



The Compassionate Friends
Manhattan Chapter
 Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Our next meetings...
 Mar 24
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Manhattan Chapter Newsletter **March/April 2026**

MAR 24TH MEETING—4TH TUESDAY IN-PERSON ONLY

On the fourth Tuesday this month only, March 24th. 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.

Grief Is Not A Season

It's a Language We Learn To Speak

by Mellissa Hull

There's a phrase I used to hear all the time:

"Grief is just a season."

At first, I clung to it like a lifeline. A season meant temporary. A season meant there would be an end. A season meant I could eventually go back to who I was before the loss.

But now, twenty-five years after losing my son Drew, I know better.

Grief is not a season.

It's a language – one we are forced to learn when our world splits apart. A language of silence, ache, surrender, memory, and presence. A language that shapes the way we move through the world forever.

And like any language, it takes time to understand. Time to become fluent. Time to learn how to speak it, not just feel swallowed by it.

The First Words We Learn In Grief

In the beginning, grief only knows how to scream.

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THE NEED TO MATTER

by Marie Levine

Today the NYTimes reports on two new books:

THE MATTERING INSTINCT: How Our Deepest Longing Drives Us and Divides Us,

by Rebecca Newberger Goldstein

MATTERING: The Secret to a Life of Deep Connection and Purpose,

by Jennifer Breheny Wallace

Once again I am reminded of one of my earliest realizations on this journey – the need we all have to matter. I recently watched a TV report about National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore. He has spent the past dozen years photographing what he hopes will be every living species before they go extinct. The project is called Photo Ark and he has been traveling around the globe for more than a dozen years now creating an amazing record of every species living today. It is an exhaustive effort and has to date created along with National Geographic, an incredible record for posterity. He has no intention of ever stopping and works tirelessly. Asked what drives him he states to the interviewer, he "wants to do something that makes his life matter". I am struck dumb at this statement. I think back to what was so important to me when describing Peter, whose life ended at only 22 years. I needed to know that his life "mattered".

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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
 Mar. 24 and Apr. 21, 2026, 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.

THE NEED TO MATTER

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Today, the news reports of the suicide of a beautiful 31 year old former beauty queen, an accomplished lawyer, a successful news commentator a magnificent, accomplished woman who noted on a recent social media posting that as she approached her 30th birthday she felt she was running out of time to “matter in this world”....

I am brought to my knees at the loss of this magnificent young person brought down by the pressure our society put on her... but reminded of my own acknowledgement of how important that need was apparent to me. When Peter died and I enumerated all that he had accomplished in his abbreviated life, what I acknowledged was most important was “that he mattered”.

We wonder, like Alfie, “What’s it all about”. So many of us conclude that it is about “Mattering”. In the end, can we look at our lives and decide we made a difference somewhere? Did it even matter that we lived? In our old age we look back and take stock of what impact we had. If we are found wanting, we hope that our children will make up for our disappointments. I imagine that having a surviving child who outlives us might maintain our sense of “mattering”. Becoming “childless” doesn’t leave us much room for having mattered.

Mattering is on my mind today. It was so important in those early days to convince myself and the world that Peter “mattered”. Now, having arrived in my “old age”, I look at my life and wonder if I mattered. I am forced to conclude that those I have impacted by sharing how I have survived the loss of my beloved only child Peter, is what makes me matter. How strange and unsettling is that!? I suppose I matter because Peter lived. And maybe because he died?.. that’s a hard one to swallow.

Seems the world is now recognizing “mattering” as an instinct.

Anyway, my dear compassionate friends, who else could I share these musings with? Here again, is what I wrote so many years ago... my thoughts on The Need To Matter.

THE NEED TO MATTER

On the recent tenth anniversary of the downing of PanAm flight 103, a surviving sibling wrote a touching tribute to his brother in The New Yorker magazine (December 21, 1998), called “Where My Brother Fell to Earth”. In the end, after 5000 masterfully written words describing the event, its aftermath, the effect on the survivors and most poignantly, a lengthy description of his lost brother’s failings and attributes, Ken Dornstein ends with the sentence...” in the end it can be said that he mattered”.

I was so taken with this closing sentence. It pierced my soul with familiarity that made me feel I could have written it myself. Looking back, I saw that I had. When I could not get the phrase out of my mind, I began to look through much of the pained writings of my earliest grieving days. As memory overcame me, I soon came to recognize my own lifelong desire to matter and my unrelenting belief that Peter was ultimately what made me matter. And I recognized too, that my hope of Peter mattering in some future extra

NEED TO MATTER

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ordinary sense died with him that rainy night in August 1993.

All of us feel, in addition to how much they themselves matter, that our children make us matter. Without them we are so reduced that whatever else we ultimately do with our remaining lives; we will never matter as much as we did to our kids. I suspect this need to matter and coming to terms with not mattering is more pronounced among those with no surviving children. Surely, though the loss of a *child* is no greater whether it is an only child or one of several children, the loss is of so much of one’s *self* when the loss leaves you childless, it seems to bring on a sense of being adrift in the universe...of simply not really mattering at all.

As a child I can remember thinking how wonderful it must be to be able to write a book. Or paint a painting. Or write a song. Strange as it is to contemplate today, in my earliest years I was impressed by lives that managed to create something lasting beyond their own limited lifespan. I suspect that the desire to leave something behind that is larger than life is not limited to the great artists of the day. The poorest kids in the bleakest neighborhoods recognize the thrill of leaving their graffiti’ “tags” on overpasses, trains and other impossible locations. In their limited view, it is their statement of immortality. Something that will outlast them and give some permanent meaning to their little lives.

By the time I had Peter I no longer believed I would write the great American novel or paint a masterful work of art or compose a body of music to rival Gershwin. But in my child rested all the possibilities of the universe. Not only did he more than fulfill my wildest creative dreams, in him, hidden from anyone’s possible knowing, could be some future greatness that could impact the world. It mattered greatly that he survive and prosper for all that might come after him. We all matter for what might come from our having existed.

So how do we, in our almost completed lives, resolve the fact that our greatest work, the one that would have made us really matter, has been lost? That though we may manage to matter temporarily in some tiny way, nothing that will ever happen in the world will be greatly impacted for our having lived. Believing this, it astonishes me, that I, and so many of my bereaved friends, simply refuse to give up the fight. Though Peter is physically gone I fight daily to keep his memory alive... to make him “matter”. Though he will never write the great American novel, perhaps one of the kids who benefit from the scholarship award that bears his name will. Those who knew him are regularly reminded of him by me. Those who only know me in my post-Mom life, always tell me that they feel like they know Peter. That is always music to my ears.

