



The Compassionate Friends
Manhattan Chapter
 Supporting Family After a Child Dies

Our next meetings...
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 Jul 21
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Manhattan Chapter Newsletter **July/August 2026**

JUL 21ST MEETING—3RD TUESDAY IN-PERSON ONLY

On the third Tuesday this month, July 21st. 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.

SHOCK AND AWE, AND MORE

by Nora Yood

Shock and awe recently refers to the unexpected and unanticipated military offensive by one nation against another, rendering the target devastated materially and morally. The leadership, the military, the population, clueless that disaster was hurting toward them. Stunned and disbelieving, they cannot process, yet rationally respond to the trauma. This immobility and loss of mooring is the phenomenon labeled shock and awe. Shock that the unfathomable has become the undeniable. Awe toward the forces that have vanquished them. Stripped of their sense of control and powerless over the horrifying outcome, the victims seem paralyzed to address immediate concerns and to plan for the future as they are forced to choose a course of action in which none of the alternatives are deemed acceptable.

While shock and awe usually refers to a political initiative, the death of a child can be understood as a personal attack of shock and awe. Nothing prepares a parent for this loss. In the case of death caused by accident, violent crime, heart attack or other sudden, fatal medical ailment, the shock is obvious. But even with the passing over a prolonged chronic illness, when the end does finally arrive,

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Spiritual thoughts...

by Marie Levine

I never really believed in life after death. I wouldn't say I was a skeptic. I just didn't much believe. Then Peter died. A personality SO big, so *there*...it seemed impossible to me that his energy could simply disappear...evaporate...into thin air. So when I had an opportunity to visit with a psychic medium a year after he died, I decided to begin to investigate the *possibility* that maybe, just maybe there was something to this phenomenon of messages from *the other side*...

By now, most people who have known me on this now 33 year journey know that I have become a believer, that I have had several very positive experiences with extraordinary mediums, that I have watched several of my friends have similar experiences and that, in the process I have become very good friends with James Van Praagh who is recognized around the world as one of the best in the field.

This week, James' fourth book was published, *Ghosts Among Us*. His publisher had planned a major promotional book tour that included television and radio appearances across the country. One stop was on a popular morning show and James and the producer (who I coincidentally know), asked if I could help them put together a small group in LA who James could "read" before he headed to New York, and whose readings they could insert snippets of during his live interview in NY later in the week. I called several of my friends on the west coast who I knew would jump at the chance to invite some more recently bereaved parents to have a reading with James and the results were amazing. After the reading, which was

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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
 July 21 and Aug, 18, 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.

SHOCK AND AWE, AND MORE (con't from page 1)

it still feels as if a rogue bomb, planted by a cruel, cold adversary, has exploded killing an innocent bystander. If a son or daughter fails to win the battle against addiction or succumbs to suicide, the bereaved parents are utterly surprised that the right therapy, medication, treatment to bring about recovery and mental stability was not discovered before it was too late. And after that unquantifiable, unknowable while, when shock no longer guards them against the inevitable truth, they are filled with awe that it could be possible that their child is gone and they are still present, adrift in a world that has become alien and incomprehensible.

During the first days, weeks, months after my son died, it felt like I was having an out of body experience. My mind's eye seemed disconnected to the physical being that waked and worked, slept and ate, and behaved almost like a normal person. Who was that stranger wearing my face?

When our child dies, part of us dies too, and our core identity is diminished. We are vulnerable and incomplete, always missing our loved one. Yet we are greater than the sum of our grief, sadness and loneliness. As we learn to accept life on life's terms, we realize we are capable of resilience and courage we never thought possible. We strive, despite the challenge, to affirm the preciousness and sanctity of life, honor the gift that we were given during the years spent with our child, and continue to be a parent of a beloved son or daughter whose memory is a blessing.

We embody the paradox that we are both lesser and larger than we once were, and bravely stand in the truth of whom we are now – mothers and fathers who endure – shock and awe and more.

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The Mountain

If the mountain seems too big today
then climb a hill instead.
If the morning brings you sadness
it's okay to stay in bed.
If the day ahead weighs heavy
and your plans feel like a curse,
there's no shame in rearranging,
don't make yourself feel worse.
If a shower stings like needles
and a bath feels like you'll drown,
if you haven't washed your hair for days,
don't throw away your crown.
A day is not a lifetime,
a rest is not defeat,
don't think of it as failure,
just a quiet, kind, retreat.
It's okay to take a moment
from an anxious, fractured mind,
the world will not stop turning
while you get realigned.
The mountain will still be there
when you want to try again.
You can climb it in your own time,
just love yourself 'till then.

~Laura Ding-Edwards

Spiritual thoughts... (con't from page 1)

taped for editing later, James called to tell me that everyone had a great reading with the exception of one man, who I didn't know, who was invited in by the network, and who thought the whole thing was a scam. A few days later during the live four minute interview on the morning TV show, the only piece of tape that was included was – you guessed it – the skeptic.

Now, the reason I write is this; why do you think, people insist on emphasizing the *impossibility* of belief? After all, people believe in God...though there is no proof of his existence. Yet they are strongly encouraged to believe. People believe fervently in the ongoing impact of Jesus though he's been dead for centuries. When a survivor of a calamity gives credit to Jesus for saving them, no one puts a skeptic on screen to refute the possibility of Jesus' intervention. It's simply accepted as fact. But when I suggest that my son may have intervened in some way in my ongoing life, those who have never experienced a loss as devastating as mine, nod in sad seeming understanding while thinking I am hopelessly deluded or in denial. Why is that?

Is my hope that Peter does exist on some other plane a dangerous thing? Does my belief in some ongoing afterlife endanger my mental health or the lives of others. I do not go around proselytizing about a spiritual afterlife. But it helps me to survive. And I also find it hopeful when my friends have successful readings and get messages about their lost children. I get a vicarious thrill from it. They are on the same quest as mine. Messages don't always have to be about my child for me to believe – as my compassionate friends know – we come to love and miss *all* our children.

Believing in the ongoing existence of our children is a choice. Some choose to believe, others choose not to believe. For some of us, believing we will someday be reunited with our children gives us the hope and resolve we need to continue to lead a productive life. Some of us don't need to believe that. But it is the non-believer who usually wins the debate. That's so sad. I believe that whatever choice a bereaved parent makes is the right choice for them. I'm just so tired of the skeptics who are determined to rob the believer of whatever vehicle hope rides on ...

We are approaching that busy summer season of the year, filled with so much celebration and joy. I for one, can once again look forward to many of the festivities, comforted as I am with the belief that my precious child is always nearby, his hand on my shoulder, his gentle kiss on my cheek.

