



## Madeline Simon

March 22, 1931 - April 20, 2024

Madeline Horowitz Simon

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Madeline Simon, known as “Maddy” to countless children at her beloved Camp Kinderland since 1962 and “Mrs. Simon” to countless more children in the New York City school system, died peacefully after a brief illness.

Madeline was born in The Coops and, as a product of the Jewish left of the 1930’s Bronx,

sought to realize a world free of war, hatred and injustice. She was devoted to the survival of Yiddish language and culture, and led Yiddish classes for the last 25 years of her life.

Madeline’s talent for music led to her lifetime of work in music education, including directing Yiddish choruses throughout the East Coast. She taught music at several New York City elementary and high schools, including student instrumental performing and musical theater ensembles. At Kinderland, where she volunteered every summer from 1962 to 2017, she introduced music from the Holocaust, Civil Rights, Womens’ Equality, and workers’ movements throughout the world to generations of children. When she stood up to lead group singing, it was impossible to resist joining in. She will be remembered as a straight-talking, nurturing woman who loved a clever crossword puzzle or a good joke.

Madeline was preceded in death by Lester Simon, her husband of 33 years, and is survived by her four children and their spouses: Eve and Roy Rittle, Abby Simon, Daniel and Cindy Simon, and Fred Simon and Alisa Berkowitz. She also leaves devoted grandchildren Eric, Leah, Max, August, Benjamin, Isabel and Toby.

Memorial service to be held on April 26, from 1:00-4:00 PM at Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home at 90 North Broadway in Tarrytown, NY.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be sent to The Rosenberg Fund For Children at [rfc.org](http://rfc.org).

# Previous Events

## Cremation Private

APR **23** (ET)

Ferncliff Cemetery  
280 Secor Rd.  
Hartsdale, NY 10530

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## Memorial Service

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home  
90 North Broadway  
Tarrytown, NY 10591

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# Tribute Wall

HW

“ I was always happy to visit with my friend and neighbor Maddy. Often we would speak Yiddish together. I will surely miss her.  
Harriet Weissman

Harriet Weissman - April 25, 2024 at 11:14 PM

MF

“ Dear Abby, Eve, Danny, Freddy and family. I could not wait to join a conversational Yiddish class and when I retired in 2012 I was able to join Maddy's class first at the JCC in Pleasantville and then at the JCC in Tarrytown. Each Passover Maddy told us that she had a Haggadah in Yiddish, which she read with you. She gave me a copy of “Di Fir Kashes” and this year I read this to my children in honor of Maddy. It was an honor to know her and to work with her in continuing the Yiddish Vinkl via Zoom during the Pandemic.

Miriam Fishman - April 25, 2024 at 09:16 PM

AE

“ Arline E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Madeline Simon.

Arline E. - April 25, 2024 at 07:20 AM

SS

“ Sheila Slater planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Madeline Simon.

Sheila Slater - April 24, 2024 at 08:15 PM

SS

“ *Sheila Slater purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Madeline Simon.*



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**Sheila Slater** - April 24, 2024 at 08:15 PM

EO

“ *Dear Eve, Abby, Danny, Freddie and family,  
Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your wonderful mother and my dear friend, Maddy. The ties that bind: as a Coopsnik, I'm old enough to see an image in my mind's eye of your mom's father, Khaver Horowitz, and, of course, I knew your bobbe Esther well and remember your uncle Milton. My late brother Moti was your mom's age and they went to school together, from kindergarten to the end of high school at Music and Art, often in the same class. Both your parents were warm and devoted people. May you draw a measure of solace from the beautiful legacy they have left. In the Jewish tradition we say זכרונה לברכה May your mother's memory be for a blessing.*

*Gene (Eugene Orenstein, now near Philadelphia)*

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**Eugene Orenstein** - April 23, 2024 at 11:59 AM

JS

*Maddy's Yiddish classes were always so very special to me. Her enthusiasm for teaching and sharing Yiddish stories and song was unparalleled. She transliterated Yiddish stories so that we could all read them and translate them together. In the second part of the class, Maddy would eagerly turn to the piano to accompany and lead us in some wonderful songs, often including "Alle Brider," an uplifting Yiddishist anthem. Her repertoire of Yiddish texts and songs was encyclopedic. She reminded me of my grandmother who raised me and only spoke Yiddish in the same dialect. Maddy's spirit will remain with me forever. May you be comforted by your memories and the knowledge that she impacted so many people with her passion for Yiddishkeit.*

*Zei gezunt,  
Jean Schon*

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**Jean Schon** - April 26, 2024 at 01:32 PM