The need to matter is so overwhelming to us. To us our children mattered more than anything in the world. Days after Peter died in 1993, I put together a little book about him, to give to those who loved him and who, I hoped would occasionally give his brief life a thought and glance through the little book in remembrance. In my desperate attempt to quantify so short a life, I wrote:

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THE NEED TO MATTER (con't from page 2)

*This little book is about a life.
Peter's life. Though short it was well lived.
He grew up fairly healthy.
He grew to be tall ... and handsome.
He knew love – the love of his family and his friends.
He knew of romantic love –
the magic of finding it...
the pain of losing it.
He knew passion and physical love.
He knew adventure.
He knew intense brotherly friendship.
He enjoyed great comfort and social acceptance.
He knew the admiration of neighbors and associates.
He knew how to be kind and caring.
He knew achievement.
He knew how to laugh and make others laugh.
His was a successful life, for in the end, it can be said
that he mattered. He had a presence that seemed
"larger than life", and an impact that will long survive
him
Those who knew him are better for the experience.
Those who come after him will know him from
those who carry him in their hearts.*

~ Marie Levine, March 1999

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

*"It takes more than will power to stop thinking of someone you
have loved and lost. I could see that in the slump of his shoul-
ders and the way his feet were set close together. He had
tried, in a burst of energetic resolve. But it would take more
than that, to stop. Whatever new beauties he would discover
in the world would still, for a long time and maybe for his
whole life, not be quite enough to keep his memory.*

~ Josephine Humphries

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Grief Is Not A Season (con't from page 1)

It doesn't come with words or wisdom. It comes with a roar – a gut-
tural, breathless, bottomless wail that language cannot hold. That's
how it was for me in the hours after Drew died. The sound that es-
caped me was something I didn't recognize myself.

It was raw. It was primal. It was truth.

And it was the beginning of my fluency in a language I never want-
ed to learn.

When The World Speaks a Different Language

One of the most painful parts of grief is realizing how few people
around you speak it.

You're walking through a grocery store with a broken heart, while
everyone else talks about weekend plans and birthday parties. You
go back to work and people expect you to "be okay" again, as if
the return to routine means the return to your former self.

They don't mean harm. They're just speaking a different language –
one of goals and tasks and surface level conversation.

And you? You're listening for echoes of your child's voice in a quiet
room. You're deciphering meaning in a song, a scent, a flicker of
light that feels like a message. You're still holding their toothbrush.
Their favorite cup.

You're speaking grief. And it feels like no one else can understand.

Finding The Words To Stay Alive

There's a point in grief – different for each of us - when we stop
trying to survive the pain and start trying to understand it.

That's when grief begins to shift from chaos into communication.
From screaming into whispering. From a force that flattens us to
one that speaks to us – if we're willing to listen.

I remember when I began to journal again. I didn't have anything
profound to say. All I could write was:

"I got out of bed today. I fed the dog. I cried in the car."

But even that was progress. It meant I was starting to give shape to
my sorrow. Starting to find rhythm in the storm. Starting to interpret
the language of grief, one fragile word at a time.

The Language Evolves

Over time, the way grief speaks to us changes.

In the beginning it's all pain.

Then it becomes memory.

Then it becomes perspective.

And sometimes – when we least expect it – it becomes love again.

Not the kind of love we once knew. Not the cuddles and giggles
and hand-holding kind. But a spiritual, infinite, knowing kind. A
love that transcends time and space and touches you in the quiet.

Sometimes I feel Drew in the way a breeze moves through a room.
In the lyrics of a song I wasn't expecting. In a stranger's laugh that
sounds just like his.

That's grief, speaking in a new dialect.

That's love, answering back.

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Days

by Danielle Tavares

There are days I wake up with the weight of my broken heart so heavy I can barely breathe.

Days that I wake up so angry at the tragedy of your death that I want to scream.

Days that the tears ebb and flow so freely as if it were just yesterday that you were taken from me.

Days that the memories we shared flicker just out of sight and mix with the memories we don't get to make anymore.

But then there are days that I wake up and feel the slightest warmth on my face and smile.

Days that I can hear a song and instead of crying I laugh.

Days that I am reminded of just how wonderful you were.

Days that show me grace and comfort.

Days of gratitude for being your Mom no matter how long or short that may have been.

Days with pride that you saved others' lives with your own.

Days that I know with so much certainty that you are right beside me in everything I do.

So no matter what day I am waking up to

Know that I take you with me.

I take you down the road of sorrow as well as the road of joy.

I hold you in my heart with every beat.

I share in you my laughter, my tears, my pain, my pride and above all, my love

~ **Days** and **Grief Is Not A Season** are reprinted with permission from TCF's "We Need Not Walk Alone", Dec. 2025

....**from Healing After Loss ...** (con't from page 3)

At first, we have no choice but to think almost constantly of the one we have lost. An hour does not pass that we are not aware of our loss – remembering the person, recalling episodes and moods of our life together, thinking of what can no longer be.

Then maybe one day we are startled to realize that for several hours, maybe even a full day, our thoughts have been elsewhere. We are beginning to heal.

But we do not need to worry that we will lose the memory of those we love. What we need to remember, we will. And sometime when "new beauties" come, the memory of the loved one shines even more brightly – as we imagine sharing this new joy with the one we have lost. There is pain in this, but perhaps there is also a refreshed sense of the loved one's being.

The memory of my loved one is part of my life forever.

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Grief Is Not A Season (con't from page 1)

Grief Fluency In The Real World

You don't stop grieving.

You learn to grieve well.

You learn to let it move through you without controlling you.

You learn when to speak it and when to hold it in silence.

You learn how to show up in joy and still carry your loss with grace.

This is fluency.

This is what it means to live inside the language of grief while still building a life worth living.

Speaking Grief In Relationships

Learning to speak grief doesn't just help us understand ourselves – it helps us communicate with others.

It teaches us how to ask for what we need. How to say "I'm not okay" without apology.

It teaches us to hold space for others without needing to fix them.

It teaches us how to sit in discomfort, to bear witness, to be present.

Grief made me a better mother to my living children. A better partner. A better friend. A better guide for others. Not because I figured out how to get over the loss – but because I learned how to stay with it, and with myself, and still live.

You Don't have To Be Fluent Yet

If you're still in the screaming phase – where words don't work and nothing makes sense – I want you to know:

You're not broken. You're learning.

Grief doesn't come with a dictionary. There are no phrasebooks. No easy translations

But the more you meet yourself in it, the more fluency you gain.

One day, you'll find yourself explaining your grief in a way that helps someone else feel seen.

One day you'll notice beauty again – and realize that grief has taught you to notice it more deeply.

One day your grief will say something so honest and so clear, you'll feel your own soul nod in agreement.

And that's when you'll know:

You didn't get over it.

You didn't let go.

You learned how to speak it.

Grief Has a Voice. Let It Speak.

We don't need to silence grief. We need to give it a vocabulary.