Peace and love to you all.

Marie Levine

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Grieving takes longer than we want it to. Days, months, even years go by, and we discover that the shock waves still reverberate in our scarred spirits, that our grieving is still hesitant, still halting, still sparse of those occasions that are healing.

But grief runs by its own clock, and as surely as we sometimes mourn with agonizing slowness, we will leap through other days, making astonishing strides toward recovery.

Molly Fumia, "Safe Passage"

Don't Think I Do Not Grieve

Don't think I do not feel; because you see no tears.
A river rages deep inside of grief, and loss, and fears.
Just because I do not cry now, don't think my heart's not broken.
I keep inside the misery of words not to be spoken.
Sometimes I smile, or crack a joke, so you won't see the pain;
or notice how my hands will shake, or how I've gone insane.
Each time I chance to think of her, my heart is ripped asunder.
The loss I feel is mine alone. you will not see my thunder.

~Brenda Penepent

SUMMER THOUGHTS

Summer is a time when things naturally slow down, a time when many are waiting for the orderly routine of their lives to begin again. For those of us in grief whose lives are already in limbo, it can seem endless if we let it. Seeing children, babies and teenagers is not easy for us, and we see them everywhere from shopping centers to beaches. Everyone is out living, loving, enjoying carefree activities with their children, and we want to scream, "It's not fair!" I was sitting on my patio on evening at dusk recently listening to the shouts of children playing, and I was crying as I remembered the sounds that my child used to make. I became very depressed as I thought what a long summer this was going to be.

In my reverie, I was reminded of a recent comment that I had heard at a TCF meeting: "My child was such a loving, giving person. He would not want me to waste my life being bitter." "I also remember a good friend telling me to "count my blessings" and naming all the things I had to be grateful for. I was furious at that time. Nothing I had to be grateful for could compensate for the fact that my child had died. Now, sitting in the twilight of this early summer evening, I began to see things differently. I determined that this summer would not be an eternity: I would not let it be. I decided first of all to stay busy.

I am also going to try to enjoy the simple things that used to give me so much pleasure, like flowers, and working in my garden. I then decided to try to be truly grateful for the blessings that I have, like my husband, my friends, my job etc.

It has been almost 5 years for me, and I know that last year this would not have worked. Of course I still have times of sadness; I know I always will. But I have decided that in the process of grieving we close so many doors, the only way to recovery is to reopen them gradually at our own pace.

I know I will never be the same person I was before the death of my child, but I hope eventually in some ways I will be a better person because suffering can be beneficial if we learn and grow through it. A year ago I didn't feel that way, and I know I still have a long way to go, but in the meantime, I know the greatest tribute to my child will be to enjoy this summer as he would have done.

~Libby Gonzales, TCF Huntsville, AL

Surviving

There's no way to know,
in those first, early years,
if the crying will stop,
be an ending to tears.
But slowly, so slowly,
through the grieving and time,
will come moments and days,
when hopefulness shines.
Backwards and forwards,
into darkness, then out,
we begin to start living;
scraps of new life peek out.
This happens most surely,
survivors will tell,
when we find time for others
and give of ourselves.

~Genesse Bourdeau Gentry

~ From "Stars in the Deepest Night" 1999

We are connected

*We are connected
my child and I
by an invisible cord
not seen by the eye.
It's not like the cord
That connects us 'til birth
This cord can't be seen
by any on earth.
This cord does its work
right from the start.
It binds us together
attached to my heart.
I know that it's there
though no one can see
the invisible cord
from my child to me.
The strength of this cord
man couldn't create.
It withstands the test,
can hold any weight.
And though you are gone,
though you're not here with me,
the cord is still there
but no one can see.
It pulls at my heart.
I am bruised, I am sore.
But this cord is my lifeline
as never before.
I am thankful that nature
connects us this way.
A mother and child
death can't take away.*

~author unknown

SIBLINGS

A BROTHER'S DEATH

by Barbara Lazaar Ascher

Barbara Lazaar Ascher's brother Bobby died of AIDS at the age of 31. Following is an excerpt of a beautifully written and sensitive article describing the author's struggle with grief. In an almost poetic style, she brings to life the chaos of grief. "A Brother's Death" was originally printed in the NY Times magazine.

When we first learned of Bobby's illness, it seemed incomprehensible that this could be happening to our baby brother. There were days when it seemed we had to concentrate on putting one foot in front of the other if we were to walk at all. If we traveled more than a couple of blocks, we were exhausted for the rest of the day.

We were hungry. We weren't hungry. We made chocolate chip cookies and brownies and didn't eat them. We opened and closed the refrigerator door, looking for something that might cushion the pain, fill the chasm that was opening from within.

Now I realize that this was the beginning of grief which starts in the stomach, yawning like a gaping mouth in Munch's painting "The Scream". But what did we know of grief? We were young; our beloveds had not yet died. I began to understand that grieving is like walking. The urge is there, but you need a guiding hand, you need someone to teach you how.

I went to speak to a wise and trusted minister at my church who warned there were bad times ahead. The death of a sibling, he said, grievous in itself, is also a startling reminder of our own mortality. I suppose it's not dissimilar to the time in youth when we first learned of our origins and began to understand, if they made me, then they can make another. After that we became the nervous sentinels of our territory. When a sibling dies, the absolute certainty of death replaces the cherished illusion that maybe we'll be exceptions. When a sibling dies, death tugs at our own shirttails. There is no unclasping its persistent grip. "You too", it says. "Yes, even you".

When you are new to grief, you learn there is no second-guessing it. It will have its way with you. Don't be fooled by statistics you read: Widows have one bad year; orphans three. Grief doesn't read schedules.

One morning, three weeks after Bobby died, I arose feeling happy and energetic. Well now, I thought, I guess we've taken care of that. Wrong. The next morning I was awakened by a wail I thought was coming from the storm outside until I realized it was coming from me.

Grief will fool you with its disguises. Some days you insist you're fine, you're just angry at a friend who said the wrong thing. One day I wept into the lettuce and peaches at a local market when an acquaintance approached to scold me for my stand in an old battle. Of course, we both assumed she was responsible for my tears.

You learn that you can cry and stop and laugh and even follow a taxi driver's command to "have a nice day", and then cry again. You learn there is no such thing as crying forever. Three months ago I was certain I would never be happy again. I was wrong.

Grief is like the wind. When it is blowing hard you adjust your sails and run before it. If it blows too hard, you stay in the harbor, close the hatches and don't take calls. When it's gentle, you go sailing, have a picnic, take a swim.

