up-to-date on the lives of his grandchildren and great-grand-children. As my son mentioned after a visit, he was truly "one of a kind."

Larry Garber

Ronald M. Graubart

May 11, 2024

My brother Ronnie struggled courageously with mental illness for most of his adult life. He loved and deeply appreciated mom and dad, who always encouraged Ronnie and praised his every accomplishment, no matter how small. After 10 years of estrangement, he welcomed me to his hospital bedside where we expressed our love for each other.

Julian I. Graubart

Martin Indyk

July 25, 2024

Twice confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to Israel during the Clinton Administration and served as Peace Envoy for Israel-Palestine during the Obama Administration, I had the opportunity to work with Martin on several occasions. His role as a pro-active peace maker will be sorely missed during these challenging times.

Larry Garber

Danny Katz

July 25, 2024

A true mensch who believed in justice for all and fought for what's right. Danny was always helping others - friends, neighbors, anyone in need. He was devoted to his wife, Lael, his two children, and many four-legged family members. We are privileged to have been his friends.

Ellen Daniels and Adam Frank

In Memory of . . .

Our dear friend of 35 years. Defender of immigrant rights. Won life-changing judgments for low-income people who had their wages stolen by unethical employers. Caring and compassionate. Always ready with a dad joke or sardonic political comment. Passionate Mets fan. Danny had a deep love of friends, family and community.

Judy Galat, Geoff Thale, Fran Teplitz, and Mike Zielinski

Clara Knopfler

August 24, 2024

In a story of Holocaust survival told often and well, Clara Knopfler described her experiences: Auschwitz, Riga concentration camp, labor camps; liberation (1945). Immigrant: France; NY. (<https://tinyurl.com/CKnopfler>) Decades later, Clara and my late father became friends, sharing their love of French poetry, opera, Jewish history and each other.

Lisa Lang

Simeon Kriesberg

June 26, 2024

Board of directors, Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington, as well as of Washington Hebrew Congregation and the Washington, DC Jewish Community Center. A patron of the Washington, DC theatrical arts. He was also a wit: I remember when our mother expressed interest in becoming president of the synagogue, Sim pronounced her the synagogue's "first leading lady lay leader". Sim was knowledgeable about many religions and was an honored loyalist of Reform Judaism.

Caleb Kriesberg

Dick LaRue

November 17, 2023

Dad died at 94 in Mission Viejo, CA, after a full life, mostly in the NJ suburbs of NYC, with segues to FL and NC. Father of 3 and married to mom for 73 years, he worked and played hard; taught games and shared treasure-seeking (from shells to rocks to ideals); and was a beloved HS guidance counselor, soccer coach and Mark Twain portrayer. Cheers.

Rick LaRue

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David Prior Minnix

January 4, 2024

Beloved friend, husband and father, successful businessman and entrepreneur, and the funniest guy I ever knew since we were 5, Dave died aged 41 after a swift illness. Caring, brilliant, intense, intellectually driven, fiercely morally righteous, and incapable of complacency, he will be forever missed.

Alex Remington

Elaine Reuben

January 6, 2024

I cannot possibly summarize in 50 words what a force of generosity, activism, and engagement Elaine was! But I treasure the memories of our discussions, lunch excursions, and museum visits. She showed a keen interest in my embroidery work, and her advice and recommendations were a great support. She impacted many lives. I miss Elaine.

Rachel Braun

I was interested in hearing Elaine's thoughts about events in the Middle East and politics in general. I appreciated her incisive comments at services. Geoff and I loved going to plays with her and learning about the tantalizing mysteries of her life. I miss her telling us what is the next great theatrical event coming to the DMV.

Judy Galat and Geoff Thale

Elaine made her home a congenial haven to host new and old friends, foster progressive Judaism, feminism, literary and theatrical pursuits and more.

She generously funded enough gravesites for Fabrangen to establish our own section in the Garden of Remembrance. Now Elaine's remains rest among other Fabrangers.

Diane Tepfer

Anne Shostack and Sheldon Shostack

August 13 and September 29, 2024

Annie was my mother's much younger cousin. When I was nine, she visited us in LA and thrilled my sisters and me by taking us to Disneyland. When I moved to Boston 14 years later, Annie and Sheldon were my first introduction to the East Coast Jewish life of my family.

Judy Galat

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JoAnn J. Shurpit

January 25, 2024

Glamorous JoAnn moved from Wisconsin to Chicago, where she headed Libby's home-ec kitchen, popularizing culinary pumpkin beyond her family pie recipe (on the Libby's can!) With Uncle Ira Bornstein, JoAnn became "family" in 1969. We miss her frequent calls, her clever annotations on clipped articles, and her evolving progressive views.

Rose Sue Berstein and Anna Leah Berstein Simpson

John Spiegel

December 14, 2023

John was beloved by his family, friends and colleagues. He loved Fabragen and was an active member for many years. Reading Torah was a passion for him. He loved his children and was an active father and grandfather. John lived for eleven years with a slow-progressing type of ALS. He died at his desk doing the work he loved, mediation.

Judith Miller Glasser

John Spiegel will be remembered for his enormous contributions to Fabragen. With his expressive leyning, his personal reminiscences and blessings while leading services, and even the individual way he'd reach out to ask someone to give a d'rash, John's presence will be felt at Fabragen for years to come.

David Goldston

Mentor, teacher, friend. Recount any experience - he would say, "How did that make you feel?" I can picture him clearly at High Holidays teaching us to hold a Torah scroll "like a baby." I miss his smile, his laughing eyes, and his love for Fabragen and Torah.

Elena Rodriguez

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A privilege of Fabrangen membership is the opportunity for members and their immediate families to purchase cemetery plots within the Fabrangen area at Garden of Remembrance/ Gan Zicharon. For more information on participating as a member of Fabrangen, please contact Bracha Laster at burial@fabrangen.org.



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