

# Yizkor Memorial Booklet 5785 / 2024



# Alyth

On Yom Kippur afternoon we pause together to mourn. We think of those who have shaped the community we share. We remember those we loved who are no longer with us.

This book of memorial includes photographs and biographies contributed by Alyth members in memory of some of those who have died since last Yom Kippur.

Together we remember the teaching that they shared, and the good that they did in the world. May their memories be for a blessing. May their examples inspire us to acts of loving kindness.





We pause to remember all the victims lost in the terror of October 7th, more than 1,200 people who were murdered. The men and women, the elderly and children, including the stranger and the resident.

As we look back over the year that has passed, we are struck by the enormity of that day, and all that has followed. Yet we recognise that each victim was an individual – a loved one, a friend, a colleague, a classmate. We think of all those who died at the festival, in the kibbutzim, on the

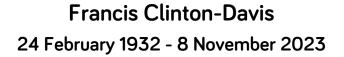
roads, in the moshavim, in their homes.

The young people, dancing at a festival of love, the bravehearted civilians, who risked their lives to save others, the nursing mothers, ripped from the comfort of their nurseries, the first generation elders, who had already survived so much terror.

We mourn for those who died in fear, for those who died away from their families. We think also of all those who continue to die as a result of the ongoing war.

We hope that in time, their families will find comfort. We pray that all who died are at peace now, far away from the horror they endured. May we remember them, not for the tragedy of the end of their life, but for their heroism, their love for family and for life itself, their faith in the future, their laughter, their kindness, their determination, their spirit of hope, their passion for Israel and for peace. May all the souls of those lost through terror and war be bound up in the bond of everlasting life.

May their memory be for a blessing.



Our Mum always saw the good in people. And people of course could only see good in her - because that's what she was inside and out. An Eshet Chayil throughout her amazing 91 years. A lady who could never do enough - in her mind - when it came to helping, supporting and lifting up others - and of course her beloved family. A true Anglo-Jewish mother who loved the Queen and made the best chicken soup. A brilliant modest poet, voracious reader and ever-curious about the world. Blessed with an ability to laugh at herself and with others.



Her children her family and all those who loved Frankie - and Stanley

## Asher Corren

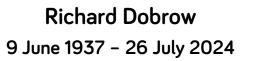
#### 2 November 1932 - 13 May 2024

My dad Asher Corren was born in Warsaw in 1932 and moved to Palestine with his family when he was 2 weeks old. Early life was tough and he lost his brother from typhoid at the age of 15. He proudly served in the Israeli army and lost many friends along the way.

He arrived in England to study in 1958 and by the age of 31 became director of Nightingale House ('The Home for Aged Jews') in Wandsworth which he ran for 35 years. His Israeli chutzpah endeared him to everyone who knew him and he was much loved by the residents, staff and volunteers alike. Under his unique style of leadership Nightingale was transformed into the world class care home it is today.

Asher adored his beloved Israel and despite spending 66 years in the UK he remained Israeli to his core until his death on 13th May 2024.





Richard "Dick" Bein Dobrow, M.D., formerly of Vancouver, Washington (USA), passed away on July 26, 2024, at age 87. Dick was admired by friends and family for his deep intellect, the thoughtful care he provided in the fields of hematology and oncology, classical piano performances, appearances on the television game shows "Jeopardy" and "On the Spot," and volunteer contributions to Harvard University and various musical, medical, and Jewish organizations. Dick is survived by his children, Rachel Dobrow Stone (Scott Stone) of Mercer Island, Washington and Shoshana "Shasa" Dobrow of London, UK; grandchildren, Hannah, Karenna, and Fiona Stone, Ariel Dobrow-Riza and Carina Dobrow; brother-in-law, Steve Sholkoff; and special friend, Gail Maron. Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Karensue Sholkoff Dobrow. The funeral was held on August 16, 2024 at Beth Israel Cemetery in Portland, Oregon, USA, where Dick received military funeral honors in recognition of his status as a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.



# Philip Freedman 19 July 1933 – 3 April 2024

Philip was a leader and a gentle gentleman. His experience during National Service, where he was a lieutenant, and in running a large manufacturing company gave him invaluable experience in people management.