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

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

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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49TH TCF NATIONAL CONFERENCE

THIS WEEKEND

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](#)

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 accessed only after a request to join is approved by a moderator.

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



OUR CHILDREN—LOVED AND REMEMBERED



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 **JONAH BING**, son of Dana Lodge
 7/1 **NOAH MITCHELL**, son of Melody Mitchell
 7/2 **ALLIE HUGGINS**, daughter of Matt Huggins, sister of Sarah Huggins
 7/3 **ALEC FELDMAN**, brother of Andrew Feldman
 7/3 **CORLYN HAYNES**, daughter of Yvonne Haynes
 7/3 **MICHAEL CYRUS**, son of Linda Reed
 7/5 **PIERRE MCALOON**, son of Peggy McAloon
 7/6 **NARI GAJADHAR**, son of Beena Bermingham, nephew of Asha Singh
 7/6 **RASHID SOLIS**, son of Frank Solis
 7/7 **SIMONE MILLER**, daughter of Josephine Wong & Steve Miller
 7/7 **TODD C. FIORE**, son of Yvonne Fiore
 7/8 **CHRISTOPHER MURPHY**, brother of Nina Murphy
 7/8 **JOEL MALDONADO**, son of Alisha Murzi, grandson of Evelyn Murzi
 7/8 **MICHAEL SINCLAIR**, son of Susan Sinclair
 7/8 **TIONNIE MURRAY**, daughter of Marie Caballero
 7/9 **DYLAN LAKER**, son of Claudette Kraus & Robert Laker
 7/10 **DANILO RODRIGUEZ**, sister of Enrique Rodriguez
 7/11 **MILES STEPHENSON**, son of Syntyche Stephenson
 7/12 **ELIOT BARTLETT**, brother of Emanuekl Bartlett
 7/12 **ELIZABETH O'HARE**, sister of Christopher O'Hare
 7/12 **KANNE IKONOMOU**, sister of Natasha Ikonomou
 7/12 **KARINA VETRANO**, sister of Tara Vetrano
 7/12 **SABRINA CLAUSS-EHLERS**, daughter of CC & Julian Clauss-Ehlers
 7/12 **SARAH AKHTAR**, sister of Alafia Akhtar and Rahil Darbur
 7/12 **THOMAS PARISI**, son of Pamela Parisi
 7/13 **LAVONE SKY SANTANA**, son of Istrha Santana
 7/13 **MICHAEL WHITLOCK**, son of Peggy Whitlock
 7/14 **CAMERON CHIANG**, daughter of Joanna & Chris Chiang
 7/14 **MIA SACASA**, daughter of Malik Sacasa
 7/14 **PETER ADAM LEVINE**, beloved son of Marie Levine & the late Philip Levine
 7/14 **STEFAN THEGEBY**, son of Dale Thegeby
 7/15 **BRIAN MEEHAN**, brother of Kevin Meehan
 7/15 **JEM MAIR**, daughter of Ilana Mair
 7/15 **MICHELE SIEGEL**, daughter of Lillian Hass
 7/15 **SEYQUAN CHAMBLISS**, son of Derricka Chambliss
 7/16 **AMIAS**, son of Samantha Diaz, nephew of Jasmine Burney
 7/16 **HOLLAND WILLIAMS**, daughter of Asia & Jarell Williams

7/16 **LUIS A. GARCIA**, son of Tania Germes
 7/16 **MICHAEL KAMEO**, son of Mordi and Keren Kameo
 7/17 **JACK PAHLE**, brother of Rebecca Pahle
 7/17 **MICHAEL DURNIN**, son of Karen & Mike Durnin
 7/17 **TEPLY RACHMEL**, daughter of Allison Tepley & Nir Rachmel
 7/17 **TYREE SHEPPARD**, son of Laura Sheppard
 7/18 **BAJUN RIDDICK**, son of Gable Grehan
 7/18 **BRADLEY FRIEDMAN**, son of Jane Friedman
 7/18 **CALLIE LONG**, daughter of Jackie Long
 7/18 **JEFFREY VANCHIRO**, son of Sylvester (Sly) Vanchiro
 7/18 **RHETT THOMPSON**, son of Gayla Thompson
 7/19 **JOSH GROSSE**, son of Susan Grosse
 7/19 **MATTEO SACHMAN**, son of Alexia & Steve Sachman
 7/20 **ANDREW MARTIN ARNOLD**, brother of Barbara Arnold
 7/20 **OSCAR REED PUGH**, son of Jon Pugh & Rachelle Guiragossian
 7/20 **ROBERT GRAUP**, son of Leona Graup
 7/22 **MAHLIK WILLIAMS**, son of Ramona Williams, brother of Mekael Williams
 7/22 **NATALIE JOY HERTEL-VOISINE**, daughter of Barbara Hertel & Don Voisine
 7/23 **ANYA GABRIELA KUPPERSMITH**, daughter of Judith Koppersmith
 7/23 **GINO FONGKIN**, brother of Desiree Brown
 7/23 **PETER SCHLENDORF**, son of Karen Schlendorf
 7/23 **SHAUN BECKWITH CHASEN**, son of Dr. Barbara Chasen
 7/24 **LUIS LARA**, son of Harry & Maria Ruff
 7/25 **BRENDAN BITTNER**, brother of Jessica Bittner Markus
 7/25 **KHALIL KNOWLEDGE SMITH**, son of Malazha Wright
 7/28 **ANTONIO LAW**, son of Jacqueline Law
 7/28 **JASMIN REQUENA**, daughter of Eleanor Requena, sister of Jaqueline
 7/29 **CLARIS GLOVER**, daughter of Crystal Glover
 7/29 **CRYSTAL LAUZAU**, daughter of Gwyneth Hotaling
 7/29 **DIMITRI VAZQUEZ**, son of Maria Bryant
 7/29 **GRANT PHILLIPS**, son of Linda Phillips
 7/29 **RICK HOWELL**, brother of Annie Howell
 7/30 **BRITTANY MCGRATH**, sister of Chelsea McGrath
 7/30 **JUSTIN HOLLAND**, son of Carole & Marvin Holland
 7/31 **JESSIE MORGAN PEK**, daughter of Karyn Pek
 7/31 **PAIX MICHAEL BARILLON**, son of Christine & Benjamin Barillon





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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/1 **ALAI A MOSELEY**, daughter of Patricia Mosley

7/1 **NOAH MITCHELL**, son of Melody Mitchell

7/1 **SEAMUS WOOD**, son of Will Wood & Deb Funkhouser

7/2 **KEVIN MITCHELL**, son of Jacquie & John Mitchell, brother of Kristopher & the late Kareem Mitchell

