



**The Compassionate Friends**  
**Manhattan Chapter**  
 Supporting Family After a Child Dies

**Our next meetings...**  
**Candle Lighting Dec 8**  
**Dec 17**  
**Jan 21**  
**Feb 18**

**Manhattan Chapter Newsletter** **December 2024**

**DEC 17TH MEETING—3RD TUESDAY IN-PERSON**  
 In-person only on the third Tuesday, December 17th We are still working to figure out how and when we can work in on-line meetings. It's by far worth the extra effort to come in-person, but we recognize not everyone can.

**Worldwide Candle Lighting**  
**Sunday, December 8th, 2024**  
 at the  
**Parish House of the Church of Ascension**  
**12 W.11th Street, Manhattan, NY**  
**Doors open at 5:45pm - Family guests are welcome**  
**PLEASE RSVP and arrive by 6:15pm**



**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**  
**Join us for this moving ceremony and celebration.**  
**Come to remember and honor our children and siblings in person together at our Holiday Candle Lighting.**  
**SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS FOR OUR SLIDESHOW!**  
**[Click here](#) and see page 6 for more information.**

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**IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON:**  
**Our national office will have a Virtual Candle Lighting on Dec. 8th at 7pm in each time zone. Go to [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org) for information.**

**Worldwide Candle Lighting**

**Our Manhattan Event**

**Volunteers needed**

**\*\* Please note we need volunteers to come early and help us at this event to set up, greet, sign in and welcome those who join us and help organize refreshments.**  
**If you can arrive at 5PM and volunteer, please let us know when you RSVP. Just reply to this email.**

**About the Worldwide Candle Lighting**

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting on the 2nd Sunday in December unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. As candles are lit on December 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm local time, hundreds of thousands of people around the globe commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.

Now believed to be the largest mass candle lighting on the globe, the annual Worldwide Candle Lighting (WCL), a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friends, creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone. TCF's WCL started in the United States in 1997 as a small internet observance when congress declared the second Sunday in December, "Children's Memorial Day" and has since swelled in numbers as word has spread

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**TELEPHONE FRIENDS:** When you are having the kind of day you feel only another bereaved parent or sibling can understand, we can listen and share with you. Don't hesitate to call our Manhattan Chapter phone for meeting information **(917) 300 3706**. To speak with someone please call one of the following volunteers; Jacquie Mitchell (eves) (347) 414-1780 jacquienytcf@gmail.com and for siblings, Jordon Ferber (917) 837-7752, beatniknudnik@yahoo.com

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THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MEETINGS are now monthly - in person on the third Tuesday of the month  
**WE MEET AT 7:00pm—arrive or sign on at 6:45pm**  
 This month, Dec. 17, 2024, we will be meeting only in person at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church  
**55th Street and Fifth Ave (enter at 7 West 55th St.)**

*The Compassionate Friends is a mutual assistance self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings. We are a group seeking support in our grief or are able to give it. Among us your religion, your race, your politics, your job or social standing are not important. We care about your grief—the tragedy that each of us have shared—and how we can grow through it, not back to the person we were, but to the person we can become.*

## About the Candle Lighting (con't from page 1)

throughout the world of the remembrance. Hundreds of formal candle lighting events are held, and thousands of informal candle lightings are conducted in homes across the country and around the world, as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died and will never be forgotten.

The Manhattan Chapter will join in this worldwide commemoration at our own chapter event. Please join us.

See information on page 1 or on our website.

Sunday, DECEMBER 8, 2024 at

The Parish House of

The Church of Ascension 12 W.11th St., Manhattan

**\*\*\* Doors open 5:45 Arrive by 6:15 Doors close and program begins promptly at 6:30**

To include a photo of your child/sibling in the slide show please email your photos, including their full name the way you wish it to appear, by DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> to [photosmtcf@gmail.com](mailto:photosmtcf@gmail.com)

Be sure also to *bring* a framed photo of your child or sibling to display during the evening.

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## Virtual Candle Lighting

If you cannot attend our chapter event, our National Organization offers an online ceremony in each time zone across the United States.

Go to [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org) to register to join the virtual candle lighting presented by our National Organization on zoom.

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## Truly Worldwide for Everyone

*In addition to ceremonies being held in communities around the globe, those individuals who cannot attend their chapters' candle lighting are invited to light a candle wherever they are at 7PM.*

*In this way a circle of light will encircle the entire globe as candles are lit in each time zone at 7PM.*

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## In the Presence of an Absence

Sometimes I lie awake nights thinking about ways to describe what it feels like. But how can we describe a black hole. That's a concept I never understood. And I suppose that's as close as an apt description as I will ever get. I don't know why it's important to be able to metaphorically describe it. But somehow, once the absence of your child enters your life, it becomes so big, so palpable, so incomprehensible, so always there, that we spend the rest of our lives trying to understand it by adequately describing it.

Being absent is not being there. But our child's absence creates a presence that is more constant than if they were actually, physically there. Perhaps it is the unnatural permanence of their absence that creates a presence that we cannot put aside. That "neverness" is so poignantly described by Nicholas Wolterstorff in his "Lament For A Son". Some relate it to the story of "the elephant in the room". It's an invisible presence that only we can feel. Those who care about us may believe, as time goes on, that we are functioning without that presence. But we know that the absence caused by the death of our children creates a void that is almost physical – an invisible black hole in which we carry all the love, the heartache, the grief, the disbelief, the anger, the longing, for our lost child – and only we can see it and feel it.

As we negotiate ourselves through the coming Holiday season, the presence of the absence we live with on a daily basis becomes an even heavier burden. Reluctant to worry those who love us with the often overwhelming sadness brought on by the onslaught of joyousness, we put on a brave face and do our best to participate in the season. But the absence is always present. And that absence seems even bigger than the actual presence of our children, had they lived.

