



The Jewish Center
PRINCETON • NEW JERSEY

YIZKOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



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YIZKOR SERVICE

Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

Yizkor is recited four times a year.

YOM KIPPUR – OCT. 5, 2022
SHEMINI ATZERET – OCT. 17, 2022

PASSOVER – APRIL 13, 2023
SHAVUOT – May 27, 2023

Dear Friends,

Our Memorial Book allows us to remember our loved ones during the Yizkor Memorial service and beyond. Remembering family and friends whose lives helped shape the people we have become, and the people we are becoming is an important element of our service on Yom Kippur and the three Pilgrimage festivals, the three other times each year when we recite Yizkor Prayers. There is pain in evoking the memory of our loved ones, even as we pray that the sweetness of those memories will add beauty to our lives. We Jews have developed a particular expertise in our ability to experience both the bitter and the sweet simultaneously. Even as we prepare to usher in the New Year with anticipation and gratitude, we remember that to be human also involves the experience of loss. One aspect of our humanity is to have the ability to remember.

On these High Holidays we will say the phrase “*zochraynu l’Chaim*/ remember us for life” many times. We evoke the idea that even with all the pain in our lives and in the world, we want to remain in this world, we want to remember our loved ones and to live lives that bring honor to them.

When Jews come together you will often hear us wish each other “*l’Chaim*-’ To Life!” *l’Chaim* is not a wish for good health or good luck, nor a prayer or a petition, for God has already given us life. To say *l’Chaim* is to affirm our faith in the goodness and the holiness of life even when life is difficult and painful. It is also an affirmation of gratitude for the many blessings that we have already been given. As a people, we have been willing to say *l’Chaim* in the midst of great suffering and great sorrow. And as individuals, our willingness to say *l’Chaim* is a sign that life is precious and holy, even when it is painful. In this coming year, may each of us merit the gift of the power of the phrase *l’Chaim*-so that we may live fully though celebration and sorrow as we incorporate the ideals of our loved ones in our lives.

In the pages that follow please see a brief guide to Jewish funeral and mourning rituals. We hope this will be helpful for those in their times of need.

With Blessings,



זכר צדיק לברכה



*The Memory of the Righteous
is a Blessing*

*We miss you,
Rabbi Adam Feldman ז"ל*



We Remember Them

by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.



“The memory of the righteous shall be a blessing.”

At this memorial hour
we recall our former Rabbi, congregants, and loved
ones of our congregational family
who passed away in 5782.

OUR RABBIS

Rabbi Everett Gendler

OUR CONGREGANTS

Samuel Cohen

Rena Klein

Marci Israelite Lieberman

Joyce Maso

Honey (Annette) Rosenberg

Anne (Elizabeth) Rutman

Meyer Sapoff

Howard Siskowitz

LOVED ONES OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Herbert Albin

Robert Altman

Arthur Ballen

Alvin Brown

Jay Craig

Joan Crespi

Edith Duberstein

Dr. Armin Elkins

Wayne Elkins

Lynda Falcon

Dusya Farberova

Marc Fedder

Jacob Feinstein

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice

Shirley Gardenswartz

Sandra (Sandy) Haber

Robin Herman

David J. Holzager

Sheila Nitzberg-Kartoz

Sandra Ganin Katz

Mark Mitchell Kaufman

Selma (Sally) Kaufman

Joyce H. Kevelson

Florence Klein

Rose Mascia

Michael Jules Mattes

Sonia (Sunny) Merow

Alice Nemeth

Ben Ostrer

Harold Sambol

Walter Leo Schiff

Richard (Dick) Slavin

Freida Wallstein

Robert Wallstein

Susan Warschauer

Patricia Anne Will

Eternal God, Source of all mercy, give us the gift of remembering. May our memories of the departed be both tender and true, undiminished by time, not falsified by sentimentality. Let us recall them and love them as they were. Give us the gift of tears. Let us express our sense of loss, our sorrow, and our pain, as well as our gratitude and love. Give us the gift of prayer. May You comfort us with an open heart and trusting faith. Give us the gift of hope. May we always believe in the beauty of life, the power of goodness, the right to joy. May we surrender our being, and the souls of the departed, to Your eternal compassion.

(names included are as of 9/28/22) – we apologize for any inadvertently left off)

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At this memorial hour
we recall our past presidents and founding members
who passed away.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Seymour Bogdonoff
Reuben Cohen
Norman Denard Jess
Epstein
Joseph Fath Richard
B. Fishbane Alvin E.
Gershen

Maurice Glicksman
George Goldsmith
Alvin Gordon
Gil Gordon
Irwin Gordon
Herbert M. Gurk
Bernard Hershenov

Leonard Hymerling
Ernest Lynton
William Miller
Dexter Neadle
Murray Reich
Roslyn Staras

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Louis and Minnie Abrams
Henry and Susan Abrams
William and Esther Abrams
Murray and Ruth Bailey
Harry and Cecilia Ballot
Marver and Sheva Bernstein
Harriet and Seymour Bogdonoff
Alice Braverman
Sarah Braverman
David and Helen Brener
Joseph and Stella Caplan
Jess and Marion Epstein
Gussie Felsher
Meyer and Helen Goldstein
Milton Horowitz
Marjorie Horowitz
Leonard and Madeline Hymerling
Abraham and Rosalind Kahane

Nathan and Anita Kasrel
Ernest and Adele Kaufman
Otto and Ruth Kaufman
William and Ruth Kleinberg
Jerome and Phyllis Kurshan
Rabbi Irving and Sarah Levey
William and Bernice Miller
Benjamin and Violet Miller
Julius and Laura Peskin
Avner and Marion Robinson
Aaron and Libby Salkin
Louis Schleifer
Rubin and Blanche Schwartzstein
Esther Schwartzstein
Percy and Bess Siskowitz
Arthur and Dorothy Tobolsky
Paul and Eunice Urken
Nathan and Fanny Wolman

These We Remember

**Barry Ableman &
Linda Rosenberg**

Lester Ableman
Shirley Ableman

Jeffrey & Kathleen Abrams

Iris Abrams
Murry Abrams

Adele Agin

*Norman Agin
Mildred Finerman
Harry Finerman
Luisa Zauli

Jeffrey Albert & Marian Bass

Goldie Bass
Motel Bass
Richard Albert

Jane, Jennifer & John Altman

Robert A. Altman

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Sylvia Sandler
Louis Sandler
Michal Amir
Yosef Amir
Marjorie Stenerson

Carolyn Angoff

*William H. Angoff
*Eleanor Angoff
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Simon Wolk