7/2 **MELISSA ANN WALSH**, sister of Stephanie Walsh

7/2 **NATHANIEL LOUIS RAND**, son of Jacob Rand

7/3 **DMITRI PAJITNOVA**, son of Nina Pajitnova

7/4 **DEVON WONG**, son of Jennifer Bailey and Allan Wong

7/4 **JONAH BING**, son of Dana Lodge

7/4 **LISA**, daughter of Masha Leyn, sister of Max Leyn

7/4 **SYTIRA JAMES**, daughter of Roslyn James, sister of Shantel

7/4 **TREVOR LOUGHLIN**, son of Suzy & Joe Loughlin, brother of Juliette Loughlin

7/4 **TYLER MADOFF**, son of Michael & Marianne Madoff

7/5 **ALAN ROSENTHAL**, son of Lynne Rosenthal

7/5 **YIANNIS STATHOPOULOS**, son of Kathleen Negri Stathopoulos

7/6 **BENJAMIN IMBROGNO**, son of Naomi Imbrogno

7/6 **BOSTON GRIMM-STIBEL**, son of Travis Grimm

7/6 **EVAN MAXWELL**, brother of Jean Maxwell

7/6 **RUSSELL FERBER**, son of David Ferber & Dorothy Jordon, brother of Jordon Ferber

7/7 **ELINOR FRIEDBERG BLUME**, daughter of Leslie Kandell

7/8 **JACK PAHLE**, brother of Rebecca Pahle

7/8 **LATASHA ALCANTARA**, daughter of Anita Guy-Martin

7/8 **MICHAEL KLINOFSKY**, brother of Melanie Klinofsky

7/8 **SEAN MCCLURE**, son of Patricia McClure

7/9 **LAURA NAMIE**, sister of Matthew Namie

7/9 **T.J. CRAIG**, son of Tom Craig, brother of Mac Craig

7/10 **GABRIEL J. DIERRE**, son of Marie Nicole Rene

7/11 **ELYSE CARVER**, daughter of Violette Carver

7/13 **JULIAN SERAFIN**, son of Agata Lisok-Serafin

7/13 **KIARA KHARPERTIUM**, sister of Devin Kharpertium

7/14 **DAVID ZABLIDOWSKY**, son of Doris & Martin Zablidowsky

7/14 **DWAYNE NELSON**, son of Amelia Brewer-Nelson

7/15 **ASHER FERGUSON**, son of Ryan Ferguson & Christine Tran

7/15 **NATHANIEL HILL JR.**, son of Lynette & Nathaniel Hill, brother of Lenise

7/15 **ZACHARY JAMES MILLIKEN**, son of Vigi Cadunz

7/16 **ARTHUR DUDIN**, son of Stan & Irina Dudin

7/16 **IRIS**, daughter of Alyson Ben-David

7/16 **SHAY DORRITIE**, son of Richard Dorritie

7/17 **KRISTOFFER WILLIAMS**, son of Anette Lian-Williams & Eric Williams

7/17 **LIAM JAVIER NGUY**, son of Vutha Nguy & Angie Garcia

7/20 **IAN MALSON**, brother of Caitlin Malson

7/20 **JOHN BARNES (KOKO)**, son of Hana Barnes

7/20 **NNENE EZEONYIM**, daughter of Uche Ezeonyim

7/20 **YVONNE LAURICE AJAKIE**, daughter of Evelyn Rabi

7/21 **MIKEY HARTNETT**, son of Jessica & James Kerwin

7/21 **OSCAR REED PUGH**, son of Jon Pugh & Rachelle Guiragossian

7/21 **RED LAYNE**, daughter of Greg & Trillich Layne

7/21 **SEAN COLLINS**, brother of Kelly Collins

7/21 **SONU ADAMS**, daughter of Una Chaudhuri & Michael Adams, sister of Nathaniel Adams