It's a quandary, this need to adequately describe what we're feeling. Volumes have been written in our attempts to make the uninitiated "get it" and introduce the newly bereaved to what lies ahead – to assure them that they are not losing their minds, only discovering for themselves what none of us have been able to describe. I've said it before – there's a chemical change that enables us to feel the pain of this particular despair. No other sadness compares. And that is why we can only describe these sensibilities in metaphor. Though most can relate to the loss of a parent, a pet, or a friend, only those who live it can relate to the loss of a child.

And I guess that is why we all keep trying to describe the indescribable. We think once we describe it sufficiently, civilians will feel the intensity of our despair and we'll be understood by everyone and forgiven for feeling as we do and for changing into the people we become. It's a puzzlement.

So here we go again. Plunging into the season of joy. Remember this season, it's all about you. Be kind to yourself. Be gentle to yourself. Our children are still with us. Wrapping us all in a big, warm, cuddly, hug. Feel it.

~ Marie Levine

## Ready or not, here they come!

Try as you might, you can't escape the holiday season. Though it has been some years now, I still remember how I approached those first few holidays with fear and trepidation. I hadn't had the necessary time yet, to know how the new me reacted to old situations. I didn't even want there to be a Thanksgiving or Christmas, for it meant I had to come face to face with the fact that my son wasn't going to be part of them anymore. That brought out a pain in me that I'm sure I don't need to explain to you.

But they came anyway, complete with turkey, trimmings, jingle bells and a lot of hohoho's. Since a hardy HoHo was a hard thing for me to come by in those early years, I didn't try. I fumed and fussed about what I was going to do that first year in particular. What was left of my feeble brain bedeviled me to get an answer to the old question, "What are you doing for the holidays?"

I soon realized that if I tried to please everybody on the periphery of my life, I was going to end up pleasing nobody. And since my needs were paramount, it was only necessary that I work out something that afforded the least amount of pain for my husband and daughter and me.

I had several choices: decide to do things as we had always done them; decide to keep some of the old traditions but introduce some new ones; or do as we eventually did: just ignore the whole thing. They laugh in the groups I talk with when I tell how my family and I spent Thanksgiving at the Benihana of Tokyo restaurant. Can't get any farther away from tradition than that! But it was right for us.

As with many other things having to do with grieving for a child, there aren't any rules or regulations, and you don't believe anybody who tries to lay a bunch of them on you. My suggestion is: once you've gotten input from your immediate family as to their needs and wants, decide right now how you think you'd be most comfortable observing the holidays and *make plans*. Your brain will keep badgering you until it gets an answer; any answer. It really doesn't care what you decide, but it wants an answer. So give it one. You may decide at the last minute to do nothing you've said you would do. It'll be too late then for your brain to bedevil you. This is true for all the holidays and any other day that is special. Just know that it is possible still for you to have some control over your life.

Remember; Benihana of Tokyo is always an option for you.... Don't worry about making reservations. It isn't a busy day for them anyhow!

~ **Mary Cleckley**, TCF, Atlanta, GA

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*"God gives us memory so that we may have roses in December."*

~ **James Matthew Barrie**

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*...from Healing After Loss by Martha Whitmore Hickman.....*

*"I was beginning to do better. I thought I was doing better, but a few days ago, the holidays just hit me."*

*~ widow, contemplating her first Christmas alone.*

Memories are always there to hook us, to make the grief fresh again – birthdays, anniversaries, summer vacation, – any occasion of "the first time around" without our loved one. But the Christmas holidays, the Hanukkah observances, when the whole world seems poised for celebration, are among the most difficult times of year for survivors of loss.

Each of us has a time-honored list of things "we always do" – go for services, hang the stockings, light the candles, share traditional foods. They are part of our identity and our joy in being alive in the world together – and now one of the key people with whom we shared that joy is gone. Is it any wonder we cringe from the thought of the holidays?

We will get through it, and probably better if we can talk about it with others who are feeling the same loss. Reaching out to other (the poor, the lonely, the homeless) for whom this is also a difficult season will help, and will express the deeper meaning of the season.

*I know this will be a hard season for me. I will take one day at a time. I will acknowledge when grief hovers close. And I will try to be open to times when joy may surprise me, too.*

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## CANDLES IN DECEMBER

By **Sally Migliaccio**

My sadness seems reflected in the music that I hear,  
every young one's glowing face reminds me you're not here.  
Shoppers crowd the festive stores – emotions running high.  
I was part of this world once, before that sad July.

This season's meant for happy times; for love, warm hearts and cheer,  
but grieving families 'round the world remember those not here.  
We struggle through the season, lighting candles to proclaim  
our children aren't forgotten, 'round the world our candles flame.

I slowly pass through gates thrown wide one clear, cold Christmas day.

No toys or plaything do I bring, those gifts of yesterday.  
I carry with me just a polished heart of granite made,  
and walk with grief to where she lies in a silent, silvered glade.

"Merry Christmas love," I whisper... the quiet words sound so forlorn.

"I've brought my heart for you to keep, my gift this Christmas morn.  
It comes complete with all my love, though this one's carved of stone,  
I'll place it here, it will be near, you'll never be alone."

We parents don't forget, my love, this month we will unite.  
To honor all we'll light a wall of candles through the night.  
The world will know our memories glow with love that's deep and true.

We'll stand as one, and 'fore it's done, the Heavens will know too.  
Please keep my gift, beloved child, close to where you lie,  
and know my love surrounds you 'till the day I too shall die.  
On the eighth day of December my candle's flame will light,  
I pray you see the love we'll free into the starry night.

