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From the Presidents...

Dear Shelters Family,

As Passover approaches in just a few weeks, it seems unbelievable that Israel's 70th Independence Day celebrations are shortly after that! We the Co-Presidents of Shelters for Israel feel incredibly lucky that we will be in Israel along with our spouses, Karen Jackson and Alain Gabbay, to share this momentous occasion together!

We also have a packed schedule of visits to previous, current and possible future 'Shelters' Projects. We can't wait to share our visit with you at our Shelters for Israel 70th Anniversary Luncheon on Sunday, August 26th at Temple Emanuel. 70 Years!!! What an accomplishment for all of us! And we can still proudly say that we have no paid staff or offices; all money raised goes to Israel!

In January we held a Games night for the 2nd and 3rd generations and it was so much fun...it was such a great way to connect with old and new friends and get to know each other better. Make sure not to miss it next year!

We hope you will take the time to read this Reporter's member profile; Eva Brettler's story is fascinating, incredibly moving and inspiring. If you wish to read her full account it is in the book "How We Survived: 52 Personal Stories by Child Survivors of the Holocaust." Their website is www.childsurvivorsla.org

Also, you will see an ad for an upcoming Memorial Service, perhaps the first of its kind in Los Angeles, to remember the victims of the Shoah from the Carpathian region, and to recognize the survivors. Naturally, all survivors, their families and others who wish to attend are welcome, whether from that region or not. This is NOT a Shelters for Israel event, but many of our members' families are from Karpataya, including our own two families, so there is a natural overlap. It should be very special and there is no charge.

We wish you a wonderful Pesach/Passover holiday and look forward to updating you at the luncheon.

Myra Gabbay

Dave Jackson

Co-Presidents

Donations / Advertising Opportunities

To place a message in honor of or in memory of a loved one, to advertise your business, or to include a congratulatory greeting, please send your donation with ad information to: Karen David, 228 S. Crescent Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212. You may also donate online at: www.SheltersforIsrael.org. Your ad may be emailed to: SheltersforIsrael@gmail.com.

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Save the Date!

Shelters for Israel 70th Anniversary

Tribute Luncheon

Sunday, August 26, 2018 • 11:30AM

A very special program.

Proceeds to go to our current projects.

More details to follow in the coming months! Please consider underwriting the luncheon.

For more info: sheltersforisrael@gmail.com or Myra Gabbay 310.803.9551

www.SheltersforIsrael.org



Chag Pesach Sameach!

Coconut Macaroons

Ingredients

3 cups sweetened shredded coconut
4 egg whites
1/2 cup sugar
1 vanilla bean, split and essence scraped out
Large pinch of kosher or sea salt
3 ounces bittersweet chocolate, melted for dipping

Preparation

Preheat oven to 350F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

1. Spread coconut on 1 parchment lined sheet. Toast coconut until light golden brown.
2. While coconut is cooling, whisk egg whites, sugar, vanilla and salt, until the mixture is frothy and thick.
3. Gently fold in coconut.
4. With wet hands, form balls about 1" inches in diameter.
5. Place on prepared sheet and bake for 15 minutes until golden brown.
6. If you like your macaroons chewier in texture, allow the macaroons to cool on the baking sheet for 10 minutes. If you like them crispier, transfer the macaroons to a cooling rack.

Melted Chocolate for Dipping

Line a baking sheet with parchment.

Dip the bottom of each macaroon in the melted chocolate and then place on lined baking sheet. Allow to cool before serving.



In memory of

Magda and Gyula Regos

A very generous donation
has been made by
the Laszlo Regos Family

Happy Birthday

Kati Weinberger

In honor of
your special birthday,
your friends have
each made a generous donation to
Shelters for Israel
in your name.



Izzy and Blanka Ilkovich
Boris and Eta Kirpnick
David Klein and Alex Klein
Eugene Lenchner
Laszlo and Eva Sabo
Zoltan Somogyi
Laszlo and Lili Spiegel
Mike and Edith Spiegel
Eugene and Eva Ways
Zoltan and Yana Yakubovich
Galja and Gennadij Yesilevsky

In memory of

Erwin Matyas

Husband, Father, Grandfather

We miss you!

You will be forever

in our Hearts



Vera Matyas and Family



Association of Carpathian Jews

Please Join us for a Memorial Service to honor the victims
and pay tribute to the survivors of the Shoah.

We will hold our commemoration in conjunction with services
that day in Budapest, Uzhgorod, Miami, New York and at
Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

**The Los Angeles Memorial Service will take place
on Sunday May 6, 2018 at 2:30 PM**

**Bess P. Maltz Center of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills
8844 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90211**