Avi Argaman

Meir Argaman

**Craig, Meta and
Daedalus Arnold**

Beverly Arnold

Cathy & Brad Bailey

James H. Quartner
*Ruth Bailey
*Murray Bailey

The Bar-Cohen Family

Avram Bar-Cohen
Sandra Haber

Olga Barsky

Vladislav Barsky
Baruch Israel

Meryl Baurmash

*Daniel J. Wagner
Harold Baurmash
Lila Baurmash
Edith Finkelstein

The Behar Family

Max Galen
Josephine Galen
Nessim Behar
Rachel Behar

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These We Remember

Carrie & Michael Bernstein

Warren Weinstein

Ruth & William Besser

*Karen Sue Besser

Jeremy & Jen Black

Rosalynda Black

Leslie & Stephanie Blau

Aurelia Blau and Eugen Blau

Maria Eisner

Miklos Eisner

William Eisner

Bleyman & Ginovker Family

Igor Bleyman

Georgiy Ginovker

Rita Alperovich

Sarah Hasdan-Bleyman

Eliezer Bleyman

Sterna Kogan

Aaron Leybovsky

Dina Gaukhman

Mera Ginovker

Israel Ginovker

Boris Alperovich

Beatrice & Michael Bloom

Alfred Bloom

Bernice "Bunny" Bloom

Ruben Souroujon D'Alcala

Harold Borkan

*Jean Borkan

Dora Borkan

Fred Philip Borkan

Betty Borkan Chait

Ellen Borrow

*Rita Fishman

Morris Fishman

***Shirley Reich, Lenore Argen,
Doreen Kirsch, Charlene Borsack
and Families***

*Sheldon Reich

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Sally Steinberg-Brent***

Alfred H. Brent

Norma Brent

Howard L. Steinberg

Lylian Estrin Alsofrom

Joseph M. Alsofrom

Jacalyn Susan Silberstein

Schary Ruth Silberstein

Miriam Silberstein

Ann Alsofrom

Randy & Deborah Brett

Betty Lieber

Boruch Lieber

Muriel Brett

Herbert Brett

William Berns

Ann Berns

Lester Brett and Helen Brett

These We Remember

Daniel & Elissa Brito

Mark Zaidel
Joan Zaidel

***Sara Bucholtz & Talia, Dena and
Ilan Feldman***

*Rabbi Adam Feldman
Nikki Feldman

Philip & JoAnn Carchman

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Eddie Carmel
Aaron Pines
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Shirley Gardenswartz

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Adele Cheifetz
Bernard Cheifetz
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Leslie Cheifetz
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David Spielsinger, MD

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Anne Citron
Max Citron

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Sidney Blair
Ann Blair
Hyman Coopersmith
Gertrude Coopersmith

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*Ann Lebowitz
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Eugene Perle
*Lowell F. Curran Jr. (Frank)

Judy Diamond

*Rabbi Jim Diamond

***Marc, Sharon, Eric & Jason
Diamondstein***

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Samuel Zvi Fichman Haber

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These We Remember

The Duberstein Family

Edith Duberstein
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Rena M. Talbot
Ross B. Talbot

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Samuel Edelman
Marion Edelman
Albert Gunther
Tillie Gunther
Terry Gunther
Roberta Volinsky
Emily Marshall
Gunther Meyer
Eva Ritter Meyer
Michael Ernest Meyer

Frances Zeitler Edelman

Ruth Turim
Arthur Turim
Irwin Turim
*Johanna Friedman
*Gil Gordon
*Rabbi Adam Feldman

Mark Edelstein

Mannie Edelstein

Suzanne Esterman &

John McKeegan

Michael Esterman
Jack McKeegan
Carolyn McKeegan Calvarusso

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Faye Wallstein
Sydney Wallstein
Sara Schneider
Sam Schneider
Lynda Falcon
Sarah Abeshaus

Ruth Fath

*Joseph Fath
Nettie Schreiber
Morris Schreiber
Ludwig Fath
Edith Fath

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*Nathan Feldstein
*Ruth Feldstein
Carole Katz
Joseph Katz
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*Lonny Kaplan
*Merrye Shavel-Hudis
*Rabbi Adam Feldman
*Gil Gordon

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These We Remember

Joanne Reiffe Fishbane

*Richard B. Fishbane
Stella Reiffe
Philip Reiffe
Fran Fishbane
Jordan Fishbane
Leonard Reiffe

Edward Flax & Deirdra Silver

William Silver
Frieda Silver
Uriel Flax
Ruth Flax
Jack Silver
Rene Hennesey
Esther Delman
Murray Delman
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Bernie & Judi Fleitman

Israel H. Steinberg
Anne Steinberg
Harry Fleitman
Martha Fleitman

Bobbi & Barry Freedman & Family

Dr. Irving Bach
Estelle Bach
*Gerald Freedman
*Anne Freedman

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Robert Freeman
Gertrude Freeman

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Samuel Kessler
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Mollie Stermer
Freida Goldman
Evelyn Chernove

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Arrel Friedman
Cecile Friedman
Herb Heft
Shirley Heft
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Murray Weinstein
Rita Weinstein

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Sarah Uslip
Max Friedman and Ida Friedman

David & Donna Gabai

Evelyn & Sam Gabai
Evelyn & Hy Gabai
Evelyn & Jules Strauss

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Sarah Meyers
Hyman Meyers
Samuel Gantwerk
Belle Gantwerk

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Andrea & David Gaynor

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George Lamb
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Esther Betty Singer

Bernice Gelzer

*Arnold Gelzer

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*Mildred B. Gershen
*Alvin E. Gershen
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Arthur M. Blaine
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Hyman Gershen
Riviera Parish
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Chaim Dubowska

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Jack Gitterman

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Abe Solomon
Ida F. Solomon
Zena Flaster

Irwin "Dady" Goldberg

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Freda Lieblein
George Lieblein
Edward Lieblein
Ben Lieblein
Anne Goldblatt
Alvin Goldblatt
Rae Sorrell
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Fannie Sams Goldfarb
Fred Aaron Goldfarb
Ruth Joan Goldfarb
Jean Goldfarb Sherres Kahn
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Martin Albert Dale

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Michael J. Lesnick, Sr.
Lillian VanderBrook
Stanley Goldman
Irwin Levine
Sandra Pikoff
Harvey Pikoff
John Nichols

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When All That's Left Is Love

by Rabbi Allen S. Maller

When I die
If you need to weep
Cry for someone
Walking the street beside you.
You can love me most by letting
Hands touch hands, and
Souls touch souls.
You can love me most by
Sharing your *Simchas* (goodness) and
Multiplying your *Mitzvot* (acts of kindness). You
can love me most by
Letting me live in your eyes
And not on your mind.
And when you say
Kaddish for me
Remember what our
Torah teaches,
Love doesn't die
People do.
So when all that's left of me is love
Give me away.

These We Remember

Lewis Goldshore

Morris Goldshore
Lea Goldshore
Koppel Goldshore
Pia Goldshore
PVT. Louis Goldshore

Jerry & Vera Goodkin

Nathan Goodkin
Augusta Goodkin
Emil Herman, M.D.
Margaret Herman
Bela Burger, M.D.
Bella Burger
Baba Burger
Anna Burger, M.D.
Janos Burger, Ph.D.
Vera Bacsikai, Ph.D.
William Burger
Sara Burger

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Jennifer Goodman
Albert Miller
Selma Miller
Harold Goodman
Marion Goodman

Felice Gordon

Mark Gordon
Bernard Gordon
Mary Gordon
Robert Dosik
Beatrice Dosik
Paul Dosik

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Sylvia Gordon
Evelyn Gordon
Shirley Steinberg
Bernard Steinberg

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Doris Kanter
Leo Greenstein
Sylvia Greenstein
Judith Greenstein Grabel
Aaron Greenstein

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*Jacob Kodner
Sylvia Kodner
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*Amy Grossman
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Sam Grossman

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*Herbert M. Gurk
Jean Gurk Bricklin
Benjamin Sol Gurk
Helen Auerbach
Bernard A. Auerbach

William Hartman & Ellen Hirsh

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Mortimer S. Hartman

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*Susan Heymsfeld
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Ralph T. Heymsfeld
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Ruth M. Schiff
Jeanne Talpers
Wynne Wu
Rachel Jacobs