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# Siblings

The loss of a sibling – no matter how old, no matter how close or not, and no matter how often death has occurred to others we know, is like losing a part of our own lives and part of ourselves. Who will be left now to remember us as the children we once were? Who will be able to remember our parents the way we do and as only their children can? Who will be there who lived in the same house, tasted the same foods, heard the same stories, were taught the same lessons as we were? We still have our own memories, of course, but without someone who shared them to continue them and relive them with us, they become mere ghosts...

When we lose a sibling, we lose not just that particular person or relationship, but perhaps our last remaining link with our past. Our siblings are special people in our lives, i.e. sometimes they are supports and sometimes they are stresses or even strangers to us. But it does not really matter because regardless of whether we live like each other or even like each other, we have intimately and irrevocably shared and shaped each other's past and been shaped by it. So when our siblings age and fail, our own lives are changed too. And when our siblings die, we know there is no one else – no matter how close to us they may be – who can bring back the particular part of our life we have lost.

~ Lillian Hawthorne, *Senior World Magazine*, 1997

## Ask Dr. Heidi.....

### Question:

My oldest daughter passed away in March 2008. I am concerned that her 15-year-old sister doesn't want to talk about it. She doesn't seem to be grieving. What can I do? When I mourn, I do it alone in my bedroom so I won't upset my daughter, but it's almost like she's carrying on like she's never had a sister.

### Answer:

Teens who have experienced the death of a sibling have been through a lot. While teens often want others to know they've experienced a sibling loss, they don't want to be different or pitied because of their loss. Although teens might not look like they're grieving, internally they are often on an emotional roller coaster. The teens I work with want their parents to know that even if they are not talking to them about their loss, they are grieving. Acknowledge the uniqueness of your daughter's loss. Let her know you are there for her even if she doesn't want to talk. Tell her that although you have lost a child, you don't know what it's like to lose a sibling. Making statements such as, "I'm here if you want to talk", or "It must be very difficult for you right now", can be very validating to grieving teens. While your daughter may not be willing or able in the moment to talk about her loss, she will know from these statements that you care. It is important to model healthy grieving for your daughter, such as setting aside time to mourn, journal, and walk or exercise, as well as talking about your own feelings of loss. Don't be afraid to show tears in front of your daughter, just reassure her that even though you are sad, you will still be able to take care of her and that life is still worth living. Often the parents I work with don't feel they are coping well with their own feelings, let alone supporting their teens' feelings. It is important to realize that despite your best intentions, it's easy to make mistakes, so be compassionate with yourself and your daughter, and hold fast to the idea that you are doing the best you can under the most difficult circumstances.

*Dr. Heidi Horsley, PsyD, is a bereaved sibling as well as a psychologist. She is the Executive Director of The Open To Hope Foundation and a former Board member of The Compassionate Friends.*

# The Compassionate Friends Sibling Credo

*We are the surviving siblings of The Compassionate Friends*

*We are brought together by the deaths of our brothers and sisters*

*Open your hearts to us, but have patience with us.*

*Sometimes we need our families to be there.*

*Sometimes we must walk alone, taking our memories with us, to become the individuals we want to be.*

*We cannot be our dead brother or sister; however a special part of them lives on with us.*

*When our brothers and sisters died, our lives changed.*

*We are living a life very different from what we envisioned and we feel a responsibility to be strong even when we feel weak.*

*Yet we can go on because we understand better than many the value of family and the precious gift of life.*

*Our goal is not to be the forgotten mourners that we are, but to walk together to face tomorrow as the surviving siblings of The Compassionate Friends.*

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**Siblings! Email in photos of your brothers and sisters for our slideshow of remembrance.**

**And come to the Worldwide Candle Lighting on December 8th.**

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## TUESDAYS

TUESDAYS AT 7:00PM  
With Jordon Ferber - Sibling Leader

Siblings in the Manhattan Chapter meet every Tuesday of the month and more.

**Sign up to get our siblings schedule emails**  
[Click here for exclusive sibling emails](#)

## TCF SIBLING CHATS

Some online chats for adult and teen siblings to share concerns and feelings are available on the TCF National website

[Click here to display the full schedule of chats for both parents and siblings](#)

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## Recommended reading...

- ◆ The Bereaved Parent by Harriet Sarnoff
- ◆ First You Die by Marie Levine
- ◆ Talking to Heaven by James Van Praagh
- ◆ Beyond Tears by nine mothers
- ◆ Love Never Dies by Sandy Goodman

⇒ take advantage of the book list on the TCF website [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

⇒ go to [www.centeringcorp.org](http://www.centeringcorp.org), for an extensive list of resources for ALL those grieving for every possible reason – for parents, grandparents, siblings, mothers, fathers, teens, children...because of sudden death, accident, long term illness, infant loss, miscarriage, homicide, substance abuse, etc.

Reading other bereaved people's stories helps us. Take advantage of these resources. Discovering how much of what we feel is being experienced by fellow travelers helps us understand the process and restores hope.

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### ...to our new members

Attending your first meeting is the hardest thing to do. But you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Try not to judge your first meeting as to whether or not TCF will work for you. Often, it is the second, third or fourth meeting where you will find just the right person or the right words said that will help you along in your grief.

### ...to our long standing members

We need your encouragement and continued support. You are what ties our group together. Sadly, each meeting brings new parents. *THINK BACK*... what would it have been like for you if there had not been any "oldtimers" to welcome you and share your grief and encourage you and tell you that in time, the pain will soften...with time, there is hope.