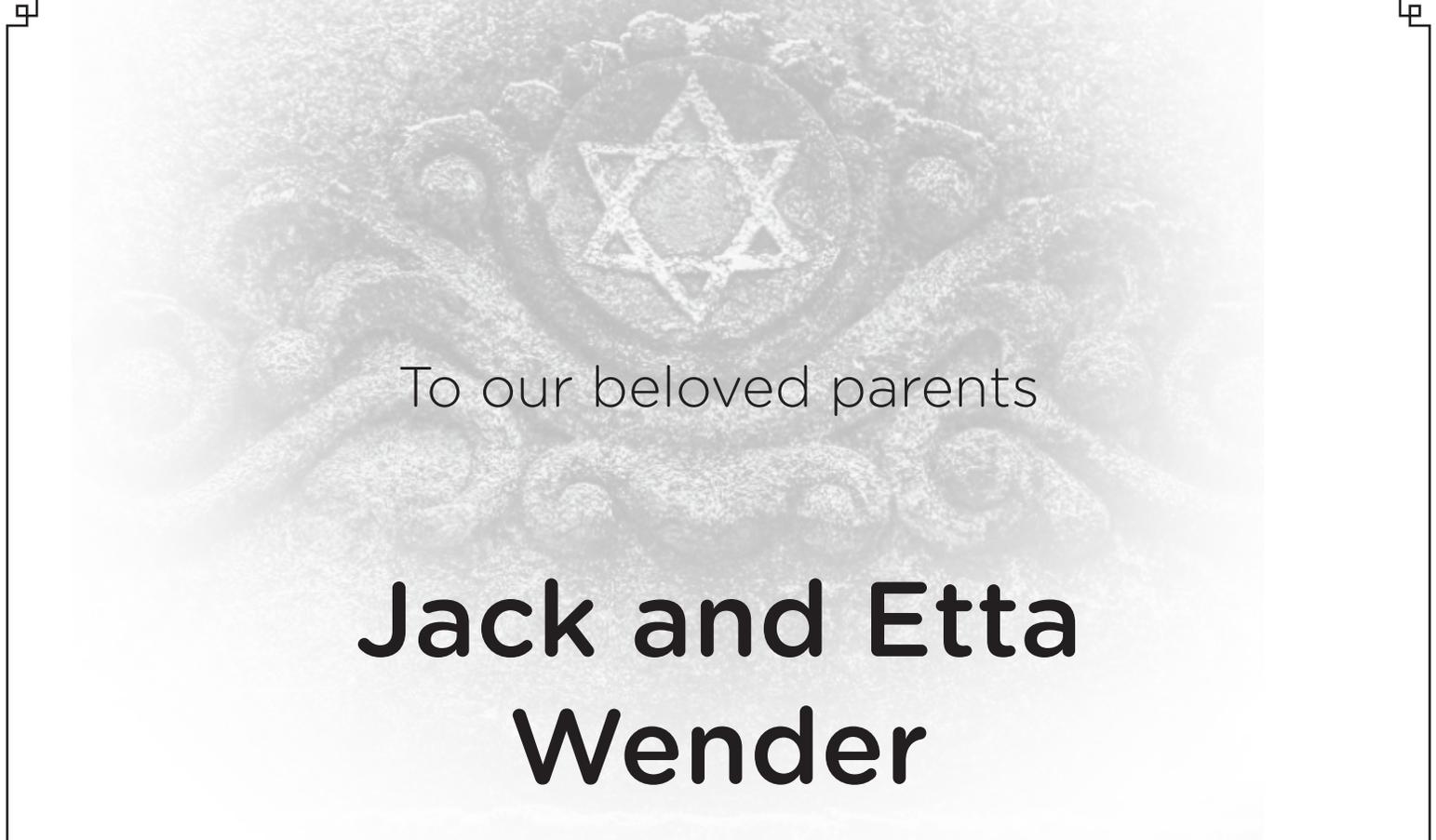
Please encourage your friends and family
to attend this meaningful event.

There is no charge.

Assisted parking available at the Clark Drive parking garage
entrance at the east side of the building.

Any donation amount is appreciated to cover costs.
(Not tax deductible as this is not a 'Shelters' event)