Steve & Randy Hubert

Selmar Hubert
Hilda Hubert
Isadore Briskin
Lillian Briskin
Harold Karafin
Esther Karafin

Steve Hudis & Suzanne Tepper

Ann Hudis
Mac Hudis
*Gloria Shavel
*Matt Shavel
*Merrye Shavel-Hudis
Ira Fink
Jacob Bonk
Bernice Bonk
Arnold Bonk

Hanan & Helaine Isaacs

George Isaacs
Reeva Isaacs
Frederick Sheinberg
Shirley Sheinberg

Sara & Steven Just

Jeanette Schuback
Emanuel Schuback
Diana Schuback
Rae Just
Leo Just
Ruth Singer
Jessie Eisenstat

Steven & Florence Kahn

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Laurette Baumann
Schechtman
Ann Schurman
Martin Schurman

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These We Remember

David & Edye Kamenir

Gilbert R. Kamenir
Gary W. Poecker

The Kaswan Family

Joan Kaswan

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Leo Eaker
Nathan Kaufman

Kenneth & Christine Kaufman

Jerome Kaufman
Rebecca Goldberg Kaufman
Kenwood A. Hanson
Doris R. Hanson
Richard K. Hanson

Philip L. Kirstein

Philip Kirstein
Fannie Kirstein Rosenstein
Max Erdreich
Hattie Erdreich
Marie Erdreich Kirstein
Paul H. Kirstein
Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice

Meryl Anne Klein & Dylan Klein-Denk

Hyman William Klein
Florence Klein

Emilie Kovit

Bernard Kovit

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Toni Ward Holzsager
David Holzsager, MD
Karl Kramer
Gertrude Kramer

Seva Jaffe Kramer & Peter Kramer

Rubin Kramer
Miriam Kramer
Cindy Kramer
Byrnece Jaffe
Myron Jaffe
Joseph Jaffe
Mary Jaffe
Joseph Kaufman
Rena Kaufman
Pincus Marcus

Mildred Kranzler

*Myles M. Kranzler
Dora Borkan
Philip Borkan

Ellen & Jay Kuris

Henrietta Kuris
Arthur Kuris
William Wolarsky
Anne Wolarsky

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Mindy & Corey Langer

Fay Lippman
Sam Lippman
Lillian Slavin
Jack Slavin
Mary Frank
Aaron Frank
*Richard Slavin
*June Slavin
Leon Langer
Rita Langer

Brad & Barbara Lawrence

Mel Lawrence
Elinore Lawrence
Harry Nitzberg
Sally Barilli
Paul Barilli
Silvia Lande

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Rose Mascia
Anthony C. Mascia
Juno Lees

Stuart Lehman

Miriam Lehman
Gertrude Lehman
Pearl Lehman

Phyllis & Paul Lehrer

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Sylvia Alpert
Samuel Lehrer
Ethel Lehrer

Arthur Jon Lehrhaupt

Pearl Lehrhaupt
Solomon Lehrhaupt
Mildred Lehrhaupt
Fanny Lehrhaupt
David Lehrhaupt
Celia Friedman
Morris Friedman
Abraham Friedman

Martha Greenberg Liebman

*Arnold Bernard Liebman
Phillip H. Greenberg
Adele Spivack Greenberg

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Louis Berger
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Sylvia Leiman
Naomi Luzon
Rabbi Raymond Leiman

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Herbert Leopold
Gladys C. Weisberger
Daniel F. Weisberger

Joan Levin & Family

*Mark Levin
Esther Siegel
Murray Siegel

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Robert & Judy Levine

Max Levine and Anna Levine
Bernard Brill

Morton & Susan Levine

Richard J. Levine
Goldie Levine
Louis H. Levine
Phoebe Karpel
Herman Karpel
Hilda Stern
Rony Stern
Fred Benamy

Richard Levine & Kathy Ales

*Edith Ales
*Milton Ales
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Thomas Ellson
Herbert Levine
Leanore Levine
Paul Levine

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Israel J. Strauss
Sidney Lewis
Evelyn Goldstein Lewis
*Ruth Elkin Mendelson

David Lieberman

Milton Lieberman
Jeannette Lieberman
Lester Lieberman
Shirley Lieberman
Norman Israelite

Laieta Israelite
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Eli Litt
Aaron Litt
Sophia Litt
*Irwin Litt, MD
Robert Kravitz
Alexander Kravitz
Berta Rubin Kravitz

Avron & Sally Magram

Eli Brody
Miriam Brody
Jean Schiff
Stanley Brody
Jeanne Magram
Sol Magram
*Adrienne Schutz

Judith & Moshe Margolin

Thelma "Tybie" Kollman
Kenneth G. Kollman
Edna Staskin
Eugene Staskin
Howard Margolin

Deborah Marinsky &

Frank DiGiacomo

Jacob Akiba Marinsky
Ruth Slick Marinsky

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These We Remember

Constance Marks & Marilyn Marks Tal

*Morris Marks
Tillie Marks
Nathan Marks
Morris Seidler
Rose Seidler
Edwin Seidler
Shirley Seidler
Lois Ruth Seidler

Sheila Marrero

*Jacinto (Jack) Marrero
Herman Lichtman
Franya Lichtman
Jacinto Marrero
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Margaret Krausz Becker
Arthur Becker
Max Wolf Mattes
Lillian Mattes
M. Jules Mattes

Lawrence & Madlen Mayer

Adolf Mayer
Edna Mayer
Judith Lynn Mayer
Jody Barlerin
Abraham Jakobi
Dina Jakobi

Harriet Kass, Alan Medvin & Family

*David Kass
*Elaine Kass
*Leona Medvin Farber
*Murray Medvin

Linda & Arthur Meisel

Sidney Meisel
Rosalind Meisel Langer
Donald Meisel
*Aaron Familant
*Rosalind Familant

Rabbi Andrea Merow

Dr. Edwin Merow
Sonia Merow
Joel Merow
Michael Forman
Rose Bolinsky
Joseph Bolinsky
Augusta Merow
Benjamin Merow
Thomas Evans
Barry Sysler

Carol & Andy Milstein

Daniel Milstein
Henrietta Milstein
Ruth Mandel and Lenard Mandel
Myra Mandel
Joyce Pravda

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These We Remember

Josh & Linda Milstein

Mildred Teicher
Harvey Teicher
Gwendolyn Milstein
David Milstein
Ruth Wolf

Tirza Wahrman & Warren Mitlak

Arthur Mitlak
Henry Wahrman
Naomi Wahrman
Walter Kaufman
Dan Wax
Irma Kaufman

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Bernard Morgenstern
Jeanette Morgenstern
Marilyn Goldman
Karen Heick
Ben Goldman

Georgie & Peter Moss

Charles Baber
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Jason Moss

Cynthia & Fred Neufeld

Sidney T. Jacobs
Anna Fait Jacobs
Minerva Melnick Neufeld
Louis Neufeld
Gertrude Jacobs Goldstein

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David Weis

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Tobias Abraham Namenson
Ardith Estelle Namenson

Jerry Neumann & Naomi Richman Neumann

Avriam S. Richman
Morris Richman
Leonard J. Neumann
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Shai Noiman & Edna Bryn-Noiman

Suzi and Ben Brin
Miriam and Ephraim Noiman
Stella Avram

Judy Nussbaum & Marvin Gelblat

Charles Nussbaum
Temie Nussbaum
Sydney Gelblat
Eleanor Gelblat
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*Jessica Allyn Opatut
Eleanor Jacobs
Murray Jacobs
Mary Opatut
Ben Opatut