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## The Compassionate Friends Credo

*We need not walk alone.*

*We are The Compassionate Friends.*

*We reach out to each other with love, with understanding, and with hope.*

*Our children have died at all ages and from many different causes,*

*but our love for our children unites us.*

*Your pain becomes my pain just as your hope becomes my hope.*

*We come together from all walks of life, from many different circumstances.*

*We are a unique family because we represent many races and creeds.*

*We are young and we are old.*

*Some of us are far along in our grief, but others still feel a grief so fresh,*

*and so intensely painful that we feel helpless and see no hope.*

*Some of us have found our faith to be a source of strength; some of us are struggling to find answers.*

*Some of us are angry, filled with guilt or deep depression; others radiate an inner peace.*

*It is pain we will share just as we share the love for our children.*

*We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for ourselves,*

*but we are committed to building a future together as we reach out to each other*

*in love, and share the pain as well as the joy,*

*share the anger as well as the peace,*

*share the faith as well as the doubts,*

*and help each other to grieve, as well as to grow.*

WE NEED NOT WALK ALONE.

WE ARE THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS.

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## Online Support from the National Compassionate Friends Website

### Live Chats

The Compassionate Friends offers "virtual chapters" through an Online Support Community (live chats). This program was established to encourage connecting and sharing among parents, grandparents, and siblings (over the age of 18) grieving the death of a child. The rooms supply support, encouragement, and friendship. The friendly atmosphere encourages conversation among friends; friends who understand the emotions you're experiencing. There are general bereavement sessions as well as more specific sessions.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and a list and schedule of Live Chats.

### Private Facebook Groups

The Compassionate Friends offers a variety of Private Facebook Groups. These pages cover a wide range of topics and are moderated by bereaved parents, siblings, or grandparents. They may be accessed only after a request to join is approved by a moderator.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and a list of Private Facebook Groups.



# Worldwide Candle Lighting

Sunday, December 8th, 2024

Worldwide Candle Lighting Event In Manhattan

at the

Parish House of the Church of Ascension

12 W.11th Street, Manhattan, NY

Doors open at 5:45pm - Please arrive by 6:15pm - Family guests are welcome - PLEASE RSVP

[Click here](#) or the Events Tab on our website [www.compassionatefriends.nyc](http://www.compassionatefriends.nyc) for more information.

## The Compassionate Friends - Worldwide Candle Lighting



***We remember... that their light will always shine.***

***\* Remember - if in person...be sure to bring a framed photo of your loved one to be displayed in the ballroom during the evening.***

**Important - take note!**

***There will be an ongoing slideshow of all our children...***

**To include your loved one in this beautiful memorial, please email your photos by DECEMBER 5TH to:**

**[photosmtcf@gmail.com](mailto:photosmtcf@gmail.com)**

We suggest you send two photos - a young, "sunrise" photo and a "sunset" more recent photo.

Be sure to indicate your child's **full name exactly as you wish it to appear!**

**(If you had photos in last year's slideshow, just request to use the same photos for 2024)**

**IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON: National will have Virtual Candle Lighting. Go to [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org).**

## Gifts of Love

**A Love Gift** is a donation given in memory of a child who has died, or sometimes a memorial to a relative or friend. It can be in honor of a happy event that you would like to acknowledge, or simply a gift from someone who wants to help in the work of our chapter.

All TCF chapters are totally dependent on funds from our families. We DO NOT receive funds from our National Office. Everything we need to operate our local chapters is paid directly from our local resources and our local family contributions. Thank you to all who can contribute and support this chapter. Please see 'Making a Contribution' below:

**Passing the Basket** – We raise needed funds at each meeting by passing a basket for voluntary contributions at our in-person meetings. We are so glad to hold online meetings whenever possible, but there is no 'basket' at our online meetings. If you are able to, whenever you can as an online participant, please help and make a 'Basket' contribution to help our organization.

## Making a contribution –

Easiest way – online – use a credit card securely with Paypal – Click this link: [Please donate here](#)

Or you may mail a check to The Compassionate Friends, c/o Sally Petrick, 945 West End Ave Apt 2B, New York, NY 10025. Please make your check payable to The Compassionate Friends – Manhattan Chapter. We need and appreciate your support.



OUR CHILDREN—LOVED AND REMEMBERED



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 **CASSIE WILSON**, sister of Kaylie Wilson
- 12/1 **GLEN FRASER**, son of James Fraser
- 12/1 **MATEO TASHMAN**, son of William Tashman
- 12/1 **ROBERT GOODEN**, son of Tonya & Frank Gooden
- 12/2 **FORREST RYZY-RYSKI**, brother of Sophia Rzyz-Ryski
- 12/2 **JANIE GONG**, daughter of Alan & Daisy Gong
- 12/2 **JENNIFER CARGILL**, daughter of Virginia Crosby
- 12/3 **ASHLEY CALAZAN**, daughter of Erica Bonifacio
- 12/3 **PAULINE FUCHS**, daughter of Carolin Fuchs & Rene Groth
- 12/3 **YVONNE BURDEN**, sister of Crystal Burden
- 12/4 **JESSE ARATOW**, son of Susanna Hoffman
- 12/4 **MEGAN YODER**, sister of Kyle Yoder
- 12/4 **SETH KAHN**, son of Debbie & Harold Kahn
- 12/5 **GLENN SPELLER JR.**, son of Glenn Speller Sr.
- 12/5 **MEGAN SMITH**, daughter of Ann Smith
- 12/6 **AARON BENVENISTE**, grandson of Susan & Richard Rosenbluth
- 12/6 **DESIRA (Desi) PACUK**, sister of Nikkie Pacuk
- 12/6 **YEHUDA MILSTEIN**, son of Edith Bayne, brother of Ilana Milstein
- 12/7 **JOHN BARNES**, son of Hana Barnes
- 12/7 **RYAN THOMAS**, son of Jacqueline Thomas Kilbane
- 12/8 **SAMMY COHEN ECKSTEIN**, son of Amy Cohen & Gary Eckstein
- 12/10 **JONAH HENIG**, son of Abby Henig
- 12/11 **JAMES PATRICK (Jimmy) SINISI**, son of AnneMarie Sinisi
- 12/11 **MIKE CHARY**, brother of EllaRose Chary
- 12/13 **CAMDYN JAYEL DUCKWORTH**, daughter of Tiffany Clark
- 12/14 **AMELIA (Yannie) CORBETT**, sister of Sara Corbett
- 12/14 **DUSTIN TUNICK**, son of Jenifer Kelly
- 12/14 **DYLAN BISCH**, son of Eileen Eck
- 12/14 **LISA WEINER**, sister of Abby Moller
- 12/14 **MATTHEW SADI**, son of Sheri & Tzuri Sadi
- 12/14 **MICHAEL MOUSSA**, son of Mariam Moussa
- 12/15 **BRANDON MYERS**, brother of Rachel Myers
- 12/15 **HAYLEE LABBAN**, daughter of Penelope Coward