**For more information and to RSVP, please contact:
Katalin Weinberger 310 488 0307 or katibor@yahoo.com**



To our beloved parents

Jack and Etta Wender

This year may they celebrate their
birthdays dancing together in heaven

We all miss you dearly



Love,

Eloise, Brian, Michael, Davia and Zev

In Loving Memory of

Olga and Isaac Herskovitz, ל"ו

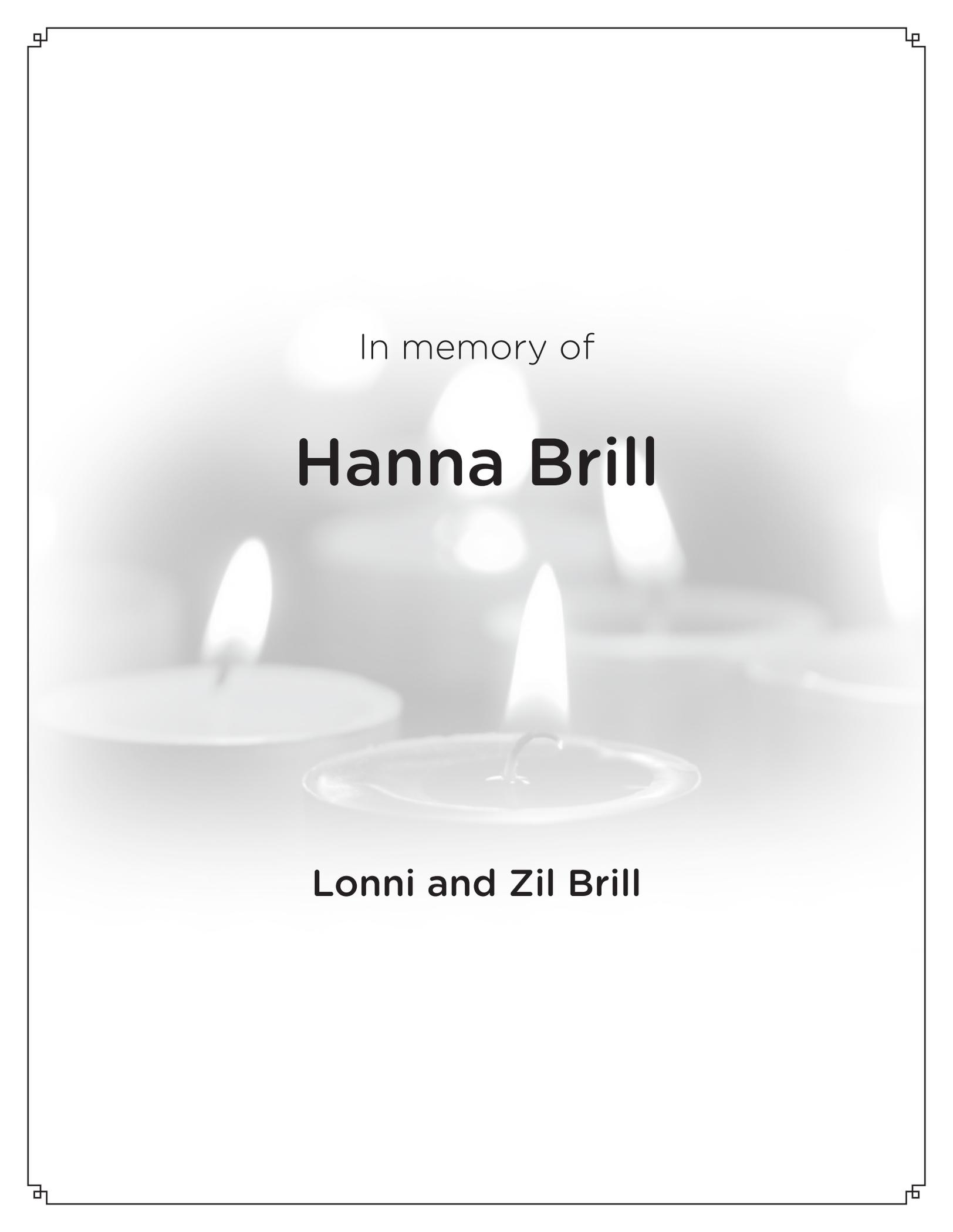