We don't need to outrun it. We need to understand its rhythms.

We don't need to deny it. We need to learn how to live inside it.

Grief is not a season. It's not temporary. It's not linear.

It's a sacred language – and when we learn to speak it, we also learn how to live again.

Melissa Hall is a mother, best-selling author, international speaker, media host, master coach, and CEO. When Melissa tragically lost her young son in a drowning accident, she chose to embrace healing as an intentional, ongoing process. She encourages others to meet grief with courage, resilience, and love, showing that healing is possible and love transcends physical existence.

SIBLINGS

Disenfranchised grief

by Dr. Alan Wofelt

The loss of an adult sibling is often a significant one. I have had the privilege of companioning many mourners who have experienced the death of a sibling. They have taught me that they often feel deep pain and a profound sense of loss. Perhaps this resonates with you and your experience.

Yet too often, our society views the death of an adult sibling as less important than the death of a spouse, a child, a parent or even a close friend. This results in surviving siblings feeling unvalidated and unsupported in their grief. We sometimes call this “disenfranchised grief”, meaning that it is not acknowledged in our culture. I also use the term “forgotten mourners” to describe this problem. Has this happened to you?

The truth is, no losses are “less than.” They are simply different. What’s more, the stronger your attachment to someone who dies, the stronger your grief is likely to be – no matter the type of relationship (spouse, child, parent, sibling, friend, etc.). Also, when relationships are strained, difficult or have been cut off, we often experience natural complications because we mourn for what we wish could have been.

If you are feeling disenfranchised in your grief over the loss of your sibling, you can choose to get the support you need. First, talk to your spouse, your children and your best friends about your thoughts and feelings. Tell them that you are struggling and that you need their help. Many people are willing and able to be supportive if only they are made aware that support is needed.

Second, seek out others who have experienced the death of a sibling. You will probably find that they understand your grief and are willing to talk to you about theirs. Some of these people may even help form a support group that you can participate in.

And third, consider seeing a grief counselor if support among your friends and family is lacking. Many (though not all) grief counselors understand that adult sibling loss can be just as difficult as other types of loss, and their compassionate support assuring your grief journey can make all the difference.

A SISTER IS FOREVER

*A sister's a sister forever,
a bond that diminishes never.
A friend who is kindly and caring.
A sibling God chose for sharing.
Few ties are as deep and so profound
and with so much affection abound.
Though some thoughts are seldom expressed
love endures and survives every test.
Of the constants that rest in the heart,
a sister is a primary part.
She'll always be there when you need her,
you listen, you value, you heed her.
As growth, independence you ponder,
your feelings grow deeper and fonder;
and life tells you one thing that's true,
a sister's a large part of you.*

~ Bruce B. Wilmer, TCF, FL

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.*

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 ZOOM MEETINGS

SIB Suicide support - Meets 4th Monday of the month at 9PM Eastern

Meeting with Jordon - Meets Tuesdays at 7PM ET

Grief Book Club - Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:30 PM ET

Write your soul - Meets first & third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM ET

Meeting with Jason - Meets Thursdays at 7PM ET

LGBTQ+ Sibs - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9:30PM ET

Sibs that died of addiction – meets 4th Friday at 7PM ET

Canada sib sharing circle - meets 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00PM ET

Sibs in relationships & partners - Meets 2nd Sunday of the month at 7PM ET

To sign up for TCF SIBS newsletter,
visit siblingisland.com

The Ache We Hold Inside

When these children we loved are taken
and the years pass slowly by,
you feel the grieving is over,
but the ache is still inside.

This life of ours must continue. And
The tears we must learn to hide.
But you know it will never leave you,
this ache we feel inside.

Their siblings go on with their future,
and you know this is how it should be.
You share in their joys and sorrow,
but that ache won't let you free.

Where they rest, you visit less often,
and their voices are not as clear.
And our zest for life is returning,
but the ache is always near.

Our friends and families tell us
how well we handled our grief.
If they only knew deep within us,
from this ache there is no relief.

When alone we talk to them often,
for we know they are still by our side.
And the warmth of our memories comfort,
but the ache will always abide.

As we continue this earthly voyage,
and the calm and the storms pass by,
we will cherish our precious memories,
and this ache we hold inside.

~author unknown, from TCF Cincinnati chapter

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 our-
selves,*

*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.

*I begin to wonder if it is I who have died.
Perhaps I am even wishing it for it, so as not to
have these feelings.
But the life that still flows through me has
watched my frantic flight from feeling,
and graciously awaits my return.
The way I feel can never be the end of me.*

~Molly Fumia, from "Safe Passage"

Recommended Reading.... See www.centering.com.

Into The Valley & Out Again by Richard Edler - A father's Journey

Will Our Tears Frever Flow by Ted Wampler - A father's story

Love Never Dies by Sandy Goodman - A mother's journey from loss to love.

First You Die; Learn to Live After the Death of Your Child by Marie Levine

When The Bough Breaks by Judith Bernstein, PhD

Empty Cradle, Broken Heart by Deborah Davis - Surviving the Death of Your Baby

This Little While by Joy & Marv Johnson - for parents experiencing death of stillborn or very young infant



49TH TCF NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The national conference is a place for bereaved families to find community and hope, while learning and sharing with others. Lifelong friendships are often made at the conference through meeting others who truly understand the painful loss of a child, sibling, or grandchild. This eagerly anticipated event will take place in Baltimore, Maryland, during the weekend of July 2-5, 2026.

[More Information](#)