He was devoted to his family, ensuring always that any differences of opinion were smoothed out congenially to ensure harmony.

His later years were spent gardening, in his award winning garden in the Lake District, in London and in the allotment, the last of which gave us and many friends wonderful fresh veggies over the summer months.

He is sorely missed by his wife Brenda, his remaining sons Kevin and Richard, other family members including his many grand daughters.





# Michael Sydney Rabin 11 December 1934 –1 March 2024

From humble beginnings in Hackney, Michael built a wonderful life for himself and his family.

He gained a law degree from LSE, followed by a Master's Degree from Tulane, New Orleans, as a Fulbright Scholar, and enjoyed a long and successful career as a West End Solicitor. He then became an Employment Tribunal judge and very much enjoyed this work.

Michael was a keen sportsman throughout his life, an enthusiastic patron of the arts and serial volunteer, sharing his time, energy and warmth of spirit with multiple organisations, including Alyth.

He was loved dearly by Tamara, his wife and soul mate for 60 years, and his sons, Nicholas and Oliver, along with their wives and his four grandchildren of whom he was enormously proud. He travelled the world, left a meaningful footprint and is missed every day by all that were lucky enough to know him.



# Geoffrey Leon Sewell

### 27 January 1927 – 18 July 2024

Geoffrey Leon Sewell was born in Leeds in January 1927 to Stephen and Edith Sewell. He died in London in July 2024 aged 97. He was warm, intelligent, lively and mildly eccentric. He never lost the capacity to enjoy life.

He was educated at Roundhay School Leeds and University College Oxford, completed a PhD at Kings College London and continued an academic career in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics. He obtained a lectureship at Queen Mary, University of London in 1963 and was later promoted to a chair in Mathematical Physics. He was a dedicated teacher, researcher, author of many professional papers and two classic books, his last paper was published in 2020 when he was 93.

Geoffrey was a devoted husband and son, a loving brother and uncle. He is greatly missed by myself, his wife of 70 years and his extended family, friends and colleagues.







# Evelyn Shamash 24 July 1925 - 10 May 2024

My Mother was born in Vienna Austria on the 24th July 1925 and died on the 10th May 2024 aged 98. She was born Frymerman.

In February 1939 she left Vienna with her parents to come to England as Austria was not safe for Jews under Hitler. Her father had spent three months in Dachau Concentration camp before coming to England. She lost relatives in the Holocaust who were not so lucky.

Her father joined the British Army and that is when her name was changed to Fernley in case he was captured by the Germans.

My mother married Edward Shamash in 1955 and I was born in 1957.

My Mother taught German at Nonsuch Grammar School in Surrey for Girls between 1953 and 1990.

After my father died in 2006 we started going on JNF Legacy Missions to Israel and donating to projects in Israel.

In 2010 we went on a Legacy Mission to Israel and she was discovered to have a Heart attack. She was taken to Shaare Zedek medical Centre. She received good treatment so she was able to live for another fourteen years.

# Ronnie Sheere

# 30 May 1930 – 12 August 2024

Ronnie was born in 1930 in Bethnal Green, East London. His parents ran a pub called The Bird Cage where he was born. He grew up in London during the war, although he was evacuated at the age of 9, he soon returned home to his family in the capital. His working life saw him try a variety of professions including a hairdresser that gave him the opportunity to travel the world cutting the hair of passengers on cruise ships. He visited much of Europe, the US, South Africa and Australia to name a few. He later worked in advertising and was Advertising Manager on the Sporting Chronicle newspaper.

He married a bit later in life after meeting his beloved wife Sylvia and they had twin daughters Rachel and Sarah.

He was a devoted husband and father and later a proud grandpa to his four grandchildren Charlie, Georgia, Max and Zac.