We miss you every single day.

We are so proud of the people that
you were and the values that you
instilled in us.

We wish a Happy Pesach to the entire
Shelters Family, may you continue
all your work !!!



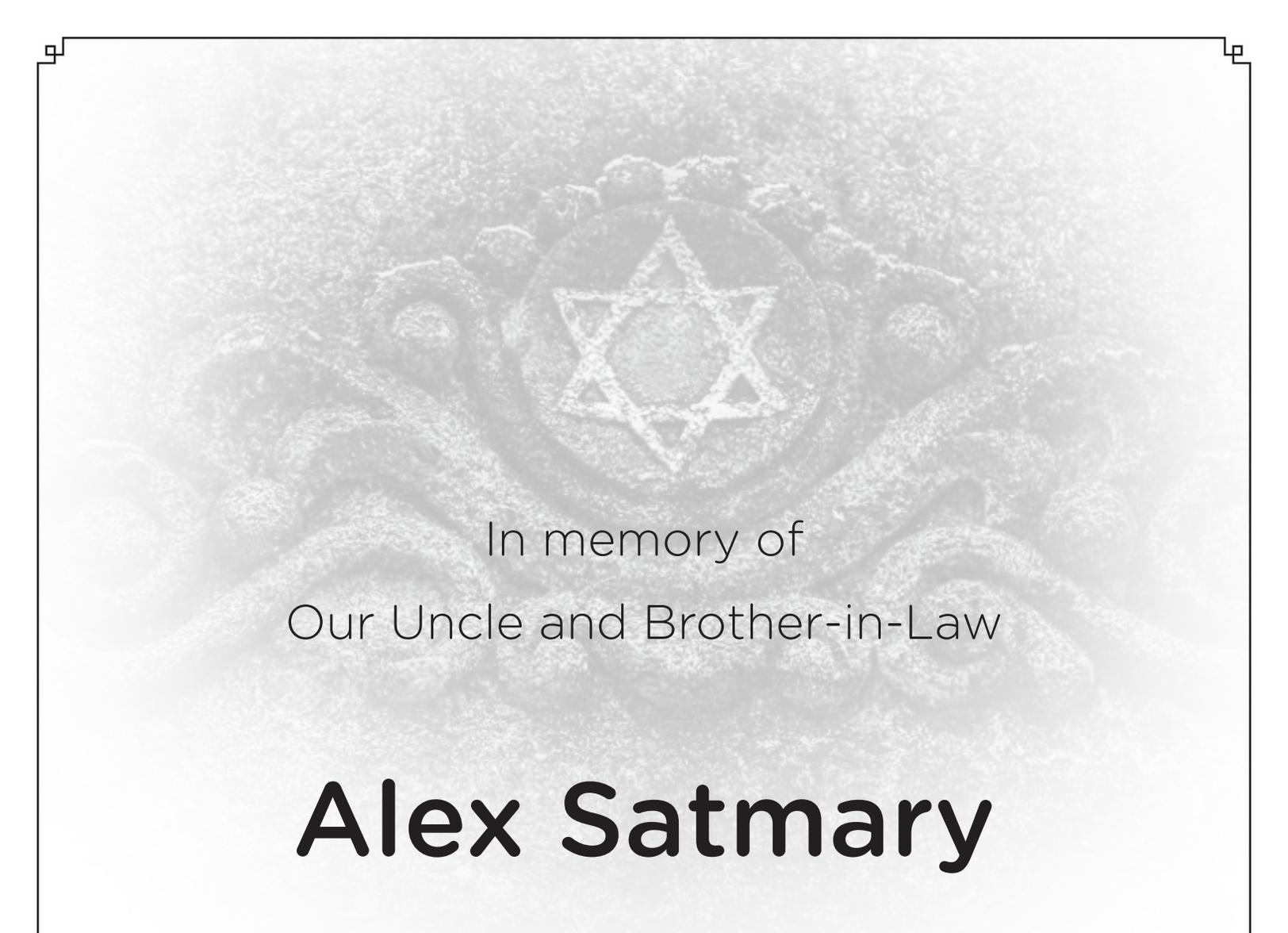
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Talía and Ely Cole, Nadav and Layla,
Chava and Doni Kandel, Nili and Adi,
Julia and Yosef FriedenberG**