OUR CHILDREN—LOVED AND REMEMBERED



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 **BOSTON GRIMM-STIBEL**, son of Travis Grimm
 3/1 **JO ANNA BURRO**, daughter of Jeanette Burro
 3/1 **RISA FIELD**, sister of Barbara Field
 3/1 **ROSARIO TORANZO**, sister of Carmen Toranzo
 3/1 **SCOTT DEMEL**, son of Caren and Marc Demel
 3/3 **AREIS GORDON**, son of Joselyn Gordon
 3/3 **DAVID MILLER**, brother of Jeanie Miller
 3/3 **DIANE HASS**, daughter of Lillian Hass
 3/3 **JENNA AGULE**, sister of Devon Agule
 3/4 **CHRISTOPHER ROMINE**, brother of Jennifer Romine
 3/4 **JASMINA ANEMA**, daughter of Theodora Anema
 3/5 **PAMELYNN SAMUEL**, daughter of Madelaine Samuel
 3/5 **RAY RATTRAY**, son of Amy Schrier & Dan Ratray
 3/5 **STEFANO AGOSTINELLI**, son of Pascale Agostinelli
 3/6 **LEAH NICO**, daughter of Linda Sacks, sister of Mara Bragg
 3/6 **PARKER KOLTCHAK**, son of Deb Capone
 3/6 **SITA OLIVE SINGH DUTTON**, daughter of Nirvani Bissessar and Edward Dutton
 3/7 **CHRISTIAN FUERSICH**, son of Janet Fuersich
 3/7 **RORY DAZE CHONG**, son of Pam Chong
 3/7 **SHIMMER HALL**, daughter of Janine James
 3/8 **DANIELLE ALEXANDRA GORDON**, daughter of Fran Gordon
 3/8 **MAGGIE GOWELL**, daughter of John & Rosanna Gowell and sister of Jesse
 3/9 **ANJELINA PATRICE WILLS**, granddaughter of Patricia Tyler-Owens
 3/10 **CYBELE ELIZABETH FISHER-KOPPEL**, daughter of Phyllis & Jack Fisher, sister of Remy Fisher-Bauman
 3/10 **ELINOR FRIEDBERG BLUME**, daughter of Leslie Kandell
 3/10 **JULIAN SERAFIN**, son of Agata Lisok-Serafin
 3/11 **GRACE CORDERO**, daughter of Margarita Zambrano
 3/11 **LYNDON HOWARD**, son of Lila Howard
 3/11 **SEAMUS WOOD**, son of Will Wood & Deb Funkhouser
 3/12 **BENJAMIN RONALD OJEDA-FEINSTEIN**, son of Talo Ojeda & Reva Feinstein
 3/13 **ALEXANDER ANDUJAR JR.**, son of Madelaine Colon
 3/13 **ROBERT CABALES**, son of Susan Cabaless
 3/14 **ALEXANDRA POLLIO**, daughter of Kathleen Curcio
 3/14 **BENJAMIN LEWIS KAPLAN**, son of Barbara Lewis Kaplan , brother of Julia Kaplan
 3/14 **WILLIAM JOHN BERTRAND**, son of MaryLee Bertrand
 3/15 **DEVON WONG**, son of Jennifer Bailey and Allan Wong
 3/15 **ROBERT PATRICK JENKINS**, son of Barbara Jenkins, brother of Cheryl

3/17 **ELYSE CARVER**, daughter of Violette Carver
 3/17 **GERSON JAIR SALMON**, son of Ivette Salmon
 3/17 **SOLOMON LEVINE**, son of Debby Levine
 3/17 **WILLIAM FISHER**, son of Sally A. Fisher
 3/18 **ANDY FISHER**, son of Barbara Fisher
 3/18 **ANDY PERSAUD**, son of Dennis Persaud, brother of Andrea Persaud
 3/18 **DESHA BEAMER**, sister of Laura Beamer
 3/19 **CHARLOTTE MILLER**, daughter of Caitlin Felton & Barney Miller, sister of Clara
 3/20 **ISABEL L. DODWELL**, daughter of Amy & William Dodwell
 3/20 **PHILIP GOODFRIEND**, son of Debbie Goodfriend
 3/21 **JOSHUA UNDERWOOD**, brother of Sarah Underwood
 3/22 **DARIA NORTON**, daughter of Charlotte Savino & Lee Norton
 3/23 **ALEXANDER ROBERTS**, son of Nancy Roberts
 3/23 **BIANCA J. BURRELL**, daughter of Iciline Burrell
 3/23 **GLENN GILLIARD**, son of Rose Chaney
 3/23 **MANUEL RODRIGUEZ**, son of Irene Rodriguez
 3/24 **BRYANT GIBBS**, brother of Cynthia Gibbs-Pratt
 3/24 **RONAN CHRISTOPHER LOUIS**, son of Rick Louis
 3/25 **AUDREY NIBLO**, daughter of John Niblo
 3/25 **JADEN MAXWELL THOMAS**, son of Louise Thomas, brother of Tanya
 3/25 **RICHARD CONLEY**, son of Phyllis Conley
 3/26 **AMANDA PIMENTEL GUZMAN**, daughter of Mayireny Guzman & Juan Pimentel
 3/26 **BEN BREEN**, son of Carol Breen
 3/26 **JEREMY PALLEY**, son of Iris Palley and Stephen Palley
 3/26 **NOAH COMPTON-MEYER**, nephew of Allison Meyer
 3/27 **CHADWICK ALEXANDER ANDERSON**, son of Stacie Hawkins
 3/27 **STEVEN HOUTERMAN**, son of Awilda Rodriguez Houterman
 3/28 **DAVID LANG BAREK**, son of Peggy Lang
 3/29 **BRANDON WEDEL**, brother of Brittni Wedel
 3/29 **MICHAEL VINCENT ROSEN PIPTONE**, son of Alison Rosen & David Hantman
 3/29 **ROBERT VRABLIK**, brother of Lauren Vrablik
 3/30 **ALEX REY**, son of Alex and Myrna Rey, brother of Amanda Rey
 3/30 **AURELIE FRANCHITTI**, daughter of Marianna Vertsman, sister of Valerie Franchitti
 3/30 **SANDY SMITH**, sister of Cindy Smith
 3/30 **ZANE MANDEL-MICHALAK**, son of Janet Robinson
 3/31 **ADAM RAPOPORT**, brother of Lindsay Rapoport
 3/31 **ROBERT RODRIGUEZ**, son of Caroline Linares





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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



3/2 **DANIEL ALBERT**, son of Anita Albert, brother of Jenna Van Dusen
 3/2 **NATASHA GEMBKA**, daughter of Tim & Alexis Gembka
 3/2 **TY PICKETT**, son of Jan Pickett
 3/3 **ERIC LINETT**, beloved nephew of Roberta Schine
 3/3 **LOUIS ARESU**, son of Elizabeth Sperrazza, brother of Maria Sperrazza
 3/4 **EDDIE WALSH**, twin brother of Tricia Walsh
 3/4 **SAESHA KAYTAL**, daughter of Supriya & Sid Kaytal
 3/4 **WILL EARLE**, son of Nancy Earle
 3/5 **MICHAEL MCFARLAND**, son of Tamara McFarland
 3/5 **SONNY MINHAS**, brother of Amrita Minhas
 3/6 **ALEXANDER MAXWELL**, son of Deanna & Kent Grant
 3/6 **DANIELLE BAKER**, sister of Tiffany Baker
 3/6 **DIMITRI VAZQUEZ**, son of Maria Bryant
 3/6 **RICHIE BENANTI**, son of Monica Benanti
 3/7 **PETER SCHLENDORF**, son of Karen Schlendorf
 3/9 **DAVID 'JESSE' REISSMAN**, brother of Phil Reissman
 3/9 **DONNA MALIZIS**, daughter of Agata Malizis
 3/9 **ROBERT VRABLIK**, brother of Lauren Vrablik
 3/9 **ROSARIO TORANZO**, sister of Carmen Toranzo
 3/9 **SABRINA CLAUSS-EHLERS**, daughter of CC & Julian Clauss-Ehlers
 3/10 **BRIAN MARC LIPTON**, son of Nancy & Charles Lipton
 3/11 **GRACE CORDERO**, daughter of Margarita Zambrano
 3/11 **MILO KESSLER**, son of Alana Fishberg & Daryl Kessler
 3/12 **AMOL VADEHRA**, brother of Mallika Vadehra
 3/12 **BURTON SANDLES**, son of Ina Sandles
 3/12 **TEREL SMITH**, son of Cathy Philbert
 3/13 **JACK CASSELS**, son of Ellen Cassels-Conde & John Cassels, brother of Collin Cassels
 3/13 **JOHN CORBETT**, brother of Sara Corbett
 3/13 **JUDAH GUBBAY**, son of Marge Gubbay
 3/13 **NOAH COMPTON-MEYER**, nephew of Allison Meyer
 3/14 **AMY KIMM**, daughter of Arleen Becker
 3/14 **MICHAEL ANTHONY EAGLE**, son of Leslie Katina Eagle
 3/15 **DANIELLE ALEXANDRA GORDON**, daughter of Fran Gordon
 3/16 **ARTHUR KOZLOVSKI**, brother of Kristina Kozlovski
 3/16 **CHARLIE DENIHAN**, son of Barbara and Ben Denihan, brother of Krissy and Kate
 3/16 **MICHAEL KAMEO**, son of Mordi and Keren Kameo