Simon & Melissa Pankove

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Miriam Pantchechnikoff
*Rebecca Wasserman
Morris Wasserman
*Jacques Pankove
*Ethel Pankove
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Paul Pearlmutter

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Dr. Lloyd Nimaroff
Rose Nimaroff
David Persky
Evelyn Persky

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Annette Pickens Malvin
Joseph H. Pickens
Elliot Pickens

Pearl Podell

Gershon Grubert
Adele Grubert

Karen & Don Polakoff & Family

Florence Klein Jacobs
Robert Klein
Irene Polakoff
Harold Polakoff
Harold Jacobs

David & Alison Politziner

Syril S. Reitman
Norman Reitman
Ethel Politziner
Seymour Politziner

Carol & Mark Pollard

Miriam Wagner Pollard
Robert Pollard
Minna Wagner
Sanford Silman
Toni Silman
Michael Silman
Joseph Silman
Robert Silman
Ruth Silman

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Mourners' Kaddish for Everyday By Debra Cash

**Build me up of memory
loving and angry, tender and honest. Let my loss build me
a heart of wisdom,
compassion for the world's many losses
Each hour is mortal
and each hour is eternal
and each hour is our testament. May I create worthy
memories all the days of my life.**

Consolation

By Harold M. Schulweis

**I would comfort you, dear friend
wipe away your tears
Turn your sorrow into joy.**

**I would console you
With words of ancient wisdom
Of the need for acceptance of the
inevitable
The inexorable course of life.**

**I would speak to you of
The immortality of influence
The afterlife of memory
The echo of goodness
In the cavern of our lives.**

**Yet the sages caution
Not in haste
To console the bereaved
Not too soon
To begin the healing.**

**I would raise the heavy weight
From your heart,
Wave a wand and transform your
grief.**

**But the heart has its own wisdom
Sets its own time
And will not be rushed.**

**Now is the time for silence
the dumb silence that awaits
The coming of a new mood,
And a brighter spirit
With you, friend,
I will be silent
Tomorrow we will speak.**

These We Remember

Allen & Rhona Porter

Edna Wang
Paul Wang
Fred Porter
Tillie Porter
Stanley Wang

Summer & Andrew Pramer

Mildred Herman
Sidney Herman
*Rhoda Pramer

Jonathan & Rebecca Prenner

Joyce Prenner
Buzz Baumgold

Ellen & George Pristach

*Shirley Becher
*Max Becher
Robert Becher
Mollie Pristach
Joseph Pristach
Claudia Brenner

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Frimi Orel
Murray Provorny
Estelle Provorny
Sharon Provorny

Sandie Rabinowitz

*Irving N. Rabinowitz

Lauren, Ari, Sydney & Lila Raivetz

Steven R. Weiser

Michael & Joyce Rappeport

Rosalie Albin
Arkady Albin
Lilie Rappeport
Moses Rappeport

Claire Philipp & Allan Reiman

Rachel Shelly Philipp
Wanda Reiman
Mark Bernard Reiman

Rogie & Martin Rome

Shirley Rome
*Nita Rome
Alice Rome Shea
Henrietta Reichlin
Jean Stone
Irwin Stone

Marilyn & Joe Rosen

Ruth Rosen and Hyman Rosen
Lillian Greene and Sidney Greene

Sherry Rosen

Sara Rosen Kaufman
Samuel J. Rosen
Leila Rosen Young
Rose Rosen Baer

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Donna S. Rosenberg

Helene Yagoda Rand
Stanley Rand

Dr. Michael L. Rosenthal

*Jacob "Jack" Rosenthal
*Suzanne Dolinko Rosenthal

Lynne Ross

Samuel Ludwig
Minnie Ludwig
*David Ross

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Daniel Stillson
Melvin Rossman
Barbara Rossman

Martha & Marty Rossman

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Harold R. Sambol

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Mary Sapoff
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Lilian Kaye
Morris Cohen
Ida Cohen
Nathan Cohen
Arnold H. Kagan
Thelma Layton Camhe
Ronnee Lake Teitler

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Arnold Sarett
Judy Sarett

**Monica Blum, Jeff, Jeremy
& Matthew Savlov**

Harold Savlov
Liese David
Lottie Blum
David Hans Blum

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Hans M. Schapire
Lillian "Libby" Schapire
Julie Schapire
Myron Sloan
Susanne Sloan
Howard Sloan

Jay, Ginger & Miki Schnitzer

Jacqueline Schnitzer

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Jewish Proverbs

What soap is for the body, tears are for the soul.

- Jewish Proverb

The 'gift' of grief is that it presents us with the opportunity to heal and grow.

- Jewish Proverb

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.

– Ecclesiastes

Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was.

- Hebrew Proverb

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now are a part of us; as we remember them.

- Jewish Prayer

God is closest to those with broken hearts.

- Jewish Proverb



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Ruth Schulman

*Melvin A. Schulman
*Amy Adina Schulman
Alvin R. Brown
Carol B. Peretz

Iris & Steve Schulman

Bertha Gross and Charles Gross
Joel Gross
Mary Schulman
Israel Schulman
Mona Miller

Alicia, Tim, Liam & Nicole Schwarcz

Dr. Susana B. Schwarcz
Dr. Joseph M. Schwarcz

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Elaine Antebi

Harriett Schwartz

Marshall Hunovice
Dorothy Hunovice
*Howard Schwartz
Martin Schwartz
Stanley Schwartz
Philip Schwartz
Hannah Schwartz

Judy & Martin Schwartz

Irwin Greene
Eleanore Greene
Jean Schwartz
Harold Schwartz

Roger Schwartz

Robert & Carol Schwartz

Anna Schwartz
Miklos Schwartz
Miriam Tobey and Irving Tobey
Victor Klein
Eva Klein
Martin Neuwirth
Fanny Neuwirth
Lester Neuwirth
Olga Schwartz
Emanuel Schwartz
Vera Schwartz

Lisa and Sanjay Sehgal

Gerald L. Popick

Harold T. & Vivian B. Shapiro

Max Shapiro and Mary Kantor
Alec Rapoport
Yedda Rapoport
Francis Jason

Douglas & Marcie Shavel

*Gloria T. Shavel
*Merrye Shavel-Hudis
*Matthew Shavel
Arthur Bern
Ira Bayers
Israel Berg
*Lonny Kaplan
*Rabbi Adam Feldman
David Smith

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Charles and Mollye Tuck

Louis and Ida Shavel

*Lonny Kaplan

David Smith

*Gil Gordon

Sharon Shylit & Family

*Ben Shylit

Elias Shylit

Henia Shylit

Alexander Fiegler

Pearl Fiegler

Rita Feigeles

Bruce Feigeles

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Samuel Ribner

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Sam Zion

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Abraham Temkin

Frances Spector

Alexander Spector

Elisa & Cary Spiegel

Roslyn Levine

Sheldon Levine

Victor Spiegel

Annabelle Speigel

Gusta Brown

Evelyn Feinberg

Melanie Stein

Sara Grubert Hack

Oscar Grubert

Harry Grubert

Charles L. Podell

Roberta and Ephraim Sternthal

Celia Hinden

Benjamin Hinden

Bella Sternthal

Irving Sternthal

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*Thomas Howard Stix
May Sherwin
J. Stephen Sherwin
John Stix