7/21 **STACEY LEONDIS**, sister of Diana Leondis

7/21 **THOMAS PARISI**, son of Pamela Parisi

7/22 **ANDREW MARTIN**, son of Marina Re

7/22 **JUSTIN R. NEGRON**, son of Nancy Negron, brother of Samantha

7/22 **MILES STEPHENSON**, son of Syntyche Stephenson

7/22 **SAM BINNICKER**, brother of Griffin Binnicker

7/22 **WILL GARRIGAN**, brother of Erin Garrigan

7/24 **CHARLIE HEIM**, son of Susan Heim

7/24 **MAYA CZEPULKOWSKA**, daughter of Anna Klegon, sister of Matt Klegon

7/24 **THERESA MARTIN HOUGH**, daughter of Sara Martin

7/25 **ABIGAIL BURG**, daughter of Jean & David Burg

7/25 **ARJUN VEER SHARMA**, son of Vikas & Priyanka Sharma

7/25 **ISABEL L. DODWELL**, daughter of Amy & William Dodwell

7/26 **ANTHONY & NICHOLAS AURELIA**, twin sons of Patrick Aurelia

7/26 **DANIELLE HYMOWITZ**, daughter of Karen Hymowitz

7/26 **LAEL MASE**, daughter of Marla Mase

7/26 **MARSHALL NEIDIG**, son of Quinn and Joe Neidig

7/27 **ALEXIS NICOLE NEGRON**, daughter of German (Herman) Negron

7/27 **ANAYA TAHA**, granddaughter of Soheir Kache

7/27 **DANA YONATAN**, sister of Nirit Yonatan

7/27 **MARK COOKE**, son of Maureen Cooke, brother of Jamie

7/27 **MICHAEL SINCLAIR**, son of Susan Sinclair

7/28 **ALEXANDER KYLE NUNEZ**, son of Melba & Luis Nunez

7/28 **EMILY MACKKEY**, sister of Lauren Minchen

7/28 **OSCAR JOAQUIN**, son of Dru Levasseur

7/28 **VALDING DURAN**, son of Milagros Bueno

7/30 **DAVID YOOD**, son of Nora & Barry Yood

7/30 **ORİYAH GRAY**, daughter of Chelsea Conklin

7/31 **JASON SCHECHTER**, son of Leo Schechter

7/31 **PAIX MICHAEL BARILLON**, son of Christine & Benjamin Barillon

7/31 **PAUL HENNESSEY**, brother of Kevin Hennessey

7/31 **RENEE THOMPSON**, daughter of Gregory & Joy Thompson



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- 8/1 **AMY ROSENBERG**, daughter of Carol Rebsch
- 8/1 **TUGCE YASAR**, sister of Begum Yasar
- 8/1 **TUSHAR ATRE**, son of Shaku Atre
- 8/2 **ANDREW FREDERICK RUBIN**, son of Barbara & George Rubin
- 8/2 **BRITTANY MOORE**, daughter of Paulet Moore
- 8/2 **MICHAEL KLINOFSKY**, brother of Melanie Klinofsky
- 8/4 **LOUIS KORENMAN**, son of Sanders Korenman
- 8/5 **JESSICA REVELEY**, sister of Britt Bonney
- 8/6 **BRADLEY CHAIN**, son of Herbert Chain
- 8/7 **BRANDON OLIVO**, son of Nancy & Juan Olivo
- 8/7 **CHRISTINE SCHLENDORF**, daughter of Karen Schlendorf
- 8/7 **LAURIE NICHOLS**, daughter of Marie Jones
- 8/7 **SAMUEL TITUS**, son of Sara Jenkins
- 8/7 **SYTIRA JAMES**, daughter of Roslyn James, sister of Shantel
- 8/8 **MALCOLM LIVESEY**, son of Katey Bernard, brother of Gigi Livesey
- 8/8 **RAIDEN SHIMOYAMA**, son of Jenna Agins & Toku Shimoyama
- 8/8 **TAMEK SKNNER**, son of Tameka Skinner
- 8/9 **BRIAN GOLDBERG**, son of Gloria & Arthur Goldberg
- 8/9 **GER ANDLINGER**, daughter of Jeanne Andlinger
- 8/9 **HANNAH POTIS**, sister of Taylor Potis
- 8/9 **JAKE MAJOR**, grandson of Linda Reed
- 8/9 **LUKA BALAC**, son of Olgica Balac
- 8/9 **ZUNILDE (ZUNNY) MARTE**, daughter of Victor Marte
- 8/10 **BRITTANY MALVEAUX**, sister of Jordan Malveaux
- 8/11 **HAMEEN JASPER**, daughter of Yolanda Jasper
- 8/12 **AVA NASCIMENTO**, granddaughter of Eugenia Nascimento, niece of Laura Jones
- 8/12 **JULIANNA SANNINO**, daughter of Dominick Sannino
- 8/12 **MICHELLE SALOWE**, daughter of Mary Ann Ludwig
- 8/15 **BENJAMIN TEPPERBERG**, son of Susann Tepperberg
- 8/16 **CAROLINE MONTGOMERY**, daughter of Catherine Montgomery
- 8/16 **ERIC LINETT**, beloved nephew of Roberta Schine
- 8/16 **HUNTER MARSHAD**, grandson of Erica & Neal Marshad
- 8/16 **MEL'LISA ANDRE**, daughter of Darchelle Hinson-Andre
- 8/17 **SHANNA JOSEPH**, daughter of Lynn Platt, sister of Rebecca Wasserman
- 8/18 **DYLAN JOSEPH MAIDA**, son of Lisa Burns & Sal Maida
- 8/18 **HALLIE GEIER**, sister of M.J. Geier
- 8/18 **MISCHA DRUCKER ZIMMERMAN**, son of Henia Drucker

- 8/18 **VISHAL TUNGARE**, brother of Ajay Tungare
- 8/19 **GRAYSON LOLLER**, son of Tania Rivera
- 8/19 **JAMES GIBBON**, son of James (Jimie) Gibbon
- 8/20 **JULIO BARRERA**, son of Martha Riveira
- 8/20 **LAUREN MARIE NELSON**, sister of Mickey (Michelle) Nelson
- 8/21 **FRANK UNTENER**, son of Barbara Chase
- 8/21 **GAGE TURZANI**, Nephew of Liz Sherman
- 8/21 **OLIVER FREIBERG**, son of Cathy Taub
- 8/21 **SANGEETA LAL**, brother of Seema Lal
- 8/22 **MICHAEL RAVEN**, son of Selma & Rob Raven
- 8/23 **GAIL ROACH**, daughter of Joyce Roche
- 8/23 **LEO AYALA**, son of Gila Ayala
- 8/23 **MONTE JONATHAN GOLUB**, son of Ellie Gollub
- 8/25 **BENJAMIN SOBILOFF**, son of David & Marjorie Sobiloff
- 8/25 **COLETTE WAINWRIGHT**, sister of Katherine Sall
- 8/25 **JAMES ROACH**, brother of Omar Roach
- 8/26 **AMY KIMM**, daughter of Arleen Becker
- 8/26 **JOHNNY & HOLLY RAHN**, twin children of Kathrin Laser & David Rahn
- 8/27 **CARLOS APONTE**, son of Mildred Aponte
- 8/27 **MARGARET BRAUN-GRIEP**, sister of Helen Braun
- 8/28 **BLAKE GOODMAN**, brother of Claudia Goodman
- 8/28 **JACK CASSELS**, son of Ellen Cassels-Conde & John Cassels, brother of Collin Cassels
- 8/28 **JAMIE MARCUS**, daughter of Bruce Marcus
- 8/28 **LOGAN GENTRY**, son of Christine Spiro
- 8/29 **ALEXIS ECHAVARRIA**, son of Christina Echavarría
- 8/29 **GIAN PAOLA SANTINI**, son of Joan Santini, brother of Giuliana Reitzfeld
- 8/29 **JOSHUA ROBERT ESFORMES**, son of Susan Esformes, brother of Jacob
- 8/29 **SAM BERGER**, son of Marla & David Berger
- 8/30 **ISAAC RAUCH**, son of Marc Rauch & Lisa Anderson
- 8/30 **KAREN ROSS**, daughter of Ian Ross
- 8/30 **LAEL MASE**, daughter of Marla Mase
- 8/30 **PETER MESSINA**, son of Katherine Messina
- 8/31 **KIMANI FOSTER**, daughter of Katrina Thomas
- 8/31 **ROSITA CUNNINGHAM**, sister of Sedel Mapp
- 8/31 **ZACK KASNETZ**, brother of Alex Kasnetz