3/16 **NICHOLAS MONICO**, son of Lisa & Craig Monico
 3/17 **ISAAC JACOB MEYERS**, son of Nahma Sandrow Meyers, brother of Hannah Meyers
 3/17 **LAUREN HAROPULOS**, daughter of Mike & Barbara Haropulos
 3/18 **CATHERINE CORENU**, daughter of Carrie Tuhy
 3/18 **CHARLENE ALVAREZ**, daughter of Charlie Alvarez
 3/18 **DAVID MILLER**, brother of Jeanie Miller
 3/19 **DAVID KRANZ**, son of Denise Kranz and Charles Katz
 3/19 **LUKA BALAC**, son of Olgica Balac
 3/19 **SITA OLIVE SINGH DUTTON**, daughter of Nirvani Bissessar and Edward Dutton
 3/20 **MICHAEL STEIN**, son of Eric Stein
 3/20 **RASHID WASHINGTON**, son of Chakaina Anderson
 3/21 **JELANI CARTER**, son of Darlene Hoffman
 3/21 **LOUIS KORENMAN**, son of Sanders Korenman
 3/21 **MELANIE DINOWITZ**, daughter of Elaine Dinowitz
 3/22 **CARRA POLEN**, daughter of Nella Hahn
 3/22 **LIN GUO**, brother of Sylvia Guo
 3/23 **ARIELLE ANEY**, daughter of Jenelle & Christopher Aney
 3/23 **JOSHUA CLARKE**, son of Jodie Retalis & Anthony Clarke
 3/24 **BIANCA J. BURRELL**, daughter of Iciline Burrell
 3/24 **CALLUM ROCHE**, son of Sean Roche
 3/24 **SUZANNE PAGE**, daughter of Timmie Ross
 3/25 **MATTHEW CARLSON LUTZ**, son of Linda L. Carlson
 3/25 **ROBERT GOKARNA**, son of Kamal Gokarna, brother of Kimberly Gokarna
 3/26 **AIMEE GANDOUR**, sister of Molly Gandour
 3/26 **CLARIS GLOVER**, daughter of Crystal Glover
 3/27 **ASHLEE D. BLAKE GUTIERREZ**, daughter of Marlene & Francisco Gutierrez
 3/28 **ROBERT GRAUP**, son of Leona Graup
 3/28 **TEPLY RACHMEL**, daughter of Allison Tepley & Nir Rachmel
 3/28 **ZAIDA SANTIAGO**, daughter of Selena Santiago & Lewis Harbour
 3/29 **GARY LEUNG**, brother of Tony Leung
 3/29 **KHEMALI MURRAY**, daughter of Georgette Murray
 3/29 **NICOLAS DE LAVALETTE**, brother of Sebastian Lavalette
 3/31 **GRANT PHILLIPS**, son of Linda Phillips
 3/31 **HARRIS KAPLANSKY**, son of Denise Gelfand