- 12/15 **THOMAS ROBERTS**, brother of Victoria Roberts-Wierbowski
- 12/16 **BRENDAN CLAVIN**, son of Nancy Hamma
- 12/16 **MICHELLE GITTENS**, daughter of Lenise Ballard-Gittens
- 12/16 **WILFRED DeVALLE**, son of Carmen DelValle, brother of Judy DelValle
- 12/17 **JAMES MONTGOMERY**, son of Denise Montgomery
- 12/17 **RICKY BATASHOFF**, brother of Dana Stein
- 12/17 **STEFAN PAKULSKI**, brother of Marek Pakulski
- 12/18 **DAVID GLASS**, son of Jack & Laura Glass
- 12/18 **ZIGGY MARTINEZ**, son of Sally Tucker
- 12/20 **DANIEL O'NEILL TOLEDO**, son of Kathleen O'Neill
- 12/20 **EUGENE BONACCI**, brother of Meredith Bonacci
- 12/21 **DAVID ALEXANDER**, brother of Farah Alexander
- 12/21 **MELISSA AVRIN**, sister of Andrew Avrin
- 12/22 **JACOB PAUL ROBINSON-SWEET**, son of Gail Robinson
- 12/22 **MATT BEHAN**, brother of Chris Behan
- 12/22 **MATTHEW FIDLER**, son of Annette Fidler
- 12/23 **JON MICHAEL CAMINITI**, son of Charles & Linda Caminiti, brother of Jacqueline Caminiti
- 12/26 **ETHAN WASSERBERGER**, son of Simon & Cynthia Wasserberger
- 12/26 **OWEN MULLER** son of Jane K. Muller
- 12/27 **NORBI MORGENSTEIN**, son of Gary Morgenstein
- 12/28 **SCOTT LACROIX**, brother of Kendra Lacroix
- 12/29 **ARTURO LAULO**, brother of Luz Laulo
- 12/29 **CALEB SANDE**, grandson of Renee & Hervey Sande
- 12/29 **NASIR NEWSOME**, son of Sharhon Newsome
- 12/29 **VALDING DURAN**, son of Milagros Bueno
- 12/30 **ETHAN HOLDER**, son of Beverly Holder
- 12/30 **MICHAEL McGOVERN**, son of Harri Molese
- 12/31 **JOEY HOLLIDAY**, son of Billy & Terry Holliday
- 12/31 **ROBERT WILLIAMS JR.**, son of Kimberly Hatwood
- 12/31 **RUSSELL FERBER**, son of David Ferber & Dorothy Jordon, brother of Jordon Ferber
- 12/31 **WILLIE GWATHMEY**, brother of Katie Gwathmey



Our Children Remembrances — Changes

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**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**



12/1 **VERNON KENNEDY**, son of Tressie Kennedy  
 12/2 **JOEY**, son of Shantel Morrison & Tamara Cantave  
 12/2 **JONATHAN MOORE**, son of Ron & Ronnie Moore  
 12/2 **SAVANNAH WIGGINS**, daughter of Dolores Wiggins  
 12/2 **SUZANNE ZHOU**, sister of Susan Zhou  
 12/2 **ZOIE BENNETT**, daughter of Zachary Bennett  
 12/3 **HENRY SZOR**, son of Eva Grin  
 12/3 **VYLETTE MOON**, daughter of Jackie Hakiki  
 12/4 **ROBERT PATRICK JENKINS**, son of Barbara Jenkins, brother of Cheryl  
 12/6 **ALEX HARRY SINGER**, son of Susan & Lewis Singer  
 12/6 **DYLAN JOSEPH MAIDA**, son of Lisa Burns & Sal Maida  
 12/8 **DYLAN RANDALL**, son of Yenya & Robert Randall  
 12/8 **JADEN MAXWELL THOMAS**, son of Louise Thomas, brother of Tanya  
 12/9 **AREIS GORDON**, son of Joselyn Gordon  
 12/9 **SHONEN CHAMBERS**, brother of Tiffani Chambers  
 12/10 **CHRISTOPHER ROTH**, brother of Stephanie Roth  
 12/10 **JOHN HULWIYA**, brother of Vanessa Hulwiya  
 12/10 **ZUNILDE (ZUNNY) MARTE**, daughter of Victor Marte  
 12/11 **HARRY GANDEL**, grandson of Karen & Meyer Gross  
 12/11 **JONAH HENIG**, son of Abby Henig  
 12/12 **CALLIE LONG**, daughter of Jackie Long  
 12/12 **CIANNA L. ALEXANDER**, daughter of Rebecca Harper-Alexander  
 12/12 **DANNY VOLEN**, brother of Raizy Volen  
 12/12 **PAULA VOLEN**, daughter of Raizy Volen  
 12/12 **SHANA DOWDESWELL**, daughter of Laurie & Roger Dowdeswell  
 12/13 **ALAN MYL** son of Joanne Myl  
 12/13 **AMBER ASHTON**, daughter of Tom & Eleanor Ashton  
 12/13 **GEORGE DAVID MARAS**, son of Marilyn Maras  
 12/14 **DANNY MAZRAANI**, brother of Mona Mazraani  
 12/14 **JIMMY ARMSTRONG**, brother of Siobhan Armstrong  
 12/15 **COLETTE WAINWRIGHT**, sister of Katherine Sall  
 12/15 **JEFFREY VANCHIRO**, son of Sylvester (Sly) Vanchiro  
 12/15 **JESSIE MORGAN PEK**, daughter of Karyn Pek  
 12/15 **JOSE SANFORD**, son of Yolanda Rosado Ortiz & Gloria Perez  
 12/16 **DARIA NORTON**, daughter of Charlotte Savino & Lee Norton  
 12/18 **ALEX BIBLER**, son of Lindsay Bibler  
 12/18 **ARON LINDELL**, son of Julie Lindell  
 12/18 **CHRISTOPHER DOMBROWSKI**, brother of William & Brianne Dombrowski