In memory of

Hanna Brill

Lonni and Zil Brill

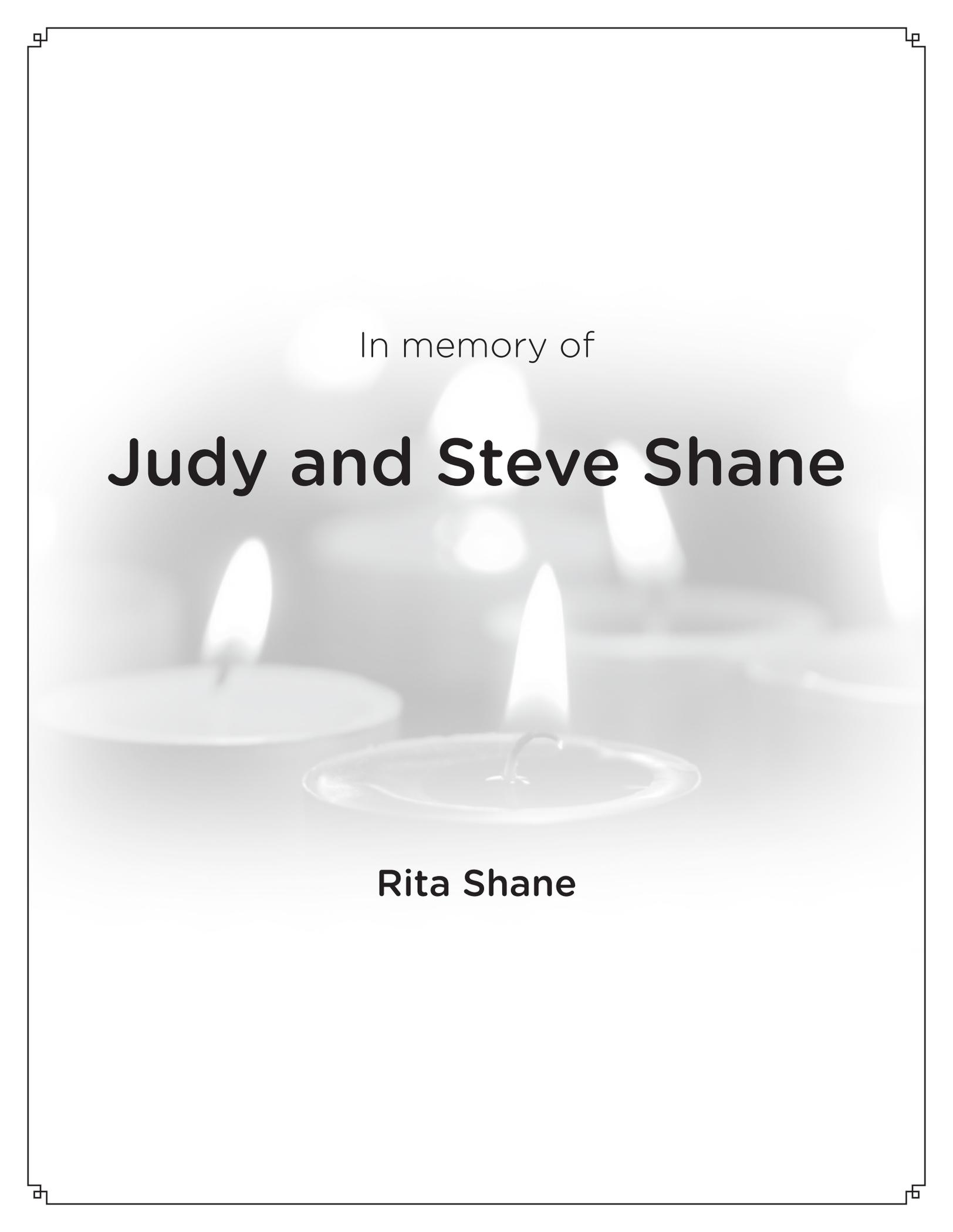


In memory of
Our Uncle and Brother-in-Law

Alex Satmary



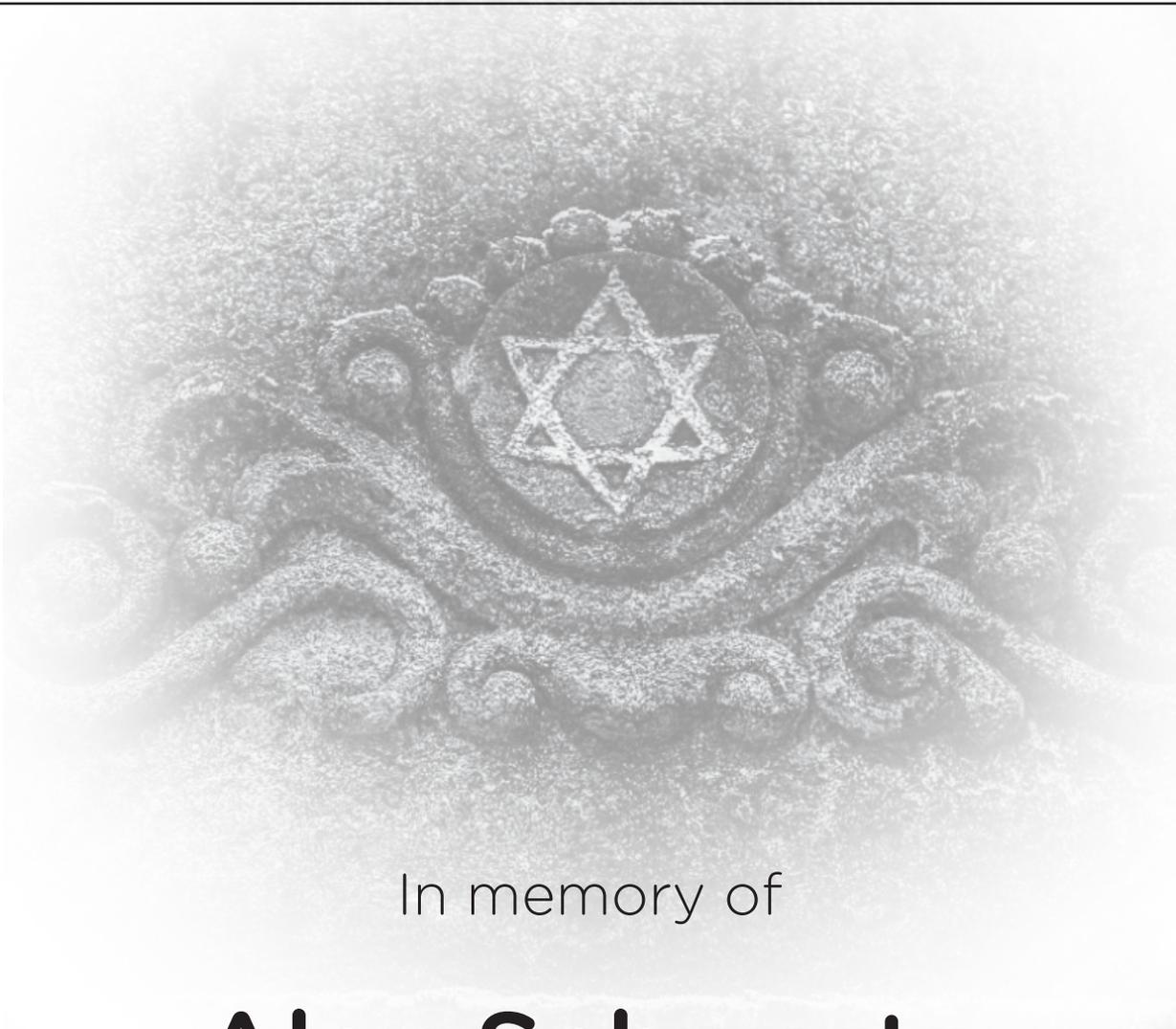
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Olga Satmary
The families of
Beatrice Satmary and Sheila Potter