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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8/1 **JOHN RICHARDSON**, son of Vivian Richardson
 8/1 **LUIS LARA**, son of Harry & Maria Ruff
 8/1 **MANUEL RODRIGUEZ**, son of Irene Rodriguez
 8/1 **TIMOTHY KOK**, brother of Tse Wei Kok
 8/2 **ETHAN MAGDER**, son of Andrea & Gary Magder, brother of Abbi Magder
 8/2 **KANNE IKONOMOU**, sister of Natasha Ikonou
 8/2 **KARINA VETRANO**, sister of Tara Vetrano
 8/2 **WILLIAM JOHN**, brother of Joseph John & MaryLee Bertrand
 8/3 **DESHA BEAMER**, sister of Laura Beamer
 8/3 **JONATHAN DIAZ**, son of Jeanette Diaz
 8/3 **MICHAEL DURNIN**, son of Karen & Mike Durnin
 8/3 **SHANNA JOSEPH**, daughter of Lynn Platt, sister of Rebecca Wasserman
 8/4 **ALEXIS ECHAVARRIA**, son of Christina Echavarría
 8/4 **CHADWICK ALEXANDER ANDERSON**, son of Stacie Hawkins
 8/5 **BENJAMIN SOBILOFF**, son of David & Marjorie Sobilloff
 8/5 **CASEY ACKERMAN**, son of Melissa and Hal Ackerman
 8/5 **CYRUS WANECKE**, son of Nolan Wanecke & Talya Ramchandani
 8/5 **HOLLY OESTREICH**, daughter of Joyce Oestreich
 8/6 **BENJAMIN TEPPERBERG**, son of Susann Tepperberg
 8/6 **BURKE TAYLOR**, brother of Emily Yoshikawa
 8/6 **MICAH DAWKINS-WILLIAMS**, son of Rhodina Williams
 8/7 **ALEC FELDMAN**, brother of Andrew Feldman
 8/7 **BELLA BRODSKY**, sister of Jennifer Brodsky
 8/7 **MICHAEL MOSS**, son of Michaela & Bob Moss
 8/7 **PETER ADAM LEVINE**, beloved son of Marie Levine & the late Philip Levine
 8/8 **ALISON GERTZ**, daughter of Carol & the late Jerry Gertz
 8/9 **NICHOA WALKER**, daughter of Mazrene Holmes
 8/10 **GAGE TURZANI**, Nephew of Liz Sherman
 8/11 **CHRISTOPHER PALMER**, son of Darlene and Douglas Palmer
 8/11 **RUTH DOUGHTY**, sister of Louise Doughty
 8/12 **ALEXANDRA POLLIO**, daughter of Kathleen Curcio
 8/12 **MIA SACASA**, daughter of Malik Sacasa
 8/15 **BEN BREEN**, son of Carol Breen
 8/16 **ALAN SOLITAR**, son of Susie & Bruce Solitar
 8/16 **CHARLIE-ROSE MCCALL**, daughter of Yolette Perry
 8/16 **RAIDEN SHIMOYAMA**, son of Jenna Agins & Toku Shimoyama
 8/18 **ERIK BANKS**, son of Laurene Buckley
 8/18 **FORREST RYZY-RYSKI**, brother of Sophia Rzyz-Ryski
 8/18 **MARINA ELIZABETH CLOOS**, daughter of Alice Cloos
 8/18 **NONI BIALE**, daughter of Margaret and Noam Biale
 8/19 **ARTURO LAULO**, brother of Luz Laulo

8/19 **D'ANDRE JOHNSON**, son of Latisha Scott
 8/19 **DONALD BROWN**, son of Desiree Brown
 8/19 **KHALID ALBABA**, son of Kerri Albaba
 8/20 **BRYANT GIBBS**, brother of Cynthia Gibbs-Pratt
 8/20 **DETRA MICHELLE MORRISON**, daughter of Denise Morrison
 8/20 **JEFF CARPENTER**, son of Donna Carpenter
 8/20 **LUKE NIGHSWANDER**, son of Matthew Nighswander
 8/20 **RICKY BATASHOFF**, brother of Dana Stein
 8/20 **SHANE ALVAREZ**, son of Melanie Alvarez
 8/20 **STEPHANIE GUBIN**, daughter of Rita Mittman
 8/21 **DYLAN BISCH**, son of Eileen Eck
 8/21 **JEFFREY CARTER**, son of Linda Carter
 8/21 **ROSE MAYR**, sister of Anna Mayr
 8/22 **ANNETTE JOSEPH**, daughter of Era Joseph, sister of Jeanette
 8/22 **BRITTANY MOORE**, daughter of Paulet Moore
 8/22 **FABIAN ABNEY**, nephew of Chiffon Abney
 8/22 **JANIE GONG**, daughter of Alan & Daisy Gong
 8/23 **JOANNA ZWEIG**, Ben's aunt, sister of Daniel Zweig
 8/24 **DESIRA (DESI) PACUK**, sister of Nikkie Pacuk
 8/24 **DIANE HASS**, daughter of Lillian Hass
 8/24 **MARIA CUNARD**, sister of Angela George
 8/25 **MEGAN YODER**, sister of Kyle Yoder
 8/25 **OLIVER FREIBERG**, son of Cathy Taub
 8/25 **SANGEETA LAL**, brother of Seema Lal
 8/26 **JOHNNY & HOLLY RAHN**, twin children of Kathrin Laser & David Rahn
 8/26 **LAURA FELDSTEIN**, daughter of Marilyn & Al Feldstein
 8/26 **VICTOR "KAI" BROWN-KOLEY**, son of Kari Coley
 8/27 **DAVID GLASS**, son of Jack & Laura Glass
 8/27 **MICHELLE SALOWE**, daughter of Mary Ann Ludwig
 8/28 **BRITTANY MCGRATH**, sister of Chelsea McGrath
 8/28 **NICK CARIS**, son of Konstantina Caris
 8/29 **JACOB MORGAN**, brother of Kelsey Morgan
 8/29 **JOSEPH BABY**, brother of Marilyn Baby, son of Yohannan Baby
 8/29 **JOSHUA UNDERWOOD**, brother of Sarah Underwood
 8/29 **LINDA MARQUEZ**, daughter of Hilda Mendoza
 8/29 **TRYGVE WASBOTTEN**, son of Marilyn Wasbotten
 8/30 **CASEY LOW**, brother of Dara Low
 8/31 **BENJAMIN ZWEIG**, son of Sally Petrick & Daniel Zweig
 8/31 **CHRISTINE FORNATO**, sister of Theresa Fornato
 8/31 **GALIAH GARBER**, sister of Anath Garber
 8/31 **NOAH STERN**, son of Barbara Samuels & Nicholas Stern
 8/31 **TYLEAH MCFADDEN**, daughter of Lisa Jenkins, sister of Nadirah McFadden