# Ellen Skapinker (nee Koppel) 6 May 1930 - 19 June 2024

Ellen Skapinker, who died on June 19th, was born Ellen Koppel in 1939 to a prosperous Cologne family. Determinedly German, her father insisted the Nazis were a passing phase, until his illusions were shattered on Kristallnacht. One of his brothers was detained for months in Dachau, another so badly beaten that he died. The world had closed its doors, but Ellen's mother, from an old Cologne family, had been born in South Africa, before returning to Germany. This gave them entry to South Africa. Ellen's mother died three years after they arrived, but sheer determination took Ellen to medical school and decades of work as a doctor to South Africa's poorest children. She worked in the Johannesburg general hospital's paediatric A&E department until the age of 83. She leaves three children, eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

# **David Stanley**

# 21 March 1934 - 2 June 2024

David was born on 21 March 1934. His early years were spent in Chingford, East London, his father being a hairdresser and his mother a milliner.

While still doing National Service he received an invitation to take tea with Stanley Dennison, the Caius College, Cambridge Senior Tutor, at the Reform Club in Pall Mall. Dennison, offered him a place at Caius which David was pleased to accept. The offer was subject to his achieving Latin at 'O' level, which he was able to do while in an Army tent on the front line in South Korea. At Caius, he read Economics.

David then joined Lyons Maid Ice Cream as a trainee and shortly afterwards he received an offer from Ted Bates, a major advertising agency in New York. This led back to London where he joined Trebor Sharps as marketing director.

Soon after, David came across a wine producer who was keen to break into the UK market. With M&S as a major customer, David's wine business flourished and he came to supply other big names on the High St.

David was vice-chairman of Alyth.

To those who knew him he was a loyal, generous and warmhearted friend. His philosophy was that life is for living and that there was nothing that could not be achieved through hard work, perseverance and gumption.





# Kathryn Tansey (nee Rudaizky) 16 May 1959 - 7 February 2024

Kathryn Tansey (nee Rudaizky) died peacefully on Wednesday 7th February 2024 with her family around her after a year-long battle with cancer. She was 64 years old and is survived by husband Philip and four sons Benjamin, Nicholas, Alexander and Samuel. She spent her last Shabbat at home with all her family from London and New York.

Kathryn was born in Johannesburg and emigrated with her family to London in 1979. She has been part of Alyth for over 30 years, celebrating the barmitzvahs of her four sons and managing an Alyth football team in that time. Kathryn made central the importance of Friday night dinner in the family, and celebrating Jewish festivals and culture throughout the year.

She adored and is adored by those she leaves behind; her husband, sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, mother, brother and sister.



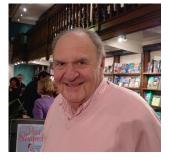
# Leslie Michael Wise 25 November 1935 - 6 May 2024

Scion of a workers organiser then shoe magnate, Leslie qualified as a Chartered Accountant before retraining in his second life as a Barrister. A committed chess player, who always strove to improve, and keen sailor ceasing in his late-70's due to crew attrition. He is survived by a wife, a daughter, 2 sons and 6 granddaughters! The memories of his charm, his humour, his eccentricities, continue to bring light to our lives. His weekend attire will continue to elicit a wry smile with those who lovingly endured it



# Jeremy Zimmerman 8 April 1938 - 22 June 2024

Beloved husband of Valerie, father of Harriet and Victoria, son of Cecily and Solomon, and grandfather of Tabitha and Francesca. Jeremy travelled the world through his business adventures, always finding and delighting in new cultures and making lifelong friends around the globe. He was an avid reader and chess player. He loved watching Cricket and sitting in his jacuzzi in his garden, finding ingenious ways of getting in and out as he became more physically challenged.



He had a great sense of humour and was gentle and generous. He is very much missed.



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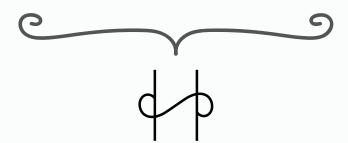




The Rabbis, Staff, and Lay Leadership wish all those who mourn the traditional words of consolation: "May the Everpresent One be a Source of Comfort to you"

If we can offer any support or assistance please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Lynette, Alyth Head of Community Care & Life Cycle can be contacted on 020 8457 8793.



Alyth is pleased to support Hesped.org, which exists to collect and preserve the precious stories of our lives. If you would like to, please visit the website and contribute the eulogies of the person you have lost. Please get in touch using the email address below if you would like to know more about Hesped.org. May the memory of your loved one always be a blessing.

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