In memory of

Judy and Steve Shane

Rita Shane

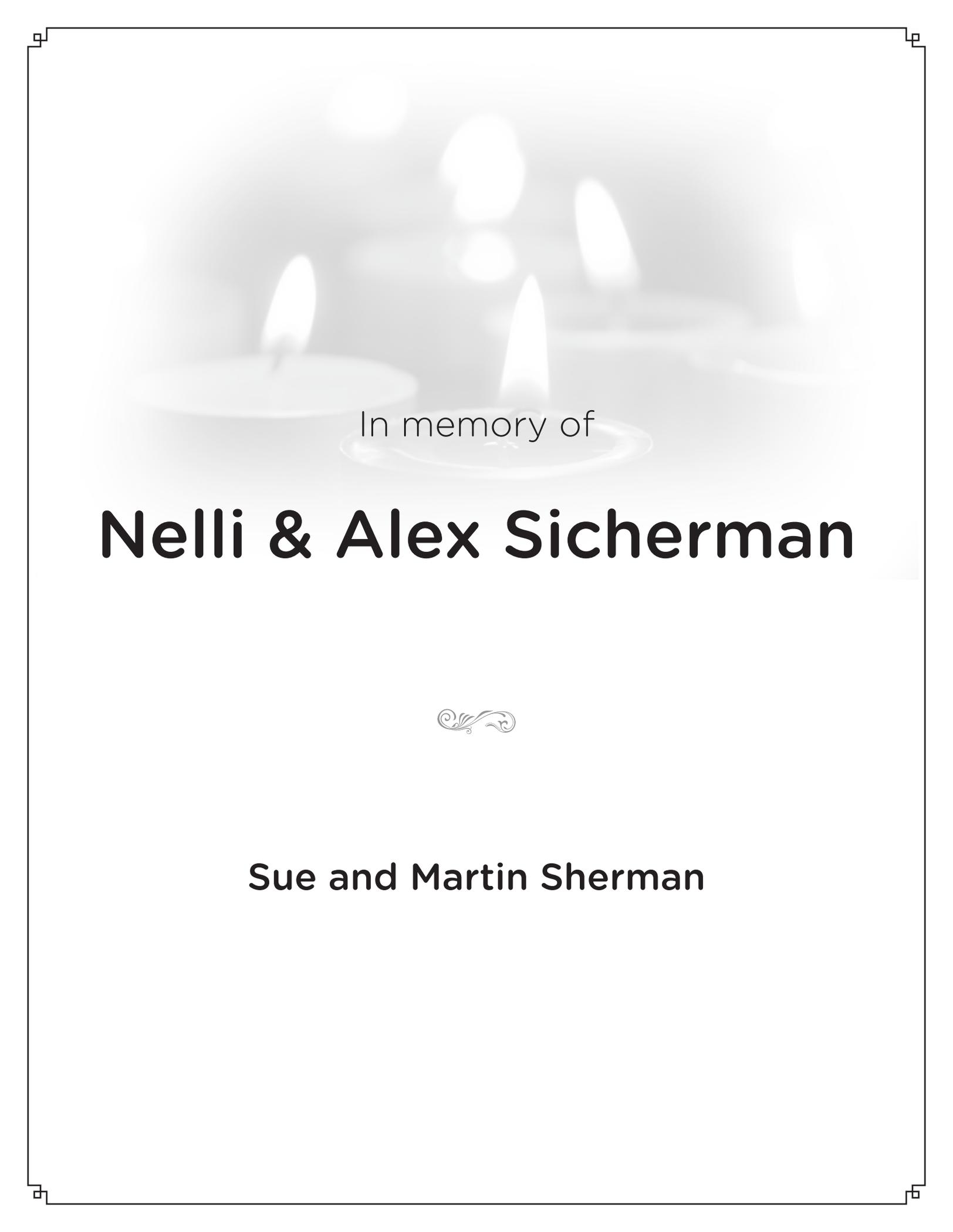


In memory of

Alex Schwartz



Anita Lorber

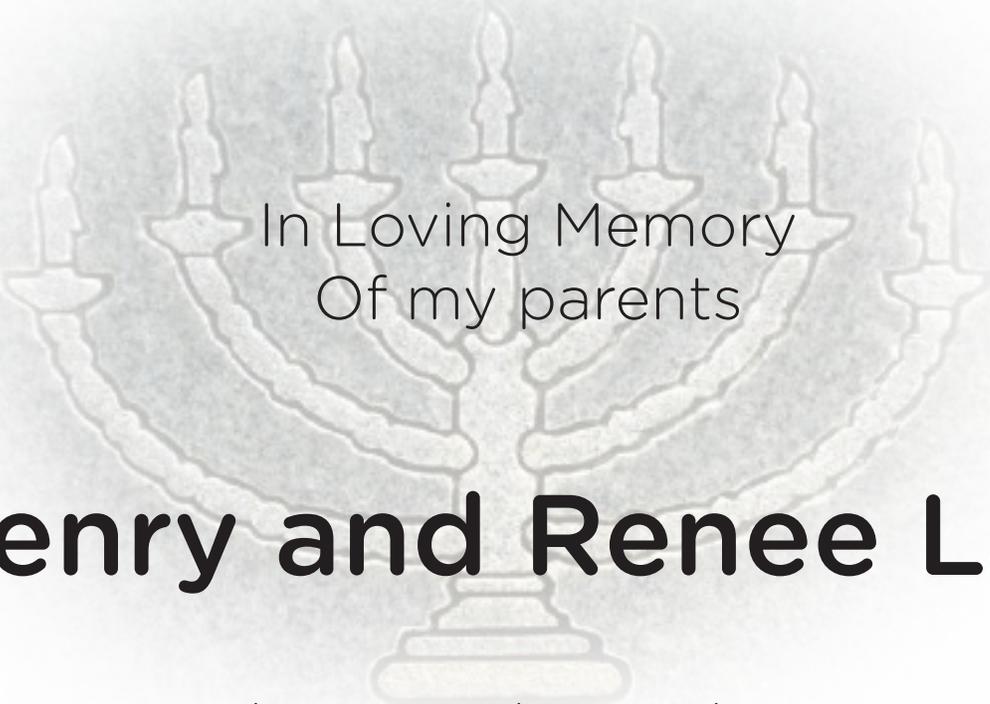


In memory of

Nelli & Alex Sicherman



Sue and Martin Sherman



In Loving Memory
Of my parents

Henry and Renee Last

And my Uncles and Aunts
Bernard and Edith Jelinowicz
Jerry Kahan, Aron Kahan, Steve Kahan,
Claire (Kahan) Kynash
Kitchi and Edith Grumberger
Arpi and Irene Lastovecsky

You all will be remembered
With endless love and admiration



Marian Last

In memory of my father

Leonard Yudis

Who passed away on September 4, 2017



His loving son,

Eric Yudis



We said goodbye on July 3, 2017, to Dina Berger,
who died on June 30, 2017,
20 days shy of her 93rd birthdate.