Bev Surrey

*Marc Surrey
Frieda Weiss
Frank Weiss
Jane Surrey
David Surrey
Nelya Tkach

Michael Swallow

Robert Swallow

Mark & Lisa Tobias

Rose Levenson
Barney Levenson
Frank Devin
Leah Devin
David Devin and Roberta Devin
Jack Simon
Mildred Simon

Jesse & Marissa Treu

Ahbe Jay Treu
Charlotte Treu Gross
Morris J. Fellner
Virginia Fellner
Harry Jay Treu
Sophie Treu
Louis Ratner
Emma Ratner
John Heckler

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Ina Gilbert

Barbara & David Vilkomerson

*Jess Epstein
*Marion Epstein
Benjamin Vilkomerson
Violet Vilkomerson

Nina Wacholder

*Robert Goldenberg
Bernard Goldenberg
Irene Goldenberg
Ben Zion Wacholder
Touby Wacholder
Sholom Wacholder

Myra Weiner

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Mollie Doctor Lee
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Susan Lee

Thomas & Stephanie Will

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Ruth Schneier
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Bobby Willig & Ginny Mason

Jack Willig
Meg Willig
Ben Mason
Irene Mason
Paula Siegel

Dave & Sandy Wilson

Yolanda Gonzalez
Selsa Gonzalez
Fernando Gonzalez
Kathleen Gressett
Evelyn Wilson
William Wilson

Lara Winn

Sheila Sheer

Charlie, Sonnie and Neil Wise

Ralph Wise
Ruth Wise
Avrum Sellers
Shyfra Sellers

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Joan Bass
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Hal Cantor
Carol Belmer
Perley Belmer
Margaret Hester
John F. Hester
JoAnn T. Waldmann
John F. T. Hester
Vivian Nehemias
William Nehemias
Mary Nelson
Jack Nelson

Froma I. Zeitlin

*George Zeitlin
Claire Zeitlin
Dora Inselbuch
Samuel Inselbuch

Joshua & Advah Zinder

Sameul B. Zinder

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Service for the Cemetery

Those who have not visited a cemetery for more than thirty days recite the following blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר-
יָצַר אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין, וְזָן וְכִלְכַּל אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין, וְהֵמִית
אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין, וַיּוֹדֶעַ מִסְפַּר כָּלְכֶם בְּדִין, וְעַתִּיד
לְהַחְיֹר וּלְהַחְיֹתְכֶם בְּדִין. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ,
מַחְיֵה הַמֵּתִים.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, who rules the universe, who in keeping with the laws of nature created you, nourished and sustained you, knows how many of you there are, and who will someday restore and give life to you. Praised are You, Adonai, Master of life and death.

Verses from the Psalms

בְּרָאוֹשׁ וַתַּחֲשֹׁבֶהוּ:	יְיָ מִהֲאֵדָם וַתְּדַעֵהוּ
יָמָיו כָּצַל עוֹבֵר:	אֵדָם לְהַבִּיל דָּמָה
לְעֶרֶב יְמוּלֵל וְגִבַּשׁ:	בְּבֹקֶר יִצִּיץ וְחָלַף
וַיְבִיֵא לִבִּב חֲכָמָה:	לְמִנּוֹת יָמָיו כֵּן הוֹדַעַ
כִּי־אַחֲרִית לְאִישׁ שְׁלוֹם:	שְׁמֵרָתָם וְרָאָה יֵשֶׁר
אֲדֹאֲלֵהֶם יִפְדֶּה־נַּפְשִׁי מִיָּד שְׂאוּל. כִּי יִקְחֵנִי סֵלָה:	

Adonai, what is a person that You should care about her? The human being that You should think of him?

A human being is like a breath.

His or her days like a passing shadow.

At daybreak it flourishes anew

But by dusk it withers and dries up. Teach

us to use all our days,

That we may attain a heart of wisdom.

Mark the blameless, note the upright,

For there is a future for a person of integrity.

God will redeem my life.

When taking me, God will save my soul.

Unison Reading

Eternal God, give us the gift of remembering. May our memories of the dead be tender and true, undiminished by time. Let us recall them, and love them, as they were. Shelter us with the gift of tears. Let us express our sense of loss, our sorrow, our pain, as well as our love, and words unspoken.

Bless us with the gift of prayer. May we face You with an open heart, with trusting faith, unembarrassed and unashamed. Strengthen us with the gift of hope. May we always believe in the beauty of life, the power of goodness, the right of joy. May we surrender our being, and the souls of all the dead, to Your all-knowing compassion.

At the Graves of Relatives

In memory of a male:

May God remember the soul of my beloved _____, who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony, I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is his soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of his life and for what he did accomplish. May he rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of a female:

May God remember the soul of my beloved,, who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony, I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is her soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of her life and for what she did accomplish. May she rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of relatives and friends:

May God remember the souls of all our beloved relatives and friends who have gone to their eternal home. In loving testimony, I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to them. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, their souls are bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of their lives and for what they accomplished. May they rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of martyrs:

May God remember the souls of our fellow Jews, martyrs of our people, who gave their lives for the sanctification of God's name. In their memory I pledge charity. May their bravery, their dedication and their purity be reflected in our lives. May their souls be bound up in the bond of life. And may they rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

EL MALEI RAHAMIM MEMORIAL PRAYER

אל מלא רחמים, שוכן במרומים, המצא מנוחה נכונה
תחת כנפי השכינה, במעלות קדושים וטהורים, כזהר
הרקיע מזהירים, לנשמות כל-אלה שהזכרנו היום
לברכה, שהלכו לעולמם, בגן עדן תהי מנוחתם. אנא
בעל הרחמים הסתירם בסתר כנפיה לעולמים וצור
בצור החיים את-נשמותיהם. יהוה הוא נחלתם. ויניחו
בשלום על משכבותיהם. ונאמר אמן.

Exalted, compassionate God, grant infinite rest, in Your
sheltering Presence, among the holy and pure, to the souls of
all our beloved who have gone to their eternal home and whom
we have fondly recalled today. Merciful One, we ask that our
loved ones find perfect peace in Your tender embrace, their
memory enduring as inspiration for commitment to their ideals
and integrity in our lives. May their souls be bound up in the
bond of life. May they rest in peace. And let us say: Amen.

EL MALEI RAHAMIM MEMORIAL PRAYER

In memory of the six million:

אל מלא רחמים, שוכן במרומים, המצא מנוחה נכונה
תחת כנפי השכינה, במעלות קדושים וטהורים, כזהר
הרקיע מזהירים, לנשמות כל-אחינו בני ישראל שנטבחו
בשואה, אנשים נשים וטף, שנחנקו ושנשרפו ושנהרגו,
שמסרו את נפשם על קדוש השם, בגן עדן תהי מנוחתם.
אנא בעל הרחמים, הסתירם בסתר כנפיה לעולמים.
וצור בצור החיים את-נשמותיהם. יהוה הוא נחלתם.
ויניחו בשלום על משכבותיהם. ונאמר אמן.

Exalted, compassionate God, grant infinite rest, in Your
sheltering Presence, among the holy and pure, to the souls
of our brethren who perished in the Shoah-men, women and
children of the House of Israel who were slaughtered and
suffocated and burned to ashes. May their memory endure
and inspire deeds of charity and goodness in our lives. May
their souls be bound up in the bond of life. May they rest in
peace. And let us say: Amen.