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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1	ALAI A MOSLEY , daughter of Patricia Mosley	4/16	PARIS AVILA , brother of Makeda Wilson
4/1	JOEY MASLIAH , brother of Amanda Rockoff	4/16	RICHARD WARNOCK , son of Claire Warnock, brother of Susan Warnock
4/1	SHANA DOWDESWELL , daughter of Laurie & Roger Dowdeswell	4/17	CINDI DIMARZO , sister of Jodi DiMarzo
4/1	TEREL SMITH , son of Cathy Philbert	4/17	SEAN KIMERLING , son of Ervine & Noah Kimerling
4/2	ALI SEEDAT , daughter of Deborah McKinzie	4/18	HARRY GANDEL , grandson of Karen & Meyer Gross
4/3	KYLE DANE , son of Madelaine Samuel	4/18	NICOLAS DE LAVALETTE , brother of Sebastian Lavalette
4/3	NATASHA GEMBKA , daughter of Tim & Alexis Gembka	4/19	ROAN VAUGHAN , son of Melissa Schreiber, Brendan Vaughan & Renee Dale
4/4	ALEX BHAK , son of Karyn Bhak	4/19	SONNY MINHAS , brother of Amrita Minhas
4/4	DANNY MAZRAANI , brother of Mona Mazraani	4/19	SOPHIE ANN MISSHUK , daughter of Evan Misshuk
4/4	JORDAN MITCHELL , son of Melody Mitchell	4/19	WILL TANG , brother of Sandra Tang
4/4	LORI HEALY , daughter of Tom Healy	4/20	ASHER FERGUSON , son of Ryan Ferguson & Christine Tran
4/5	CHRIS MASARONE , twin brother of Nic Masarone	4/20	LAURA FELDSTEIN , daughter of Marilyn & Al Feldstein
4/5	MATTHEW BAUMEISTER , son of Lynn & Mitch Baumeister	4/20	MARSHALL FORDE , son of Asurf Forde, brother of Marcel Forde
4/5	SEAN MERCEDES , son of Lenin Mercedes & Virginia Rivas	4/20	NAOMI STOLAR , sister of Susan Schindler
4/6	CHRISTOPHER KATZ , nephew of Jacqueline Ojeda	4/21	AIDAN HERNANDEZ , son of Maura Moloney & Victor Hernandez
4/7	AMIR PRIZANT , brother of Ayelet Prizant	4/21	BARBARA STRAUSS , sister of Joanne Shapiro
4/7	CYRUS WANECKE , son of Nolan Wanecke & Talya Ramchandani	4/21	JACOB ESPADA , son of Zunilda Gerena, brother of Brianna Rahman
4/7	JASON KLEIN , son of Jeanette LaBarb	4/22	DANIEL ALBERT , son of Anita Albert, brother of Jenna Van Dusen
4/7	MARIA KUZNETSOVA , sister of Nina Kuznetsova	4/22	LYRA MANNING , daughter of Gloria Grayeb
4/8	CYRUS , son of Francine Figueroa	4/22	MWESSE MOMBOULI , son of Merveilles Andzilando
4/8	JUSTIN R. NEGRON , son of Nancy Negron, brother of Samantha	4/24	PAUL HENNESSEY , brother of Kevin Hennessey
4/8	LISA DONOFRIO , daughter of Christina Korteweg	4/24	RYAN KILLACKEY , son of Patricia Killackey
4/8	VICTOR CHEN , son of Vivien Chen	4/24	SAM BINNICKER , brother of Griffin Binnicker
4/10	JONAH SHIMANOFF , son of Eric Shimanoff & Geoffrey Patton	4/25	DANIELE BAKER , sister of Tiffany Baker
4/10	MELANIE DINOWITZ , daughter of Elaine Dinowitz	4/25	JONATHAN JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ , son of Gina Rodriguez, grandson of Maggie Valentin
4/10	SARAH KATZ , daughter of Michael & Jill Katz, sister of Dana Katz	4/25	KRISTEN SANCHEZ , sister of Melissa Rosario
4/10	SHONEN CHAMBERS , sister of Tiffani Chambers	4/26	SEAN COLLINS , brother of Kelly Collins
4/11	AYDIN HOSSAIN , daughter of Beth & Abir Hossain	4/27	BENJAMIN HARTFORD , son of Nora Madonick
4/12	ETHAN MAGDER , son of Andrea & Gary Magder, brother of Abbi Magder	4/27	BRONWEN PRADT , daughter of Katherine Pradt
4/13	DR. AMY BETH ROSEN , daughter of Helen Rosen	4/27	GRETA GREENE , daughter of Stacy & Jayson Greene
4/13	ISAIAH VILLAFANA , son of Camille Evans & Elijah Burgos	4/30	KIARR LACEY MONROE , son of Xenia Vasquez & Lacey Monroe
4/14	SUZANNA ZHOU , sister of Susan Zhou	4/30	LOUIS ARESU , son of Elizabeth Sperrazza, brother of Maria Sperrazza
4/15	MATTHEW CARLSON LUTZ , son of Linda L. Carlson		
4/15	NONI BIALE , daughter of Margaret and Noam Biale		
4/16	ELLA BANDES , daughter of Judy Kottick & Ken Bandes		
4/16	NICHOLAS MONICO , son of Lisa & Craig Monico		

Our Children Remembrances — Changes

A longstanding tradition in our Manhattan Chapter of Compassionate Friends newsletter has been the listing of our children's and sibling's birthdays and anniversaries. I know I look *first* at each issue of the newsletter to see my child's listing, my sister's listing, and scan for the birthdays and anniversaries of my TCF friends' loved ones.

It is very important that our listings are correct and meaningful and we try to keep the listings as accurate and up to date as possible, but we are not perfect. Should you desire a change to your loved one's listing or if your listing is missing, please let us know. Email to tcfmanhattan.nyc@gmail.com and tell us what needs to change.



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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/1 **MARCUS PRESTON**, son of Valerie Preston
- 4/1 **RORY STAUNTON**, son of Orlaith & Ciaran Staunton
- 4/2 **ALEX BHAK**, son of Karyn Bhak
- 4/2 **ANDREW SCHLEIFER**, son of Kittyhawk Schleifer
- 4/2 **LYLA SKYE MEDICI**, daughter of Mimi Delle Donne, sister of Meghan Matias
- 4/3 **DANA FLAX**, sister of Casey Flax
- 4/3 **JULIANNA SANNINO**, daughter of Dominick Sannino
- 4/3 **KRISTOFFER SALAVANTE**, son of Maria & Eliezer Salavante
- 4/3 **SAGE JOSEPH**, daughter of Debra Driscoll
- 4/4 **CHRISTINE EBERT**, daughter of Judy & John Ebert
- 4/4 **JORDAN MITCHELL**, son of Melody Mitchell
- 4/4 **RASHAAD A. KING**, son of Susan King
- 4/6 **MICHAEL WHITLOCK**, son of Peggy Whitlock
- 4/6 **TREVOR MATTHEWS**, son of Angela Matthews
- 4/7 **BRIAN QUINN**, son of Susan Quinn
- 4/7 **JORDAN ELIAS VELAZQUEZ**, son of Kathleen Velazquez
- 4/8 **ALEXANDER ANDUJAR JR.**, son of Madelaine Colon
- 4/8 **CYRUS**, son of Francine Figueroa
- 4/9 **ANDREW FREDERICK RUBIN**, son of Barbara & George Rubin
- 4/10 **DAN OSHINSKY**, brother of Julie Mintz
- 4/11 **DAVID ALEXANDER**, brother of Farah Alexander
- 4/11 **PEARL PATEL**, daughter of Christian Peele & Vinay Patel
- 4/12 **CHRIS BALDWIN**, brother of Brooke Baldwin
- 4/13 **ADAM GERVER**, son of Howie Gerver
- 4/13 **AYDIN HOSSAIN**, daughter of Beth & Abir Hossain
- 4/13 **BAJUN RIDDICK**, son of Gable Grehan
- 4/14 **BRITTANY MALVEAUX**, sister of Jordan Malveaux
- 4/14 **SEAN MERCEDES**, son of Lenin Mercedes & Virginia Rivas

