

November 2018 Message from Rabbi Dubin

Dear Friends,

In 1967, the Israeli poet, Zelda, taught us that each person has three names: the one given to us by God, the one given to us by our parents, and the one we create for ourselves.

As I sit to write these words to you, the burials have already begun in Pittsburgh. 66-year-old Jerry Rabinowitz was the first to be returned to his Maker. Brothers 54-year-old David Rosenthal and 59-year-old Cecil Rosenthal followed soon thereafter. Preparations are still underway for the others. There were eleven murder victims in all, each of whom had a name, each of whom is to be remembered.

I never did have the opportunity to meet these beautiful people during their lifetimes, but in death they have become part of me and part of us. Each of them did have a name, given to them by God and by their parents, but also by the lives they led. Because I did not know the victims or their families, I refer you to memories compiled by Emanuella Grinberg, Elliot C. McLaughlin, Sara Sidner, and Anne Claire Stapleton of CNN.com: (www.cnn.com/2018/10/28/us/pittsburghsynagogue-shooting-victims/).

Join me in remembering and celebrating the names of these 11 precious souls:

Joyce Fienberg
Richard Gottfried
Rose Mallinger
Cecil and David Rosenthal
Bernice and Sylvan Simon
Daniel Stein
Melvin Wax
Irving Younger
Jerry Rabinowitz
May their names be for a blessing,

Rabbi Dubin