Psalm 23

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד. יְהוָה רֹעִי לֹא אֲחָסָה בְּנָאוֹת דָּשָׁא
יִרְבִּיצֵנִי, עַל־מִי מְנוּחֹת יִנְהַלֵּנִי. נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבָב,
יִנְחֵנִי בַּמַּעְגֵּל־צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ. גַּם כִּי־אֵלֶךְ בְּגִיא
צִלְמוֹת לֹא־אִירָא רָע כִּי־אֲתָה עִמָּדִי. שִׁבְטְךָ
וּמִשְׁעֲנֶתְךָ הֵמָּה יִנְחֲמֵנִי. תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי שְׁלֹחַן נֹגֵד
צִרְרִי, דִּשְׁנֶתָ בְּשֶׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי, כּוֹסֵי רוּיָהּ. אֵךְ טוֹב
וַחֲסֵד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל־יְמֵי חַיִּי, וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית־יְהוָה
לְאָרֶךְ יָמִים.

A Psalm of David.

Adonai is my shepherd, I lack nothing,
Making me lie down in green pastures,
Leading me beside still waters to revive
my spirit,

Guiding me on the right path, for that is
God's essence.

Though I walk through a valley of deepest
darkness

I fear no harm, for You are with me.

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a meal for me in the
presence of my foes,

You anoint my head with oil; my drink is
abundant.

Surely goodness and kindness shall be
my portion

All the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of Adonai

For many long years.

Kaddish Yatom - Mourner's Kaddish

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא, בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא, כְּרַעוּתָהּ,
וְיִמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעָגְלָא וּבְזִמְנָן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלָם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵינָא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא יְלַעֲלֵא
מִן כָּל-בְּרֻכָּתָא וּשְׁיִרְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחְמָתָא דְאִמְרֵין
בְּעָלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Between יום כפור and ראש השנה

לְעָלָא לְעָלָא מְכַל-בְּרֻכָּתָא וּשְׁיִרְתָּא

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמֵינֵי וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל
כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba, b'alma di v'ra kir-utei
v'yamlikh malkhutei b'hayeikhon u-v'yomeikhon u-v'hayei
d'khol beit yisrael, ba'agala u-vi-z'man kariv, v'imru amen.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varakh l'alam u-l'almei almaya

Yitbarakh v'yishtabah v'yitpa-ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei, v'yit-
hadar v'yit-aleh v'yit-halal sh'mei d'kudsha, b'rikh hu
*l'ela min kol birkhata v' shirata

[*on Yom Kippur: l'ela l'ela mi-kol birkhata v'shirata]
tushb'hata v'nehamata da'amiran b'alma, v'imru amen.

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya,
v'hayim aleinu v'al kol yisra-el, v'imru amen.

Oseh shalom bi-m'romav hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol
yisra-el, v'imru amen.

Guide to Jewish Mourning

Adapted from The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

A Jewish funeral is a sacred rite and should be invested with both dignity and simplicity as taught by Jewish tradition. The family of the deceased should consult a rabbi when death occurs. Preplanning with a funeral home and cemetery is encouraged. When a death occurs, please call the synagogue at any time to reach our Rabbi.

The Jewish way of dealing with death is one part of a larger philosophy of life in which all persons are viewed with dignity and respect. Our people believe that, even after death, the body, which once held a holy human life, retains its sanctity. Our sages have compared the sacredness of the deceased to that of an impaired Torah scroll which, although no longer useable, retains its holiness. In Jewish tradition, therefore, the greatest consideration and respect are accorded the dead.

Jewish law and tradition have endowed funeral and mourning practices with profound religious significance. To this end, Jewish funerals avoid ostentation; family and visitors reflect in dress and deportment the solemnity of the occasion; flowers and music are inappropriate; embalming and viewing are avoided; and interment takes place as soon as possible after death.

The preparation and burial of the body are highly valued mitzvot. It is a chesed shel emet, an act of kindness performed without ulterior motive, for the dead cannot repay this service.

When a member of a community dies, it is the community's responsibility to lovingly assist the deceased's family in this final act.

When Death Occurs

Time of Funeral/Burial - Jewish law requires that burial take place as soon as possible. Burial may be delayed for legal reasons; to transport the deceased, if close relatives must travel long distances to be present at the funeral/burial; or to avoid burial on Shabbat or another holy day.

Shmirah (Attending to the body) - Jewish tradition asks that the deceased not be left alone prior to burial. Hospitals should be requested to avoid disturbing the remains until the arrival of a **Shomer** (guardian/watcher).

It is preferable that **shomrim** be members of the family, friends of the deceased, or members of the congregation. You may also ask the funeral homes to help provide people to do this mitzvah.

Tehillim (Psalms) are recited by the **shomrim**.

Aninut - Time Between Death and Burial

Autopsies and organ donation - The practice of **routine** autopsies is contrary to Jewish law since autopsies are viewed as a desecration of the body. In most cases, when an autopsy is recommended, the family can refuse. Alternatively, Judaism **does permit** an autopsy when it is legally required or if there is medical knowledge that can be gained to help others. Organ donation should be viewed as an example of **K'vod Ha-met** (respect for the deceased) which brings healing to the living. Thus, donating organs or tissues should be considered a **mitzvah**.

Embalming - According to Jewish tradition, embalming and the use of cosmetics on the deceased are not permitted. Embalming is not permitted unless required by civil law.

Cremation -Cremation is not part of Jewish practice; a Rabbi may still choose to officiate at a service.

Taharah (Ritual cleansing) – It is Jewish Tradition to have the body cleansed according to prescribed ritual as an expression of respect. A group of specially trained persons called a **Hevra Kadisha** (holy society) or a Jewish funeral director can arrange this.

Tachrichim (Shroud and burial attire) - Jewish law prescribes burial in plain white shrouds (**tachrichim**) to demonstrate the equality of all. In addition, a Jewish male is customarily buried wearing a **kipah** and his own **tallit**; a Jewish woman may do the same.

Aron (Casket) -To avoid interference with the natural process of “returning to the earth,” Jewish tradition requires that an **aron** be made entirely of wood.

K’riah (Rending the garment) - Mourners for parents, a spouse, children, or siblings traditionally participate in the rite of **K’riah** (rending of garments) usually just prior to the funeral service. This rite consists of tearing a visible portion of clothing (lapel, pocket, collar, or ribbon, for example) The torn garment is worn throughout the 7-day mourning period (**shivah**). The tearing for parents is on the left side over the heart and for all other relatives on the right side.

Onen (Bereaved person) - Between the time of death and the funeral, an immediate family member of the deceased is called an **onen**. The **onen** is exempt from the performance of all affirmative religious obligations, such as reciting the three daily services or putting on **tefillin** during **aninut**. The laws of **aninut**, as well as all the laws of mourning, apply to the seven specific

relatives: spouse, father and mother, son and daughter, brother and sister. (See: A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice - Isaac Klein)

The Funeral

Services - Funeral services may be held in the synagogue, in a funeral home, or at the gravesite. The funeral service is usually brief and simple.

It usually includes the chanting of psalms, **Eyl Malei Rahamim** (the traditional memorial prayer), and a **hesped** (eulogy) honoring the deceased.

Viewing - Viewing the body publicly is contrary to Jewish tradition.

Pall and pallbearers - At a funeral, the casket may be covered with a specially prepared cloth, called a pall, and is borne from the funeral service to the gravesite by family or friends (pallbearers) selected by the mourners.