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9/1 **DWAYNE NELSON**, son of Amelia Brewer-Nelson
 9/1 **MARK H. IHDE**, son of Linda & Don Ihde
 9/1 **ROSE LIANG**, sister of Holly & Chue Liang
 9/2 **CHRISTOPHER RISTO**, son of Grace Piegaro
 9/2 **GEORGE MICHAEL KOTSIS**, son of Doris Kotsis
 9/3 **BETTY DIBIASO**, daughter of Susan Carty
 9/4 **JORDAN ELIAS VELAZQUEZ**, son of Kathleen Velazquez
 9/4 **JOVI RAMOS**, son of Desiree Ramos
 9/6 **HENRY SZOR**, son of Eva Grin
 9/6 **MAX GLEZOS-CHARTOFF**, son of Julie Chartoff & Irene Glezos
 9/7 **ALEXANDER KYLE NUNEZ**, son of Melba & Luis Nunez
 9/7 **LAUREN HAROPULOS**, daughter of Mike & Barbara Haropulos
 9/7 **TOMMASO CERASE**, son of Barbara Riccardi & Alessandro Cerase
 9/8 **AHMAD SHARRIEFF-AL-BEY**, son of Rashied Sharrieff-Al-Bey
 9/8 **CALLUM ROCHE**, son of Sean Roche
 9/8 **CYRUS SINK**, son of Susan Huggins
 9/8 **MELISSA ANN WALSH**, sister of Stephanie Walsh
 9/8 **THERESA MARTIN HOUGH**, daughter of Sara Martin
 9/9 **AVIVA LIPSKY-KARASZ**, daughter of Julia Zangwill & Daniel Lipsky-Karasz
 9/9 **KRISTOFFER WILLIAMS**, son of Anette Lian-Williams & Eric Williams
 9/10 **MATTHEW NOVAK**, son of Clare Hogan
 9/11 **ANTONIO "TONY" THOMPSON**, son of Altagracia Fajardo
 9/11 **CARRA POLEN**, daughter of Nella Hahn
 9/11 **OLIVER LIEGEY**, son of Viva & Robert Draper
 9/12 **AVA LOUISE HOUSE**, daughter of Molly House
 9/12 **HARRIS KAPLANSKY**, son of Denise Gelfand
 9/12 **JAYDEN ALEXANDER BAEZ**, son of Josephine Cartagena
 9/12 **LIANNA GONZALEZ**, daughter of Dahiana De La Cruz
 9/12 **SAIGIA BRON**, daughter of Florence Layayette
 9/12 **SOPHIA JOLIET AGUIRRE**, daughter of Monica Deliz
 9/12 **SYDNEY MARTINEZ**, daughter of Fabiola Bello & Alex Martinez
 9/13 **CANDICE CHEN**, daughter of Belle Tung
 9/13 **TROY HALL**, son of Victor Hall
 9/14 **CASEY STRAKA**, son of Dana Straka
 9/14 **GALLAH GARBER**, sister of Anath Garber
 9/15 **MICHAEL MCFARLAND**, son of Tamara McFarland
 9/15 **NNENE EZEONYIM**, daughter of Uche Ezeonyim

9/16 **D'ANDRE JOHNSON**, son of Latisha Scott
 9/16 **PAUL THOMPSON**, son of Elaine Thompson
 9/16 **WILLIAM EDWARDS**, brother of Michael Bernieri
 9/17 **DETRA MICHELLE MORRISON**, daughter of Denise Morrison
 9/17 **KARIM HALAWI**, brother of Lama Halawi
 9/18 **DAVID PICARD**, son of Darlene Picard
 9/18 **IAN MALSON**, brother of Caitlin Malson
 9/19 **ILIA KRASOTINA**, sister of Sofiya Krasotina
 9/19 **TYLEAH MCFADDEN**, daughter of Lisa Jenkins, sister of Nadirah McFadden
 9/21 **CHRISTOPHER LUKE ELMER**, son of Anne Elmer & Jeff Elmer
 9/21 **GINGER SIMMS**, daughter of Larry Simms & Alison Ho
 9/21 **RASHAAD A. KING**, son of Susan King
 9/21 **TATIANA HICKMAN**, sister of Autumn Hickman
 9/21 **VUKAN IVANOVIC**, son of Vladimir Ivanovic
 9/21 **WONDER HAMILTON**, daughter of Gary & Jennifer Hamilton
 9/22 **ALEXANDRA DISANTIS**, daughter of Margo & Frank DeSantis
 9/22 **JAMES HAYS**, brother of Claire Hays
 9/23 **CASEY CRUZ**, daughter of Ibelka Cruz
 9/23 **GREGORY ROTH**, brother of Stephanie Roth
 9/25 **CHRISTOPHER DOMBROWSKI**, brother of William & Brianne Dombrowski
 9/26 **MITCHELL WALKER**, son of Fountain Walker
 9/27 **ARON LINDELL**, son of Julie Lindell
 9/27 **JAY SCHNEIDER**, son of Bonnie Bowes
 9/27 **WILLIAM JOHN**, brother of Joseph John
 9/28 **ALEX BIBLER**, son of Lindsay Bibler
 9/28 **KRISTEN DUBERRY**, daughter of Michael Duberry
 9/28 **PAMELA ARGUELLO**, daughter of Doris Carraquillo, sister of Vinny Urena and Brandon Arguello
 9/28 **ROSS DEWEES**, son of Chris Dewees
 9/28 **RYAN CHRISTIAN BALLON**, brother of Dylan Ballon
 9/29 **ANDREW SCHLEIFER**, son of Kittyhawk Schleifer
 9/29 **BOBBY BEATTIE**, brother of Rose Beattie
 9/29 **DANIEL SNYDER**, brother of Lisa Snyder
 9/29 **LILY BADGER**, daughter of Madonna and Matt Badger
 9/29 **MARY ANN VALVERDE**, sister of Victoria Soto
 9/29 **SOPHIA MELILLO**, daughter of Kristen Leigh
 9/30 **BELLA BRODSKY**, sister of Jennifer Brodsky
 9/30 **CHRISTOPHER WAGNER**, son of Linda & Edward Wagner