She was the matriarch of the Berger family and a very important person in our lives. She was a holocaust survivor, having lived through the Unguar Ghetto, Auschwitz, forced labor in the Hertinne Bomb Factory, and then Terezinstat , where she was liberated in 1945. She was the only survivor of her family, losing both parents and her 3 brothers and 1sister.

Dina Berger was many things in her nearly 93 years: a teacher, nurse, translator, butcher shop owner with her husband Gabriel, a rose expert, a fashion icon, brave as all hell, and the most loving and generous mother and grandmother in the world.

The amount of love she had to give and the pride she had for our family was inspiring and we will miss her forever. She used to end every conversation with her 3 granddaughters: Laila Tov, I love you.

We now say to her: Laila Tov, we love you.



***Jerry & Sharon Berger,
Jessica, Michele, Elana Berger***

In Memory of our Dear Friend

Estelle Kiefer

June 23, 1919 - January 14, 2018



David and Karla Angal

In Loving Memory of

Estelle Kiefer z”l



Lance and Fayegail Bisaccia

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of

Harriet Elerin Roth

Our heartfelt condolences to her dear brother,
Jerry Elerin, to her loving children, Shelley and Allen
and families, and to her beloved nieces, Debbie,
Brenda and Sheryl and families,

May Her Memory Always be for a Blessing



**Fred David, Karen David,
Debbie David and Daniel Ben-Zvi**

Our condolences to
Jerry Elerin
and the entire Elerin family
on the passing of Jerry's sister

Harriet Roth

(nee Elerin),

May Her Memory be for a Blessing



**Hedy Reisman, Anne Reisman,
Myra and Alain Gabbay**

In memory of

Dr. Mitchell Schoen

Beloved son of Dr. Herman and Lucille Schoen

May his memory be for a blessing



From the Shelters for Israel Family

My most sincere condolences to
Veronique Zoltan
and Family

On the Loss of her Father

Alain Rogier



**From,
Suzanne Garrison**

In memory of

Rose Ross



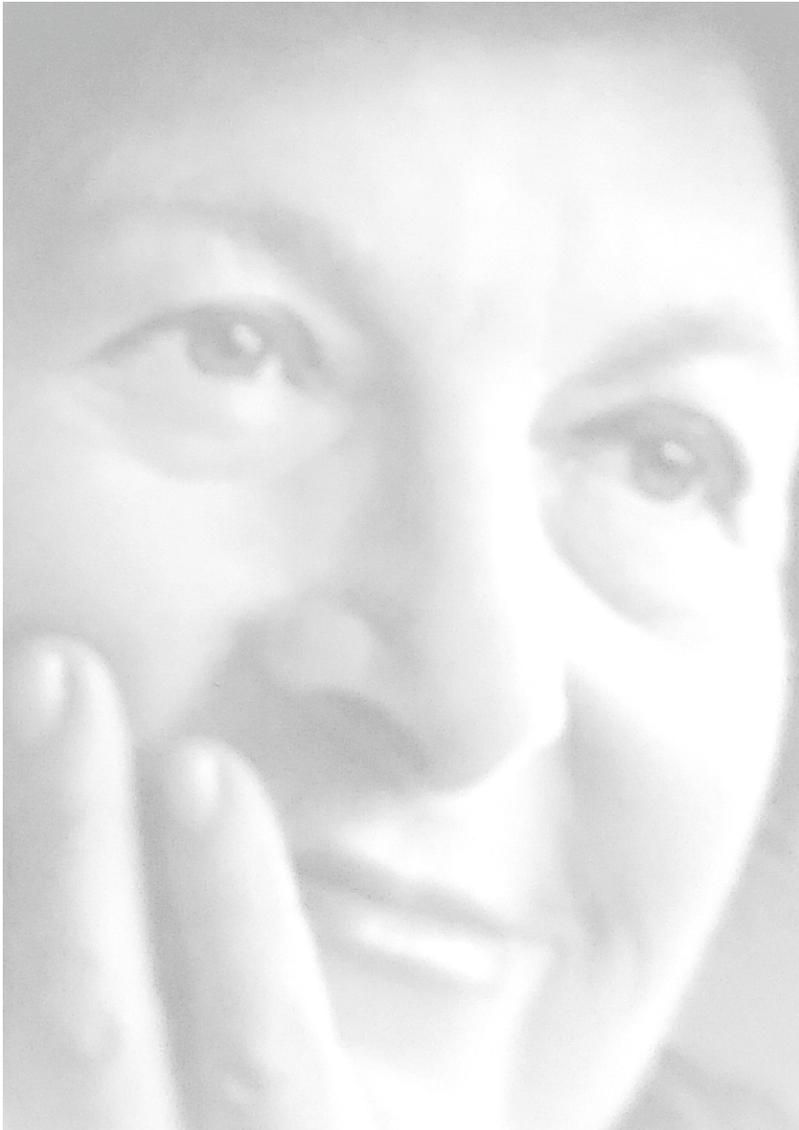
Judith Sheer

In memory of
our parents

Sylvia and Sol Taxy



Mark and Neil Taxy



Shelters for Israel
Member Profile:

Eva Chava Brettler

“Chavele, Choose Life”

From “How We Survived:
52 Personal Stories by Child
Survivors of the Holocaust.”