- 4/14 **TYREE SHEPPARD**, son of Laura Sheppard
- 4/16 **DANNY MOONEY, JR.**, son of Danny Mooney
- 4/16 **IAN BYSTOCK**, son of Marc Bystock
- 4/17 **MICHAEL MOUSSA**, son of Mariam Moussa
- 4/18 **JEREMY PALLEY**, son of Iris Palley and Stephen Palley
- 4/20 **KYLE DANE**, son of Madelaine Samuel
- 4/22 **RASHID SOLIS**, son of Frank Solis
- 4/23 **ALIYAH RABSATT**, daughter of Patricia Rabsatt
- 4/23 **KERRY STONE**, brother of Catherine Kells
- 4/23 **KEVIN DEL ROSARIO**, son of Annaliza del Rosario
- 4/23 **PABLO RAMIREZ**, son of Carlos Ramirez
- 4/23 **RISA FIELD**, sister of Barbara Field
- 4/24 **BRANDON MYERS**, brother of Rachel Myers
- 4/24 **CHRIS MASARONE**, twin brother of Nic Masarone
- 4/24 **EREZ KLEIN**, son of Rachel Gordon
- 4/24 **NATALIE JOY HERTEL-VOISINE**, daughter of Barbara Hertel & Don Voisine
- 4/25 **CINDI DIMARZO**, sister of Jodi DiMarzo
- 4/25 **JORGIE PEREZ**, sister of Janeisy Perez
- 4/26 **JAMES HAYS**, brother of Claire Hays
- 4/27 **JAYDEN ALEXANDER BAEZ**, son of Josephine Cartagena
- 4/27 **MARGARET BRAUN-GRIEP**, sister of Helen Braun
- 4/27 **MATTHEW GORDON**, brother of Elizabeth Stilwell
- 4/27 **OLIVIA PETRERA COHEN**, daughter of Nancy Petrera
- 4/27 **TRAVIS FREEMAN**, son of Daniel Freeman & Elizabeth Morse
- 4/28 **AMANDA PIMENTEL GUZMAN**, daughter of Mayireny Guzman & Juan Pimentel
- 4/29 **MAX GLEZOS-CHARTOFF**, son of Julie Chartoff & Irene Glezos
- 4/29 **SOPHIA JOLIET AGUIRRE**, daughter of Monica Deliz
- 4/30 **DEVON ALLEN**, son of Lisa Singletary

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.



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 **GEORGE D. MARAS**, son of Marilyn Maras
- 5/1 **MICHAEL ANTHONY EAGLE**, son of Leslie Katina Eagle
- 5/2 **CASEY LOW**, brother of Dara Low
- 5/2 **GAVIN PESKIN**, son of Leah Peskin
- 5/2 **VERNON KENNEDY**, son of Tressie Kennedy
- 5/3 **ISABELA ESPINOZA-THOMPSON**, daughter of Nayomi Espinoza & Hopeton Thompson
- 5/3 **JOSEPH MARINO**, brother of Joanne Marino
- 5/4 **CHRISTOPHER MEYER**, brother of Kimberly Meyer
- 5/5 **ANDRE AMES**, son of Jacqueline Jackson
- 5/5 **IAN DINER**, son of Martin & Nicki Diner, brother of Paige Diner
- 5/5 **PEARL PATEL**, daughter of Christian Peele & Vinay Patel
- 5/5 **ROBERT SULKOWSKI**, brother of Sarah Sulkowski
- 5/5 **RUBY MANE**, daughter of Mohasin Mane
- 5/5 **SAGE JOSEPH**, daughter of Debra Driscoll
- 5/6 **ANDREW MARTIN**, son of Marina Re
- 5/6 **BAYLIN CODDINGTON**, son of Debra F. Coddington
- 5/6 **DAVID KRANZ**, son of Denise Kranz and Charles Katz
- 5/6 **JASON ELLIS**, son of Michael Ellis
- 5/7 **CLAIRE DELORIS LUCIDO**, daughter of Kristen Lowman
- 5/8 **JORDAN JOHN**, brother of Christian John
- 5/8 **MARSHALL NEIDIG**, son of Quinn and Joe Neidig
- 5/9 **BRENDEN CARSON**, son of Debra Carson
- 5/9 **SACHA REID KANTOR**, son of Kathy Landau & Michael Kantor
- 5/11 **JOHN HULWIYA**, brother of Vanessa Hulwiya
- 5/11 **SEAN MCCLURE**, son of Patricia McClure
- 5/11 **TATE RAMSDEN**, brother of Ashley Ramsden
- 5/12 **CHRISTINE FORNATO**, sister of Theresa Fornato
- 5/12 **LEO CONAGHAN**, nephew of Ellen Barry
- 5/12 **MATTHEW YUDELMAN**, grandson of Anne Schuman & Ian Yudelman
- 5/13 **BRENDA CHAPMAN**, daughter of Della Scrugs
- 5/13 **EVAN MAXWELL**, brother of Jean Maxwell
- 5/13 **NOAH BOWER**, son of Pat Bower Cooley
- 5/13 **NOAH STERN**, son of Barbara Samuels & Nicholas Stern
- 5/13 **RORY STAUNTON**, son of Orlaith & Ciaran Staunton
- 5/14 **DAVID KILLACKEY**, son of Patricia Killackey
- 5/16 **ALIYAH RABSATT**, daughter of Patricia Rabsatt
- 5/16 **JUSTIN ALMON**, brother of Kristina Adam
- 5/16 **KHALID ALBABA**, son of Kerri Albaba
- 5/17 **ARTHUR KOZLOVSKI**, son of Anna Murzhenko, brother of Kristina Kozlovski
- 5/17 **LYDIA WOOD**, daughter of Matt Wood

- 5/17 **PATRICE WALKER**, daughter of Mazrene Holmes
- 5/17 **ROWENNA WIGHT WHITE**, daughter of Nancy Wight
- 5/18 **ABIGAIL BURG**, daughter of Jean & David Burg
- 5/18 **ALESSIA MORRONE**, daughter of Amy Morrone
- 5/18 **EDDIE WALSH**, twin brother of Tricia Walsh
- 5/18 **WILLIAM GRIFFO**, son of Yvona & William Griffo, brother of Mike Griffo
- 5/19 **BENJAMIN RACCALE**, son of Sara Raccale
- 5/19 **CHRISTOPHER EISELE**, son of Kathleen & John Montoya
- 5/19 **DAVID YOOD**, son of Nora & Barry Yood
- 5/20 **DAN OSHINSKY**, brother of Julie Mintz
- 5/20 **DANNY VOLLEN**, brother of Raizy Vollen
- 5/21 **ALEX WITONSKY**, brother of Ava Witonsky
- 5/21 **SERYNA RODRIGUEZ**, daughter of Marilyn Castro
- 5/22 **BRIAN GEWIRTZ**, son of Kathleen & Steven Gewirtz
- 5/22 **CAITLIN SANDERS**, daughter of Veronica & Lamar Sanders
- 5/22 **ISABELLA CARROLL**, daughter of Doreen Carroll
- 5/22 **LINDA GIOVE**, daughter of Arlene Schechter
- 5/22 **NOAH REISMAN**, brother of Rachel Reisman
- 5/24 **ALEX HARRY SINGER**, son of Susan & Lewis Singer
- 5/24 **CHARLIE DENIHAN**, son of Barbara and Ben Denihan, brother of Krissy and Kate
- 5/24 **DAVID MARTINEZ**, son of Alba Bautista
- 5/24 **ELSA ALMESTICA**, daughter of Kenneth Almestica
- 5/24 **JULIETTE DICKSTEIN**, daughter of Gail Luria
- 5/25 **BRANDON SCHWARTZ**, son of Joann & Mark Schwartz
- 5/26 **AMANDA RUSSELL**, sister of Katie Turner
- 5/26 **JOSEPH ALINI**, son of Maria Rodriguez
- 5/27 **ROBERT ZIETEK**, brother of Barbara Zietek
- 5/27 **ZAIDA SANTIAGO**, daughter of Selena Santiago & Lewis Harbour
- 5/29 **LOUIS PEREZ**, son of Mercedes Tapia
- 5/29 **WILLIAM MAEROV**, son of Lance Maerov
- 5/30 **JON ROMULO**, son of Tocy Friend
- 5/30 **KRISTINA ESPOSITO**, daughter of Cecilia Esposito
- 5/30 **OLIVIA PETRERA COHEN**, daughter of Nancy Petrera
- 5/30 **RICHIE BENANTI**, son of Monica Benanti
- 5/30 **TALIA NEWFIELD**, sister of Mike Newfield
- 5/30 **TROY O. MYERS**, son of Claudette Hannibal
- 5/31 **HARVEY STERMER**, brother of Carol Lee Stermer-Aulicino
- 5/31 **KOFI A. MENSAH JR.**, son of Rosinah Mensah & the late Samuel A. Mensah, brother of Dr. Kofi A. Mensah, Ph.D
- 5/31 **T.J. CRAIG**, son of Tom Craig, brother of Mac Craig