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- 9/1 **ELSA ALMESTICA**, daughter of Kenneth Alместica
- 9/2 **IMOGEN ROCHE**, daughter of Theseus Roche
- 9/2 **ROWENNA WIGHT WHITE**, daughter of Nancy Wight
- 9/2 **YULIA KRASHENNAYA**, sister of Deb Faynshteyn
- 9/3 **BRENDEN CARSON**, son of Debra Carson
- 9/3 **CALEB SANDE**, grandson of Renee & Hervey Sande
- 9/3 **SEAN KIMERLING**, son of Ervine & Noah Kimerling
- 9/4 **ADEDAYO ADEWALE**, son of Modesta Baltazar
- 9/4 **MARLA SUE COLLAZO**, daughter of Lita & Joe Robinson, sister of Ellyn Robinson Monahan
- 9/4 **ZANE MANDEL-MICHALAK**, son of Janet Robinson
- 9/5 **NOAH BOWER**, son of Pat Bower Cooley
- 9/6 **SHAUN BECKWITH CHASEN**, son of Dr. Barbara Chasen
- 9/6 **TIM MAGEE**, son of Mary & Tim Magee
- 9/7 **PATRIC KARN**, brother of Lisa Kaye
- 9/7 **SEYQUAN CHAMBLISS**, son of Derricka Chambliss
- 9/7 **YEHUDA MILSTEIN**, son of Edith Bayne, brother of Ilana Milstein
- 9/8 **BRIAN CULLIMORE**, son of Teresa Cullimore
- 9/8 **PETER MESSINA**, son of Katherine Messina
- 9/9 **BRIAN MEEHAN**, brother of Kevin Meehan
- 9/9 **JORDAN WEINSTEIN**, daughter of Wendy J. Schriber
- 9/10 **KRISTINA ESPOSITO**, daughter of Cecilia Esposito
- 9/10 **SARAH KATZ**, daughter of Michael & Jill Katz, sister of Dana Katz
- 9/11 **AARON HORWITZ**, son of Allan & Liz Horwitz
- 9/11 **CHRISTIAN FUERSICH**, son of Janet Fuersich
- 9/11 **JOHN COOPER JR.**, brother of Keith P. Cooper
- 9/12 **ADAM WEINER**, son of Susan Weiner
- 9/12 **ANDREW BALTINI**, brother of Kevin Baltini
- 9/12 **BLAKE GOODMAN**, brother of Claudia Goodman
- 9/12 **JENNA HERNAN**, daughter of Maria Hernan
- 9/13 **JAMES RUSSO**, brother of Adrienne Russo
- 9/13 **JASMIN REQUENA**, daughter of Eleanor Requena, sister of Jaqueline
- 9/14 **EMRE EDEPLI**, son of Levant & Kirsten Edepli
- 9/14 **JOHN MARZANO**, son of Claire Martino
- 9/14 **TATIANA HICKMAN**, sister of Autumn Hickman
- 9/15 **CHRIS SANTIAGO**, son of Eve Ortega
- 9/15 **CHRISTOPHER MALLIN**, son of Robert Mallin
- 9/15 **GEORGE MICHAEL PEREZ**, son of Priscilla Perez
- 9/15 **MARSHALL FORDE**, son of Asurf Forde, brother of Marcel Forde
- 9/15 **YVONNE BURDEN**, sister of Crystal Burden
- 9/16 **JON MICHAEL CAMINITI**, son of David Caminiti, Linda Caminiti and brother of Jacqueline
- 9/16 **KIARR LACEY MONROE**, son of Xenia Vasquez & Lacey Monroe
- 9/16 **MICHAEL CYRUS**, son of Linda Reed
- 9/16 **PAUL WALKER**, son of Ellen Walker
- 9/17 **EVAN FRIEDLANDER**, son of Kathy Friedlander
- 9/17 **PAMELA ARGUELLO**, daughter of Doris Carraquillo, sister of Vinny Urena and Brandon Arguello
- 9/17 **TIM CARPENTER**, son of Donna Carpenter
- 9/17 **TOMMASO CERASE**, son of Barbara Riccardi & Alessandro Cerase
- 9/18 **GLEN FRASER**, son of James Fraser
- 9/18 **LUCY GRAVES**, daughter of Edward Graves
- 9/19 **ALIX LECLAIR**, daughter of Julie Neches, sister of Dom LeClair
- 9/19 **AVA LOUISE HOUSE**, daughter of Molly House
- 9/19 **ERIC ROSENBERG**, son of Sharon Rosenberg
- 9/19 **KASRIEL BENJAMIN**, son of Sarah & Tony Benjamin
- 9/19 **WILLIE GWATHMEY**, brother of Katie Gwathmey
- 9/20 **ISABELLA CARROLL**, daughter of Doreen Carroll
- 9/21 **AIDAN HERNANDEZ**, son of Maura Moloney and Victor Hernandez
- 9/21 **BENJAMIN GOURDJI**, son of Anna Gourdji
- 9/21 **CLAIRE MONTAIGNE**, daughter of Fen Montaigne
- 9/21 **LYNDON HOWARD**, son of Lila Howard
- 9/22 **JACK BRAUN**, brother of Hannah Braun
- 9/23 **DUSTIN TUNICK**, son of Jenifer Kelly
- 9/23 **SHEMAYNE PARKS**, daughter of Beverly Fortson, sister of Hannah Fortson
- 9/24 **NOAH REISMAN**, brother of Rachel Reisman
- 9/24 **ORION DUMITRIU**, son of Winnie Yang
- 9/24 **ROBERT BANNON**, brother of Marybeth Bannon
- 9/24 **SOPHIE ANN MISSHUK**, daughter of Evan Misshuk
- 9/25 **CELINA PACHECO**, daughter of Evelyn Gonzalez
- 9/25 **ELIOT BARTLETT**, brother of Emanuekl (Man) Bartlett
- 9/25 **ISAIAH WINCH**, son of Jesse Winch, brother of Louisa-Carpenter Winch
- 9/25 **JOHN THOMAS (TOMMY) VIGORITA**, son of Patricia & Vincent Vigorita
- 9/25 **ROAN VAUGHAN**, son of Melissa Schreiber, Brendan Vaughan & Renee Dale
- 9/25 **SEAN COYLE**, brother of Krista Coyle
- 9/25 **WILLIAM GRIFFO**, son of Yvona & William Griffo, brother of Mike Griffo
- 9/26 **STEFAN THEGEBY**, son of Dale Thegeby
- 9/27 **ALLIE HUGGINS**, daughter of Matt Huggins, sister of Sarah Huggins
- 9/27 **WILLIAM MONEN**, son of Nancy Monen
- 9/28 **ASHLEY HOPE GOODMAN**, daughter of Karen Goodman
- 9/28 **AURELIE FRANCHITTI**, daughter of Marianna Vertsman, sister of Valerie Franchitti
- 9/28 **JAMIE MARCUS**, daughter of Bruce Marcus
- 9/29 **KARIM HALAWI**, brother of Lama Halawi
- 9/29 **LAUREN MARIE NELSON**, sister of Mickey (Michelle) Nelson
- 9/29 **PAMELA SUE CHAIKEN**, daughter of Sandy & Lionel Chaiken, sister of Stephanie
- 9/30 **ANTHONY HELZER**, son of Donna Romer
- 9/30 **JO ANNA BURRO**, daughter of Jeanette Burro

| THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS CHAT SCHEDULE. Click here to display exact times and to see entire schedule | | | |
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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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