12/18 **DESTINI DOYLE**, daughter of Annette & Kendall Doyle  
 12/19 **JOEL MALDONADO**, son of Alisha Murzi, grandson of Evelyn Murzi  
 12/19 **JOSHUA ROBERT ESFORMES**, son of Susan Esformes, brother of Jacob  
 12/19 **JUSTIN ALMON** brother of Kristina Adam  
 12/19 **ROBERT RODRIGUEZ**, son of Caroline Linares  
 12/20 **TATE RAMSDEN**, brother of Ashley Ramsden  
 12/20 **TROY O. MEYERS** son of Claudette Hannibal  
 12/21 **BAYLIN CODDINGTON**, son of Debra F. Coddington  
 12/21 **CAITLIN SANDERS**, daughter of Veronica & Lamar Sanders  
 12/21 **JUDAH BRYNDAL**, son of Dusty & David Bryndal  
 12/22 **GREGORY ROTH**, brother of Stephanie Roth  
 12/22 **TODD C. FIORE**, son of Yvonne Fiore  
 12/23 **AMANDA RUSSELL**, sister of Katie Turner  
 12/23 **QUENTIN MUNDY**, son of Terri Mundy  
 12/24 **ADAM AZZOLI**, son of Amanda Azzoli  
 12/24 **DANIEL O'NEILL TOLEDO**, son of Kathleen O'Neill  
 12/24 **MONTE JONATHAN GOLLUB** son of Ellie Gollub  
 12/24 **RENZO SCHNIPPER**, son of Matthew Schnipper and Marla Farina  
 12/24 **RICHARD CONLEY**, son of Phyllis Conley  
 12/25 **CHARLIE SINISI**, son of Ann Marie Sinisi, brother of Kelly and Dawn and the late Jimmy Sinisi  
 12/25 **DAVID LANG BAREK**, son of Peggy Lang  
 12/25 **LILY, SARAH & GRACE BADGER**, daughters of Madonna Badger and Matt Badger  
 12/25 **ROBERT SULKOWSKI**, brother of Sarah Sulkowski  
 12/26 **ASHLEY CALAZAN**, daughter of Erica Bonifacio  
 12/27 **SAIGIA BRON**, daughter of Florence Layayette  
 12/27 **SANDRA CHU**, Best friend of Emanuel Veras  
 12/27 **THOMAS ROBERTS**, brother of Victoria Roberts-Wierbowski  
 12/28 **ANDY PERSAUD**, son of Dennis Persaud, brother of Andrea Persaud  
 12/28 **NASIR NEWSOME**, son of Sharhon Newsome  
 12/29 **PAULINE FUCHS**, daughter of Carolin Fuchs & Rene Groth  
 12/30 **KELLY ERIN GRAVES** daughter of Gail Graves  
 12/30 **OLIVER LIEGEY**, son of Viva & Robert Draper  
 12/31 **IAN BOSIN**, son of Judy Neustadter  
 12/31 **LIAM ARDEN**, son of Esther and Patrick Arden







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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/2 **LAURA LEVIS**, daughter of Georgia & William Levis
- 1/2 **LUCY GRAVES**, daughter of Edward Graves
- 1/3 **BRIAN MARC LIPTON**, son of Nancy & Charles Lipton
- 1/3 **WILLIAM (BILLY) SMEAL**, nephew of Amanda Smeal
- 1/5 **BENJAMIN TELUSHKIN**, son of Joseph & Dvorah Telushkin
- 1/5 **MICHAEL MOSS**, son of Michaela & Bob Moss
- 1/5 **NOELLE QUARANTA**, sister of Meredith Bonacci
- 1/5 **RUTH DOUGHTY**, sister of Louise Doughty
- 1/7 **CAMERON NICHOLLS**, son of Stephanie Moore Nicholls
- 1/7 **JAQUELINE AHERN**, niece of Nan Ahern
- 1/7 **OSCAR JOAQUIN**, son of Dru Levasseur
- 1/8 **CHRISTINE EBERT**, daughter of Judy & John Ebert
- 1/8 **ELLIOT CALVIN COPP**, son of Ariel Marie Pierce & Aaron Copp
- 1/8 **JENNIFER BLANCHE BYRD**, daughter of Claudia Byrd
- 1/8 **JOCELYN REED**, daughter of Cynthia Powell
- 1/10 **MICHAEL STEIN**, son of Eric Stein
- 1/11 **BRYAN KELLY**, son of Sean Kelly
- 1/11 **JESS ILIAS**, son of Chris Clavelli
- 1/12 **JOHN MARZANO**, son of Claire Martino
- 1/12 **JONATHAN MOORE**, son of Ron & Ronnie Moore
- 1/13 **CHRISTOPHER JAMES ROUCH**, son of Kathy Rouch
- 1/13 **JOSE SANFORD**, son of Yolanda Rosado Ortiz & Gloria Perez
- 1/13 **MICHAEL RATH**, son of Kathy Rath
- 1/14 **ANTHONY SANCHEZ**, son of Deborah Sanchez
- 1/14 **BRIAN CULLIMORE**, son of Teresa Cullimore
- 1/14 **CHARLENE ALVAREZ**, daughter of Charlie Alvarez
- 1/14 **DAVID GIBBS**, son of Ann Gibbs
- 1/15 **ARA DYMOND**, son of George & Linda Torosian Dymond
- 1/15 **MARIA CUNARD**, sister of Angela George
- 1/16 **AMOL VADEHRA**, brother of Mallika Vadehra
- 1/17 **GABRIEL J. DIERRE**, son of Marie Nicole Rene
- 1/17 **KIARA KHARPERTIUM**, sister of Devin Kharpertium