K'vurah (Burial) - In traditional practice, the casket is lowered into the earth and the grave filled, using a reversed shovel until a mound is formed over the casket. The **Kaddish** is recited at the grave after **k'vurah** is completed. There are different customs or variations, and the Rabbi should be consulted.

Leaving the cemetery - It is customary for the mourners to pass between two rows of people in attendance to receive traditional expressions of consolation. After burial, washing one's hands when leaving the cemetery or before entering the house of mourning is also traditional.

The Mourning Period

Who is obligated - Mourners are those whose parent, spouse, child, or sibling has died.

Shivah (Initial period of mourning) - **Shivah** is the seven-day period of intensive mourning observed by the immediate family of the deceased beginning on the day of the burial. During the entire **shivah** period mourners are encouraged to stay away from work or school, and to remain at home. It is, also, a time to contemplate the meaning of life and the manner in which adjustment will be made to the death of the beloved. Public mourning observances are suspended on the **Shabbat** in view of the belief that the sanctity and serenity of this day supersedes personal grief. Mourners are permitted and encouraged to attend **Shabbat** services; but they are not given an **aliyah**, may not conduct services, and they do not display the **k'riah** publicly. The major festivals terminate **shivah**. (For details consult the Rabbis.) Since Judaism teaches that the feeling of loss of a human life is not limited to the descendant's family alone, but is shared by the entire community, it is customary for the name of the deceased to be recalled at the **Shabbat** service after the funeral.

Condolence Meal - It is customary for family and friends to arrange for a **seudat havra'a**, condolence meal, which traditionally includes round foods such as eggs, which are symbolic of the cycle of life, to be served the mourners at the house of mourning upon their return from the cemetery.

Shivah - It is customary, as expressions of mourning, for mirrors in the **shivah** home to be covered, for a seven-day memorial candle to be kindled, for the mourners to refrain from wearing leather shoes and for males to refrain from shaving. In ancient times, mourners sat on the floor to experience discomfort.

Today, we reflect that experience by sitting on lower or harder chairs without cushions. Greetings of Shalom between mourners and visitors are not normally exchanged. The house of mourning should reflect solemnity. Mourners shall not deem themselves as hosts who are obligated to serve their visitors during the mourning period.

Minyan - Every day, the mourner recites **Kaddish** at a service. A **minyan** is required. It is preferable to have the services in the home of the mourner. If a **minyan** cannot be assured, then the mourner attends the synagogue service. On Shabbat, or join us online, mourners join the synagogue service and receive public condolences.

Shloshim - The first thirty days - During the thirty days following burial, after the observance of **shivah**, mourners return to work and activities but refrain from public entertainment or social activities. The **k'riah** is customarily worn during **shloshim**. In place of home services, mourners participate in synagogue services daily and recite **Kaddish**.

Shanna - Twelve months: The duration of the mourning period - Mourners for deceased parents attend services daily to recite **Kaddish** for eleven Hebrew months and continue to refrain from public celebratory activities for the full twelve months. Other mourners often choose to say **Kaddish** during this period as well.

Yahrzeit (Anniversary of death) - The **Kaddish** is recited each year on the Hebrew calendar anniversary of death. It is customary to light a **yahrzeit** (24 hour burning) candle, to study a portion of **Torah** or **Mishnah**, and to donate **tzedakah** on the anniversary. The synagogue and your Jewish funeral home will send you the date each year.

Yizkor (Memorial prayers) - The **Yizkor** is recited on **Yom Kippur**, **Sh'mini Atzeret**, the eighth day of **Pesah**, and the second day of **Shavuot**. The Rabbi should be consulted to determine when the first **Yizkor** is recited. Some Jews follow the custom of lighting a **yahrzeit** candle on each of these occasions, others only on **Yom Kippur**.

Miscellaneous

Kohanim (Priests) - There are special provisions related to the attendance of **kohanim** at a funeral.

Consult the Rabbi.

Flowers - Friends and associates of the deceased who wish to express condolences should be encouraged to contribute to a **Tzedakah** Fund important to the deceased or the family.

Nichum Avaylim (Condolence calls) - Condolence calls to comfort the mourner should be made after the funeral, during the **shivah** period, except on **Shabbat**.

Opportunities to participate in a mitzvah include helping with:

- Funeral arrangements
- **Shmirah**
- **Taharah**
- Cemetery arrangements
- Condolence meals
- **Shivah minyanim**

Unveiling - There is no required formal rite. If a ritual service is conducted, it may be any time after one month has passed. Often it is conducted close to the

first **yahrzeit**.

Pre-Planning - Advance purchase of gravesites is important and appropriate. Providing designated relatives with vital information to direct the decisions and allow the family to follow the Tradition and wishes of the deceased is sensitive and wise. The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly has prepared useful material on Living Wills which should be utilized by those engaged in advance planning. The following information will be needed at the time of death:

- Full name of the deceased
- Hebrew name, Hebrew name of father and mother
- **Kohen/Levi/Yisrael**
- Date of birth and location of birth certificate
- Place of birth
- Mother's maiden name
- Social Security number and where card is kept
- Location of will, legal advisor's telephone number
- Life insurance agent's telephone number
- Life insurance policy numbers and where policies are kept
- Location of safe deposit box, key, and who has access
- Bank account numbers - checking and savings and where kept

- Securities information and where securities are kept
- Cemetery deed/location
- Real estate and how title is held
- Military service and where discharge papers are kept
- Rabbi to be notified
- Funeral home choice

Glossary of Hebrew Terms

- **Aliyah** - Blessings recited by honoree on being called to the Torah
- **Aninut** - Time period from death to burial
- **Aron** - Casket carrying the physical remains of a Jew
- **Chesed shel emet** - Compassionate concern and kindness of the living for a deceased
- **Eyl Malei Rahamim** - Memorial prayer recited at funeral service, on visiting a gravesite, during Yizkor services
- **Hesped** - Eulogy of tribute to a deceased
- **Hevra Kadisha** - Holy society of men or women who wash and clothe a deceased in keeping with Jewish tradition
- **K'riah** - Tear in a garment of a mourner
- **K'vod Ha-met** - Respect for the deceased
- **K'vurah** - Burial of the deceased
- **Kaddish** - Aramaic language prayer in praise of God, recited by mourners
- **Kohen** - One of three categories to designate a Jew based on birth lineage
- **Levi** - Category of Jew based on birth lineage
- **Minhag** - A Jewish custom, often becomes normative practice
- **Minyan** - Quorum of ten Jews required for public prayer

