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# Yizkor Memorial Booklet

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

## *In Memory of . . .*

### **Selma Bellows and Vera Plotkin**

Our grandmothers, Selma Bellows (Grandma) and Vera Plotkin (Oma) passed away this spring, a few weeks apart. Our Grandma gave us delicious pancakes, open doors, wearable art, and Abby's auburn hair. Our Oma gave us incredible strength, mischievous humor, chocolate, and a passion for sunsets. Both loved their families deeply.

*Laura and Abby Bellows*

### **Mary Berg**

### **Anne Coplan**

*Alan Berg*

### **Hemda bat Rapha'el v'Sarah (Laura Doliner)**

My aunt, Laura Liebman Doliner, was discharged from the NYC school system in the '30s for union activities. She raised two sons, and died in August at 96. As neither of them will be saying Kaddish, I include her in my remembrance of my mother, her sister.

*Paul Scham*

### **Geoffrey R. Erb**

My sister's husband, 50, lost to us June 12, 2007. No one could make you smile or laugh -- all the time -- like Geoff.

*Rick LaRue*

### **Sylvia Elfant Faye**

Aunt Sylvia Elfant Faye was the youngest and last of my father's siblings. She raised three sons and worked as a school dental assistant alongside her husband, a dentist. The family historian she was also the loving overseer of the Satanover Landsmanshaft. Her loving name for me was "Kaychickle" and she was the last to remember that I walked at nine months.

*Kay Flick Elfant*

## *In Memory of . . .*

### **George Walden**

George Walden was a wonderful great uncle and great, great uncle who was one of the kindest people on the planet. Through his generosity, he gave much aid, in the form of money and medical supplies, to help those in need via Operation California which is now Operation USA. As one of the patriarchs of our family, he was much loved. We miss him!

*Arthur, Diane, and Zoë Friedman*

### **Erwin Alfred Weil**

August 1, 1909-August 3, 2007. A true gentleman of the old school, he shared with his wife, daughter, brothers, nephews, cousins and all who knew him a true appreciation for classical music, fine literature, superbly crafted dry martinis, and all that sustains the mind and spirit. My father lived each of his 98 years with grace and dignity, had a keen intellect to the very end, and was much beloved for his integrity, compassion and wit.

*Martita Weil Fleming*

### **Eric Walter Wolf**

Your life and wisdom bound us together, and continues to provide a light.

*Elicia, Lloyd, Dean, Emma, Maren and Kira Wolf*

## *In Memory of . . .*

### **Louie Schiffer**

Lovingly remembered for his devotion to family, great smile, and joy in making others laugh.

*Michael B. Schiffer*

### **Lawrence M. Schulner**

Father of five children, including Shulamit Widawsky, and grandfather of four, including Matan and Barak Widawsky. He was an attorney, a member of the URJ Board of Trustees, entered and completed many marathons all after the age of 40. Born in Chicago, he lived and died in Southern California. After his death at age 66, the "Larry Schulner International Social Justice Award" was created in his honor by the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

*Shulamit and David Widawsky*

### **Bette Geddes Spatz**

Among many memories of Bette -- Virginia's mother, grandmother of Avery and Tracy -- we gratefully recall that she traveled from Chicago, despite mobility difficulties following a stroke, to join Fabrangen for Avery's bar mitzvah celebration, July 1, 2006 (Shabbat Korach 5767); she died on November 19.

*Avery and Tracy Spatz O'Brien, Virginia Spatz*

### **Emily Walden**

Emily Walden was a classy great aunt and great, great aunt who was much loved. Her elegance and style always impressed those who met her. This quality endeared her to her family and friends. We will miss her!

*Arthur, Diane, and Zoë Friedman*

## *In Memory of . . .*

### **Ferenc Feldman**

Yitzchok Zvi ben Nosson v'Chana Tovah, 1922-2007

At the High Holidays he would wish everyone, "Beit sich aus a gut yahr."  
May you succeed in pleading for a good year.

*Steve Feldman*

### **Zosia Finkelstein**

Born in Poland during Holocaust, family fled Poland, survived in Uzbekistan, and later returned to DP camps in Germany. Moved to Montreal at age 10, then Southern California at age 15, where she lived her remaining years. Mother of three, including David Widawsky. Grandmother of four, including Matan and Barak Widawsky, Zosia taught English to adult immigrants, and helped establish an itinerant Jewish community in Irvine, California.

*Shulamit and David Widawsky*

### **Edward Flick**

Uncle Edward Flick, M.D. an ophthalmologist in Seattle was the last sibling in my mother's family. Son of a poor tailor and a cigar factory worker he was deeply affected by having to attend medical school in Scotland due to quotas on Jewish admissions. A lifelong Republican he was a Nixon supporter to the very end.

*Kay Flick Elfant*

### **Rose Sylvia Garfinkel**

Died on 1 January 2007 (11 Tevet 5767). My mother was always helping people and was a tireless worker. As a teen and young adult, she worked in her father's candy store and helped run her uncle's Five-and-Dime. In her middle years she and my father ran a small hotel in the Catskills for 30 years. After my father died, she volunteered 2,000 – 3,000 hours a year for 30 years at her local hospital.

*Jerry Garfinkel*

## *In Memory of . . .*

### **Henry Goldsmith**

#### **Carola and Fritz Goldsmith**

*Heidi Goldsmith*

### **Shirley Gould**

Declining health prevented all but occasional attendance at Fabrangen services, but nothing could prevent Shirley's continued generosity to Fabrangen and to individual Fabrangers at every opportunity.

*Grace Horowitz*

### **Howard Hess**

Remembered with love for his devotion to family, his community leadership, and his never-ending enthusiasm for exploring the world. The strength of his values, the power of his intelligence and the joy of his laughter continue to inspire us.

*Barbara Hess*

### **Jim Joseph**

My father was a strong, tough man. A business man but a philanthropist at heart. He is buried in Israel and missed by his family.

*Dvora Joseph*

### **Evelyn Leve**

She was a gentle, loving woman with a wonderful sense of humor.

*Annette Schiffer*

### **Charles Isial Lupu, ben Reuven v Devorah**

With his keen intellect he encouraged our curiosity. With his love of classical music (especially Tchaikovsky) he showed us how to enjoy living.

Through his quiet demeanor he taught us about true strength. And always, he loved us deeply.

*Dale Lupu and Richard Gladstein*

## *In Memory of . . .*

### **Mary McCrensky**

She continues to emanate the influence of kindness, wisdom and values as she did throughout her life. Her memory is itself a transmitter of Hessed.

*Jay McCrensky*

### **Donald David Newman**

#### **Dorothy Greene Newman**

*Sora Newman*

### **Vera Haas Plotkin**

Vera Haas Plotkin, sunny and loving Oma, was born and raised in Hamburg, Germany. True to her philosophy of "you have to keep going," she hid out in Southern France until 1940, came to America considering that crossing her first "cruise," married and raised a family of five children. An advocate for Jewish Special Education and Israel, the summer before she died she was able to attend the Bar Mitzvah of the youngest of her ten grandchildren.

*Bracha Laster*

### **Laeh Halpern Raskas**

My mother was a Rebbetzin in the most meaningful and worthy way. She died Erev Shabbas in St. Paul, and was buried on the Mount of Olives.

*Hillel Raskas*

### **Shifra bat Rapha'el v'Sarah (Sylvia Liebman Scham)**

My mother, Sylvia Liebman Scham, was an unreconstructed radical and a lover of Israel, and gave me many of her values. She loved classical music and always tried to make her life, and the world, better. She died March 7 at 92.

*Paul Scham*