- 1/17 **PAMELA SUE CHAIKEN**, daughter of Sandy & Lionel Chaiken, sister of Stephanie
- 1/17 **PHILIP SULZER**, son of Barbara & Burton Sulzer, brother of Lisa
- 1/18 **STEPHANIE GUBIN**, daughter of Rita Mittman
- 1/19 **LUKE NIGHSWANDER**, son of Matthew Nighswander
- 1/19 **VINCENT MONACO**, brother of Charles Monaco
- 1/20 **JONATHAN TARA**, son of John & Mary Tara
- 1/21 **CHARLIE CAMPDERRICH**, son of Jody Campderrich
- 1/21 **LISA WEBB**, sister of Janine Clancy
- 1/21 **YVONNE LAURICE AJAKIE**, daughter of Evelyn Rabi
- 1/22 **KEITH DANIEL**, son of Linda Daniel Finer
- 1/23 **ADRIAN V. ROSAS**, son of Alejandra & Adriano Rosas
- 1/24 **ALEX KNEPPER**, son of Lisa & Emanuel Psychojos
- 1/24 **ERIC ROSENBERG**, son of Sharon Rosenberg
- 1/24 **LATASHA ALCANTARA**, daughter of Anita Guy-Martin
- 1/24 **MICHAEL AARONSON**, son of Dorothy Aaronson, brother of Robert Aaronson
- 1/25 **ARIELLE ANEY**, daughter of Jenelle & Christopher Aney
- 1/25 **KELLY ERIN GRAVES**, daughter of Gail Graves
- 1/26 **DAVID 'JESSE' REISSMAN**, brother of Phil Reissman
- 1/26 **FRANCISCO JAVIER**, son of Doris Cales
- 1/26 **SONU ADAMS**, daughter of Una Chaudhuri & Michael Adams, sister of Nathaniel Adams
- 1/27 **JEFF CARPENTER**, son of Donna Carpenter
- 1/27 **JOHN THOMAS (TOMMY) VIGORITA**, son of Patricia & Vincent Vigorita
- 1/27 **ROBBIE LAWRENCE**, son of Keisha Lawrence
- 1/27 **WILL EARLE**, son of Nancy Earle
- 1/29 **EREZ KLEIN**, son of Rachel Gordon
- 1/30 **JIMMY ARMSTRONG**, brother of Siobhan Armstrong
- 1/31 **AHREN JUDE KARRAN SINGH**, son of Rondha-Ann Lam
- 1/31 **ELLIS ZIMMERMAN**, son of Anna Ellis & Benjamin Zimmerman



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- 1/1 **SCOTT DEMEL**, son of Caren and Marc Demel
- 1/2 **BRADLEY CHAIN**, son of Herbert Chain
- 1/3 **AMIAS**, son of Samantha Diaz, nephew of Jasmine Burney
- 1/3 **BARBARA STRAUSS**, sister of Joanne Shapiro
- 1/3 **PHILIP GOODFRIEND**, son of Debbie Goodfriend
- 1/3 **STUART MILLER**, son of Nancy Morgan
- 1/3 **WILLIAM FISHER**, son of Sally A. Fisher
- 1/4 **JASON KLEIN**, son of Jeanette LaBarb
- 1/4 **LOUIS DEDAJ**, brother of Victor Dedaj
- 1/4 **MARK H. IHDE**, son of Linda & Don Ihde
- 1/4 **ROBBIE LAWRENCE**, son of Keisha Lawrence
- 1/5 **NOELLE QUARANTA**, sister of Meredith Bonacci
- 1/6 **ARA DYMOND**, son of George & Linda Torosian Dymond
- 1/7 **JAKE GOLDBERG**, son of Gene Goldberg, brother of Ben Goldberg
- 1/8 **AVA NASCIMENTO**, granddaughter of Eugenia Nascimento, niece of Laura Jones
- 1/8 **DAVID MCSWAIN**, brother of Malissa McSwain
- 1/8 **JASON R. CHIN**, son of China Chin
- 1/9 **CAROLINE MONTGOMERY**, daughter of Catherine Montgomery
- 1/10 **ELLIOT CALVIN COPP**, son of Ariel Marie Pierce & Aaron Copp
- 1/10 **INSANN LAWLOR**, son of Serena Bhaduri
- 1/11 **ANYA GABRIELA KUPPERSMITH**, daughter of Judith Kuppersmith
- 1/11 **SAM BERGER**, son of Marla & David Berger
- 1/12 **CHARLOTTE MILLER**, daughter of Caitlin Felton & Barney Miller, sister of Clara
- 1/13 **WONDER HAMILTON**, daughter of Gary & Jennifer Hamilton
- 1/14 **CASEY CRUZ**, daughter of Ibelka Cruz
- 1/14 **CHRISTOPHER MURPHY**, brother of Nina Murphy
- 1/16 **SANDY SMITH**, sister of Cindy Smith
- 1/18 **DAYLE HENRY GRUBER**, son of Hank Henry
- 1/18 **LISA WEBB**, sister of Janine Clancy
- 1/19 **JENNA AGULE**, sister of Devon Agule

