

## Jewish Buffalo: Separated at Birth

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You've seen this before. "Separated at Birth" -- celebrities who look like other celebrities. For the first time, right here, we've got 19 random religious, cultural and business leaders in the Buffalo Jewish Community and their celebrity doppelgangers. *Note -- if you have any other suggestions, please email them to us so we can do an update in an upcoming issue. CLICK ON THE COMPOSITE IMAGE TO THE RIGHT (OR ABOVE) TO VIEW ALL SEVEN PAGES OF LOOK-A-LIKES! ENJOY!*



Rob Goldberg



Lin Miranda



Rabbi Jonathan Freirich



Mark Ruffalo\_



Cantor Irwin Gelman



Jim Rome

## CBA Bookclub Recommendation

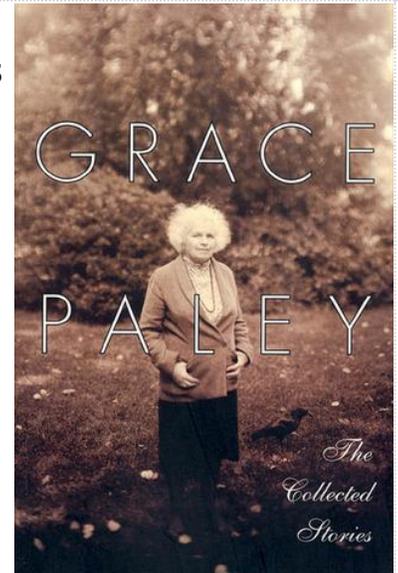
By Shelly Kerker:

## Collected Stories by Grace Paley

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In this time of sequestering and social distancing, reading a book can provide us with a great opportunity to break out of our houses and meet new people. And author Grace Paley in her *Collected Stories* gives us a chance to make the acquaintance of some unique and colorful characters.

This book is a compilation of short stories from her three earlier works – *The Little Disturbances of Man*, *Enormous Changes at the Last Minute*, and *Later the Same Day*. Set in the mid-twentieth century, these are small stories with big issues beneath the surface. My favorite is “The Loudest Voice” about a little Jewish girl who is chosen to play the lead in a Christmas pageant in her school. Paley invites us to look into her life, and the lives of all of her characters, to see their relationships close up, and to let us watch these relationships unfold as she moves their stories forward through pitch-perfect dialogue. Many of her characters are Jewish, some are immigrants, all are ordinary people, and their language is the language of the streets and kitchens of New York City. When I heard these people speak, I felt that I knew them. Grace Paley brings the reader into the homes and lives of her characters with love, understanding and wit, and I think you’ll find that they are interesting places to visit.



## Play Ball! A (mostly) Jewish Take on Baseball

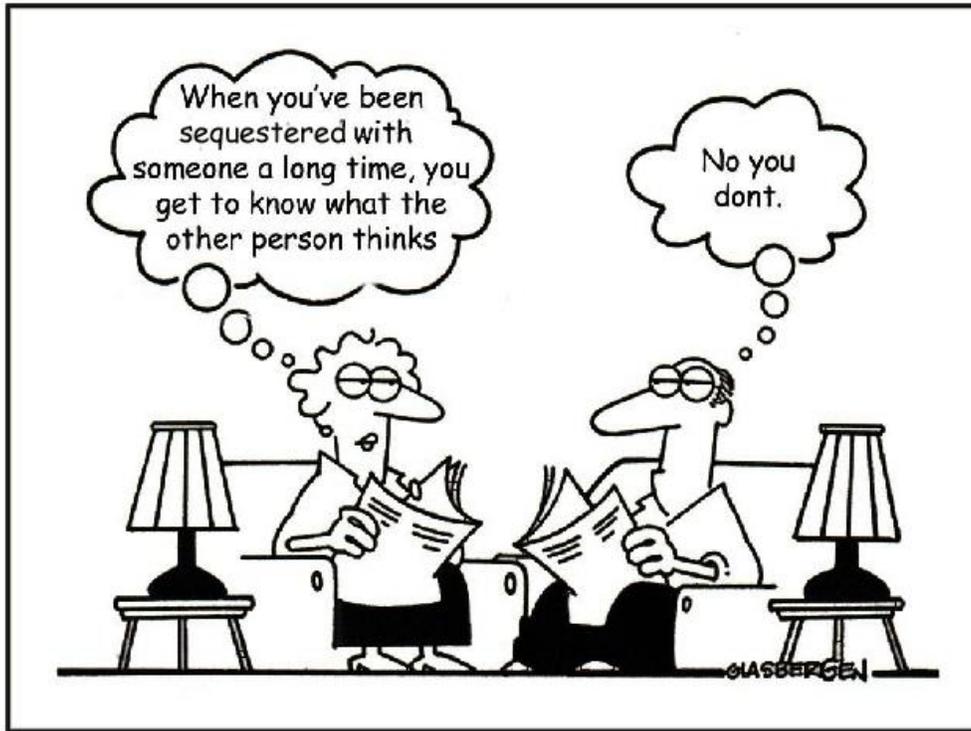
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“Play ball!” Regrettably, those two words that hearken the return of spring have yet to be uttered this year. Yes, I know, Buffalo is a football town, but in my mind, baseball is still and always will be America’s favorite pastime. In my generation, no more ethnic, religious or cultural group embraced major league baseball than the Jews. Maybe it was our cerebral obsession with statistics. Maybe it was the ebb and flow of the game itself, which subconsciously served as a metaphor for life. Maybe it was the yearning of us athletically challenged Jewish nerds who could live vicariously through our sports heroes. Whatever the case. I present to you for your Jewish baseball fix and diversion, the following links that EVERYONE, fan and non-fan alike will appreciate.



**[CLICK HERE](#) to watch**

## COVID CARTOON OF THE WEEK



## Thanks for Sharing Your Zoom Seder Images

Thanks to all who sent their Zoom Seder images to CBA!

***Chag Virtual Pesach Sameach!***

***(images no longer available in the gallery)***



# Friday Night Webex Service with CBA

Join Cantor Irwin Gelman this Friday, April 17th as he leads a Friday night service by teleconference. The service will start at 6:30 and will last until around 7:00 or so. Please check back at our website for more details. We will also send an email notification during the week with the login information as well as a PDF of the siddur. In the meantime, you can contact [Irwin](#) or [Marty](#) for more information.

