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Tifereth Israel Congregants Gather Ahead of Funeral to Mourn Volunteer Extraordinaire Phil Lorang



Formal funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at El Camino Memorial Park. More than 100 people gathered informally Sunday in the social hall of Tifereth Israel Synagogue to share their memories for more than an hour. Here's a partial summary of what was said about Phil in a session moderated by Rabbi Hanan Leberman, who described him as "a role model of kindness and chesed."

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As I watched the audience, I noticed that no one moved—everyone was completely captivated. The film evoked every emotion imaginable: sadness, anticipation, and yes, even laughter—something rarely experienced when viewing stories connected to the Holocaust.

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Indonesia's Bar of Israeli Gymnasts Recalls 1936 Tragedy of Gretel Bergmann



This crushing blow meted out to the young Israeli gymnasts who trained round the clock, often missing family events, parties, and even a good night's sleep, resonates with me for a very personal reason.

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Today's Jewish Birthday: Peter Max



Peter Max (October 19, 1937) is a German-American artist known for using bright colors in his work.

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