- **Mishnah** - Third century C.E.
compilation of Jewish law
- **Mitzvah** - Divine (or Rabbinic)
commandment incumbent to be fulfilled
by Jews
- **Nichum Avaylim** - Comforting the
mourns after burial and for the seven
days of shivah
- **Onen** - Those individuals who have
suffered a loss - after the death until the
burial
- **Pesah** - Eight day holiday, Feast of Freedom
- **Seudat Havra'a** - Condolence meal
served to mourners upon return from
cemetery burial
- **Sh'mini Atzeret** - Eighth day of
Assembly, immediately follows Sukkot,
precedes Simhat Torah
- **Shalom** - Means peace,
completeness; hello or goodbye
- **Shanna** - Year. Applies to the eleven
months of Kaddish
- **Shavuot** - Two day holiday, seven
weeks after Pesah, marks Giving of
Torah by God to Jewish people
- **Shivah** - Seven day mourning period
begins after burial
- **Shloshim** - Thirty-day continuing
mourning period; twenty-three days
plus shivah
- **Shmirah** - Attending to the deceased
body, remaining at all times until burial
- **Shomer** - The person who attends
to the body, recites psalms to honor

deceased

- **Tachrichim** - Shrouds placed on deceased
- **Taharah** - Ritual washing of deceased by Hevra Kadisha. Tehilim Psalms recited while attending to deceased.
- **Tzedakah** - Act of righteousness. Donation in memory of deceased to a worthy organization
- **Yahrzeit** - Yiddish. Anniversary of the death
- **Yisrael** - Category of Jew based on birth lineage
- **Yizkor** - Remembrance. Memorial prayers recited at synagogue service on four Jewish holidays
- **Yom Kippur** - Day of Atonement. Twenty-five hour period of reflection, prayer, repentance; non-eating or drinking by Jewish community

The Wisdom of Jewish Mourning Practices

By Anne Brener

I didn't have this map at twenty-four, when my mother and sister died. In the aftermath of their deaths, I became a lonely sojourner. Horrified by the suggestion of my father's cousin that I observe the Jewish mourning rituals and determined not to spend my life grieving, I grabbed my backpack and fled my hometown of New Orleans to northern California, where I had once gone to school.

My attempts at self-healing sent me on a roller-coaster ride through the human potential movement. I learned yoga, gestalt, and transactional analysis. I tended a garden, kept a journal, and attended consciousness-raising groups. Each experience taught me a lot, but I felt alone. Few people understood me. No one seemed to want to hear about the pain of my loss.

I reacted with embarrassment and anger. My life was unfocused. Sometimes I thought I was crazy. Was I the only one who had ever taken this tumultuous journey? My behavior, I later learned, was exactly like a mourner's. And the rough path toward healing was known and the journey had been eased centuries ago by the rabbis who had created the rituals of mourning.

Twenty years later, my reaction to my father's death was profoundly different, because I had this map. Upon receiving the news of his death, I ripped my garment and recited the blessing praising "God the true Judge." I then called my father's rabbi in New Orleans and made certain that the members of his congregation would perform the sacred duty of sitting with my dad's body, reciting psalms until I could get there from Los Angeles and say my final goodbye.

After the funeral, I knew how to accept the congregation's generosity. The people who had stood in prayer with my father over the course of his lifetime came to sit with me in his apartment during shivah. Twice a day for seven days they came, offering food and prayer until I had found my

own voice in the words of the Kaddish and could return to my home in Los Angeles to say the mourner's prayer on my own.

When the week of shivah ended, I followed the tradition of walking around the block to re-enter the world, accompanied by members of my father's community. Strengthened by their caring and compassion, I was able to leave his house and return to Los Angeles, where I would walk the less protected path of the first year of mourning.

During that time, my own synagogue community held a place for me where I could regularly recite the Kaddish. The word "place" is of great significance; it is the name used for God-HaMakom, the Place. When the Temple stood in Jerusalem, mourners had a place-a separate gate through which they entered and continued walking along a special Mourner's Path. As they walked, they came face to face with all the other members of the community, who greeted them with the blessing, "May the One who dwells in this place comfort you. May you find God-HaMakom-the Holy place of comfort."

Those walking in the opposite direction, former mourners who had made it through, affirmed by their presence the possibility of healing. Looking into their experienced eyes, the mourners found comfort in the knowledge that one does not walk the mourner's path forever.

Those who had never walked the Mourner's Path looked into the face of grief and learned that death and loss are part of life. Knowing that someday they too would walk this path, they could prepare themselves for that eventuality. They realized also that, when that day came, they would not be alone; they would walk in the company of other survivors.

When the Temple stood, the commonality of the various experiences of loss was publicly acknowledged. Others joined the mourners on the path. For it was understood that economic reverses, personal illness, relocation, and

the illness of someone close required attention similar to that given to mourners. As it says in the Talmud: “Who are they who circle to the left? A mourner, an excommunicant, one who has someone sick at home, and one concerned about a lost object” (Minor Tractate of Talmud: Semahot).

The existence of the Mourner’s Path confirmed that it is acceptable for those facing significant loss to be out of step with others and affirmed their status as a normal part of community life. Having their experience mirrored in this holy place kept mourners from feeling invisible, unsupported, or ashamed.

Today, we do not have such places. We no longer live in small communities which share our sorrow. More often than not, we attend funerals out of state and then hurry home to a transitory community where few people share our grief. When no one around us carries the stories and memories that mirror our loss and bring us comfort, our pain becomes even more invisible. Moreover, in our society death is often seen as a failure of the medical community, something abnormal and inappropriate. The bereaved are not encouraged to take time out to walk the Mourner’s Path. Having a strong reaction to a death, one which prevents the mourner from bouncing back into the normal stream of living, is seen as evidence of maladjustment, requiring the help of psychiatrists or social workers. HaMakom is hard to find.

How, then, do we reclaim the Mourner’s Path for the Jewish community and remove the negative connotations associated with this universal life experience?

After returning to Los Angeles at the end of shivah, I continued to wear the cut black ribbon given to me at the funeral. It was the only visible sign of the profound change in my life. This practice has roots in the Jewish tradition of *keriah*, in which a person rips his or her garment upon hearing the news of the death of someone he or she will mourn. As it says in the Shulchan Aruch: “...all garments must be rent opposite the heart...for the mourner has to

expose the heart.” (Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 195:3-4)

After the completion of Sheloshim, the first month of mourning, I was reluctant to remove the ribbon, not wanting to hide my heart. I appreciated the compassionate nods of recognition I had received from those who understood the significance of my little ribbon. Their silent deference, their awareness of my status as a mourner continued to provide reassurance, help me stay connected to my feelings, and focus on my griefwork. I felt acknowledged as one walking an ancient and venerable path. Gone was the shame and embarrassment I had felt twenty years earlier.

Rather than surrender my ribbon, I decided to embrace it and reclaim the visibility of mourning. I began handing

out colored ribbons to signify the varying statuses of those who walk the mourner's path: black ribbons for those in the first year of mourning; green ribbons for those observing a yahrzeit or another significant date connected to the loss; blue ribbons for those in the midst of other major life changes such as divorce, ending a relationship, relocation, change of job, illness, or becoming a caretaker for someone else who is ill; and purple ribbons for those whose lives have been transformed by the journey of mourning. Wearing these visible marks of mourning helps guide the process of healing. Some people will bring comfort through gently acknowledging the significance of the ribbon. Others may ask the ribbon's meaning and give the mourner a chance to tell his or her story. All of these responses give the bereaved validation and solace.

Ironically, being marked as different makes it easier for the mourner to return to the mundane tasks of everyday living. Visible ribbons give mourners relief from the incongruity they feel when their inner experience of grief is masked by the persona they feel obliged to present to a community that is unaware of their loss. Without the burden of covering up their sense of brokenness,

mourners are able to attend to their deeper emotional and spiritual needs.

After a while, people begin playing with the ribbons. They weave them into their jewelry, wrap them around their buttons, and finger them as comforting talismans. In those actions the experience of mourning begins to change. It shifts from a static state to an active, creative process—a kind of dance.

Indeed, mourning is a dance. It is a dance that has been choreographed over the millennia by everyone who has passed through the Mourner's Path. By making loss and bereavement visible, we can fulfill the psalmist's promise: to turn mourning into dancing.

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