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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/1 **AUDREY NIBLO**, daughter of John Niblo
- 5/2 **BRADLEY KEITH BONGAR**, son of Beth Bongar
- 5/2 **CRYSTAL LAUZAU**, daughter of Gwyneth Hotaling
- 5/2 **JONATHAN JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ**, son of Gina Rodriguez, grandson of Maggie Valentin
- 5/2 **MARLON LABOVITCH**, son of Hannah Labovitch
- 5/2 **WILLIAM EDWARD SHUBERT**, son of Irma E. Shubert
- 5/3 **ISABELA ESPINOZA-THOMPSON**, daughter of Nayomi Espinoza & Hopeton Thompson
- 5/3 **JOEY MASLIAH**, brother of Amanda Rockoff
- 5/4 **AVIVA LIPSKY-KARASZ**, daughter of Julia Zangwill & Daniel Lipsky-Karasz
- 5/4 **JAMIE ROBERTS**, son of Katelin Roberts
- 5/4 **ZACK KASNETZ**, brother of Alex Kasnetz
- 5/5 **ANDY FISHER**, son of Barbara Fisher
- 5/5 **BRIAN BURRELL**, son of Iciline Burrell
- 5/5 **JENNIFER BLANCHE BYRD**, daughter of Claudia Byrd
- 5/5 **JOE MCCLENAHAN**, brother of Michael McClenahan
- 5/5 **MATEO TASHMAN**, son of William Tashman
- 5/6 **CHRISTINE SCHLENDORF**, daughter of Karen Schlendorf
- 5/6 **MELISSA AVRIN**, sister of Andrew Avrin
- 5/6 **WILL TANG**, brother of Sandra Tang
- 5/7 **GER ANDLINGER**, daughter of Jeanne Andlinger
- 5/7 **KAMAAL C. KING**, son of Susan King
- 5/7 **PHILIP SULZER**, son of Barbara & Burton Sulzer, brother of Lisa Sulzer
- 5/9 **BATHSHEBA KOHN**, daughter of Yoel Kohn
- 5/9 **BENJAMIN LEWIS KAPLAN**, son of Barbara Lewis Kaplan
- 5/9 **BRUCE WALES**, son of Fran Wales
- 5/10 **LOGAN GENTRY**, son of Christine Spiro
- 5/10 **MICHELLE GITTENS**, daughter of Lanise M. Ballard-Gittens
- 5/11 **MATTHEW BAUMEISTER**, son of Lynn & Mitch Baumeister
- 5/12 **ELIZABETH O'HARE**, sister of Christopher O'Hare
- 5/12 **GIRBUN LAO**, brother of Ithreum Brown
- 5/12 **MICHAEL FABI**, son of Donna Leder
- 5/12 **SOPHIA MELILLO**, daughter of Kristen Leigh
- 5/13 **OWEN MULLER**, son of Jane K. Muller
- 5/14 **CANDICE CHEN**, daughter of Belle Tung
- 5/14 **NORBI MORGENSTEIN**, daughter of Gary Morgenstein
- 5/15 **HALLIE GEIER**, sister of M.J. Geier
- 5/15 **ROSE LIANG**, sister of Holly & Chue Liang

- 5/15 **RYAN THOMAS**, son of Jacqueline Thomas
- 5/16 **BENJAMIN HARTFORD**, son of Nora Madonick
- 5/18 **GRETA GREENE**, daughter of Stacy & Jayson Greene
- 5/18 **LAVONE SKY SANTANA**, son of Istrha Santana
- 5/18 **MAHLIK WILLIAMS**, son of Ramona Williams, brother of Mekael Williams
- 5/18 **MICHAEL RAVEN**, son of Selma & Rob Raven
- 5/19 **ALESSIA MORRONE**, daughter of Amy Morrone
- 5/19 **DEREK GOMEZ**, son of Marta Freyre & Robert McManus, brother of Xiomara Gomez
- 5/19 **MARY GIBBS**, sister of Cynthia Gibbs-Pratt
- 5/20 **JACK FREYTES**, son of Olga Lopez & Elvin Freytes
- 5/20 **JEREMY RODRIGUEZ**, son of Wanda Marrero
- 5/21 **ADAM JACOBS**, son of Rick Jacobs
- 5/21 **IAN DINER**, son of Martin & Nicki Diner, brother of Paige Diner
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ET	MORNING	EARLIER EVENING	LATER EVENING
MON	Parents/Grandparents/Siblings	First time CHAT orientation	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
TUE		Loss to Substance Related Causes First time CHAT orientation	Bereaved less than 2 yrs Bereaved more than 2 yrs
WED	Parents/Grandparents/Siblings	First time CHAT orientation	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
THU		No Surviving Children First time CHAT orientation	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
FRI	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings	Pregnancy/Infant Loss	General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
SAT			General Bereavement Parents/Grandparents/Siblings
SUN		Suicide Loss	General Bereavement Issues Parents/Grandparents/Siblings

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Brookhaven	2nd Friday	(631) 738-0809	Rockland County	3rd Tuesday	(845) 398-9762
Brooklyn	3rd Wednesday	(917) 952-9751	SmithPoint/Mastic	2nd Thursday	(631) 281-9004
Flushing	3rd Friday	(718) 746-5010	Staten Island	2nd & 4th Thurs.	(718) 983-0377
Manhasset	3rd Tuesday	(516) 466-2480	Syosset (Plainview)	3rd Friday	(718) 767-0904
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24/7 PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUPS

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