My father, Alexander Zizhu Katz was from Szatmar, and my mother Margit Malkah Esther Roth was from Tashnard. Both came from religious backgrounds. I was their only child, born in November of 1936 in Kolozsvar, Hungary, now called Cluj, Romania. My father had a prestigious job as a printer and my mother worked as a hat maker.

When I was 4 1/2 years old, my father lost his job and we moved to Budapest. Once there we had to move several times, narrowly escaping being caught. In one instance, as my mother was hiding me in a large straw storage basket armoire, she

told me to stay quiet and said, “My precious daughter, I want you to survive.”

Although I was using a false identity card under the name Eva Nagy, someone turned us in and we were arrested and taken to the brick factory. My mother’s request for us to ride in a wagon during the forced march to Germany became her death sentence. Only I was allowed to ride, and a short time later I heard shots. I never saw my mother again. That was in the autumn of 1944 and I wasn’t yet eight years old.

Eventually, we were shoved into train cattle cars and arrived at the Ravensbruck concentration camp. The encouragement of the older women in my barracks helped when I lost all hope. When I heard the cry of a baby in my barracks, that miracle became our happy conspiracy; I wished that one day I too would become a mother and have a normal family life. This wish gave me hope for a possible future.

As the Soviet army neared the camp, the SS moved us to Bergen Belsen. There, my toes froze and I was in constant pain, but the other women cautioned me not to go to the clinic from which most people never returned. While there, because of my small size, I could squeeze through the fence and find potato scraps in the disposal area of the kitchen.

On April 15, 1945, the British Army liberated us. I was a hardened and defiant little girl, determined to go to Sweden since I was sure my father was also dead. However, before I could leave, I was stricken with typhus fever. After I recovered, the International Red Cross took a group of us to Sweden, where I was placed in an orphanage.

By the end of 1946, I learned that my father had survived and I returned to Hungary in early 1947. My father had remarried and I had a little brother, Ervin Asher Anshel. I had become well known as one of the few children who had survived the camps. I was feisty and self-sufficient by age 10.

I attended Jewish day schools until the Hungarian communist government abolished them. I encountered anti-Semitism and because of that, my grades slipped. When I turned 14, my family decided I should learn a trade and so I worked full time in a textile factory assembly line. I realized the need to continue my formal education and enrolled in night school studying chemistry.

After the Hungarian Revolution of October 1956, when a friend's father was hung by a Hungarian mob accusing him of being a communist, I decided to leave Hungary. I illegally crossed the border into Austria and made my way to Vienna. The only thing I carried with me was my siddur prayer book and my Red Cross certificate [both of which I still have]. By January 1957, I was among the earliest to receive an entry visa and green card to the United States.

I joined my new mother's relatives, the Goldhammers, in Los Angeles. They were a survivor family as well and opened their home and their hearts to me. I had to learn English, worked at different jobs with the help of the Jewish Vocational Services, and then met Marten Mordechai Brettler, who had also lost much of his family. We married two months later and he encouraged me to return to school.

I received a psychology degree at UCLA, volunteering and then working as a Social Worker for Jewish Family Service. Marten and I raised a wonderful family of four children, shared a business that continues to this day, and lived the American Dream.

I pray that my nine precious grandchildren and future generations will never witness the cruelty of such hatred and intolerance that I experienced. I hope, that by telling my story, the memory of our beloved family will remain vibrant and strong and that, with HaShem's help I shall continue to give back to the community and to my fellow Holocaust survivors. I share with the young, not to keep hatred as their companion, but to appreciate their loving family, and strive to be compassionate daily. This is how an eight year old could survive.

Report from Sulamot to Shelters for Israel

December, 2017



To our Dear Friends at “Shelters For Israel”.

If you ever wondered how the walls of Jericho fell, we have a vivid example of how the walls of the city can be overthrown by a trumpet fanfare. On November 27, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra held a special day for young trumpet players. All the trumpet players from Sulamot-Mizpe Ramon participated in the workshops and at the conclusion of the day 250 trumpet players from all over Israel performed The Triumphal March from the opera “Aida” with the orchestra.

We are so excited to send you this first report of our activities this year at Mitzpe Ramon. To date, four orchestras are operated at the town: A girls strings orchestra at the Environmental Orthodox School, two wind bands at the Ramon and Harel Schools and the Municipal wind ensemble of the advanced students.

Each year, the Ministry of Education holds a competition to find a recipient for the annual Education Prize. The town of Mitzpe Ramon is currently in the finals of this competition. As such, on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, the Education Prize Committee visited Mitzpe Ramon.

As a part of their presentation of educational activities in the town, Mitzpe Ramon featured Sulamot projects. First, our Girls Orchestra of third graders from the Environmental Orthodox Elementary School performed. They have only been playing their instruments for three months, and we are so proud of how much they have already accomplished. Next, the wind bands of Ramon School and Harel School gave a very energetic performance. The audience and the Education Prize Committee enjoyed the performances very much and left with a strong positive impression of Sulamot’s work at Mitzpe Ramon. We wish them success at the competition.

On October 26, we had an opening ceremony to a new project in Arad. The Sixth grade band of Ramon School preformed at the ceremony.

In our hearts, we thank you every day for the generous support that enables all this wonderful activity.
Happy Hanukka and A Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,
Sarah Elbaz