- 1/19 **ROBERT GOODEN**, son of Tonya & Frank Gooden
- 1/20 **ELIZABETH HANAU**, daughter of Marsha Hanau
- 1/22 **CHANDI PYTOWSKI**, daughter of Rosanne Cosentino & Bronek Pytowski
- 1/22 **MAGGIE GOWELL**, daughter of John & Rosanna Gowell and sister of Jesse
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- 1/23 **JAMES MONTGOMERY**, son of Denise Montgomery
- 1/23 **VICTOR CHEN**, son of Vivien Chen
- 1/24 **JAMILA IRONS-JOHNSON**, daughter of Jeannine Irons
- 1/24 **RAY RATTRAY**, son of Amy Schrier & Dan Rattray
- 1/25 **ADAM RAPOPORT**, brother of Lindsay Rapoport
- 1/25 **ANTHONY SANCHEZ**, son of Deborah Sanchez
- 1/25 **MEGAN SMITH**, daughter of Ann Smith
- 1/25 **RICHARD WARNOCK**, son of Claire Warnock, brother of Susan Warnock
- 1/26 **JULIO BARRERA**, son of Martha Riveira
- 1/27 **JASMINA ANEMA**, daughter of Theodora Anema
- 1/28 **ALEXANDER GOLDIN-KRAUS**, son of Jill Goldin
- 1/28 **ALEXANDRA DISANTIS**, daughter of Margo & Frank DeSantis
- 1/28 **MATT RITTER**, brother of Grace Ritter
- 1/29 **DANIEL SNYDER**, brother of Lisa Snyder
- 1/29 **JOSIAH BAAWUAH**, son of Porsha & Terry Baawuah
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- 1/30 **CHRISTOPHER KWIK**, brother of Sharon Kwik
- 1/30 **RICK HOWELL**, brother of Annie Howell
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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| ET                                                                                                                       | MORNING                                              | EARLIER EVENING                                                 | LATER EVENING                                               |
| MON                                                                                                                      | Parents/Grandparents/Siblings                        | First time CHAT orientation                                     | General Bereavement<br>Parents/Grandparents/Siblings        |
| TUE                                                                                                                      |                                                      | Loss to Substance Related Causes<br>First time CHAT orientation | Bereaved less than 2 yrs<br>Bereaved more than 2 yrs        |
| WED                                                                                                                      | Parents/Grandparents/Siblings                        | First time CHAT orientation                                     | General Bereavement<br>Parents/Grandparents/Siblings        |
| THU                                                                                                                      |                                                      | No Surviving Children<br>First time CHAT orientation            | General Bereavement<br>Parents/Grandparents/Siblings        |
| FRI                                                                                                                      | General Bereavement<br>Parents/Grandparents/Siblings | Pregnancy/Infant Loss                                           | General Bereavement<br>Parents/Grandparents/Siblings        |
| SAT                                                                                                                      |                                                      |                                                                 | General Bereavement<br>Parents/Grandparents/Siblings        |
| SUN                                                                                                                      |                                                      | Suicide Loss                                                    | General Bereavement Issues<br>Parents/Grandparents/Siblings |

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#### 24/7 PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUPS

|                                                                          |                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">TCF – Loss of a Child</a>                                    | <a href="#">TCF – Loss of a Grandchild</a>                                  |
| <a href="#">TCF – Loss of a Stepchild</a>                                | <a href="#">TCF – Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren</a>              |
| <a href="#">TCF – Loss of an Only Child/All Your Children</a>            | <a href="#">TCF – Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Loss of an Infant Grandchild</a> |
| <a href="#">TCF – Multiple Losses</a>                                    | <a href="#">TCF – Loss to Long-term Illness</a>                             |
| <a href="#">TCF – Daughterless Mothers</a>                               | <a href="#">TCF – Loss to Cancer</a>                                        |
| <a href="#">TCF – Men in Grief</a>                                       | <a href="#">TCF – Loss After Withdrawing Life Support</a>                   |
| <a href="#">TCF – Bereaved LGBTQ Parents with Loss of a Child</a>        | <a href="#">TCF – Loss to Mental Illness</a>                                |
| <a href="#">TCF – Bereaved Parents with Grandchild Visitation Issues</a> | <a href="#">TCF – Sudden Death</a>                                          |
| <a href="#">TCF – Loss to Miscarriage or Stillbirth</a>                  | <a href="#">TCF – Loss to Suicide</a>                                       |
| <a href="#">TCF – Infant and Toddler Loss</a>                            | <a href="#">TCF – Loss to Homicide</a>                                      |
| <a href="#">TCF – Loss of a Child 4 -12 Years Old</a>                    | <a href="#">TCF – Loss to Substance Related Causes</a>                      |
| <a href="#">TCF – Loss of a Child 13-19 Years Old</a>                    | <a href="#">TCF – Loss to a Drunk/Impaired Driver</a>                       |
| <a href="#">TCF – Loss of an Adult Child</a>                             | <a href="#">TCF – Grieving with Faith and Hope</a>                          |
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