



The Jewish Center
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—
YIZKOR BOOK
OF REMEMBRANCE



5785



YIZKOR SERVICE

Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

Yizkor is recited four times a year.

YOM KIPPUR – OCT. 12, 2024
SHEMINI ATZERET – OCT. 24, 2024

PASSOVER – APRIL 20, 2025
SHAVUOT – JUNE 3, 2025

Dear Friends,

Our Memorial Book allows us to remember our loved ones during the Yizkor Memorial service and beyond. We remember family and friends whose lives helped shape the people we have become and the people we are becoming. Yizkor is an important element of our service on Yom Kippur and on 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, but we pray that the sweetness of our memories will add beauty to our lives. We have developed the ability to experience both the bitter and the sweet simultaneously. During the Yizkor service, we remember that to be human involves the experience of loss, and an important aspect of our humanity is to have the ability to remember. Please reach out to me during the year if you would like to discuss Yizkor or the Jewish process of grieving.

This year we add to our personal mourning the losses that Israel experienced on October 7, 2023. Thursday, October 24, 2024, corresponds to the holiday of *Sh'mini Atzeret*. At our morning Yizkor service we will mark the one-year anniversary on the Jewish calendar of the Sh'mini Atzeret /Simhat Torah attack. In addition, we will have a memorial ceremony that evening before Simhat Torah to commemorate this tragic event.

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,

Rabbi Andrea Merow



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 congregants and loved ones of our
congregational family
who passed away in 5784.

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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 10/7/24) - we apologize for any inadvertently left off)

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

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

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***The Jewish Center is deeply grateful to congregants who
left Life & Legacy Gifts to our Congregation:***

Samuel Goldfarb z"l

***Thank You to The Jewish Center congregants who have
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Martha Friedman and Harold Heft

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Naomi Richman Neumann and Jerry Neumann

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In this year of extraordinary loss for the Jewish People,
we sadly remember all those who were murdered in Israel on October 7, 2023.

We remember the nephews of people in our community murdered on that day:

Hayim Katsman z"l, nephew of Nina Wacholder

Benayahu Biton z"l, nephew of Brenda and Avraham Zlatin

We remember those who have fallen in defense of the State of Israel during 5784.

May their memories endure as a blessing.

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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.

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Build me up, O Lord, as I am

Morris Richman

loving and angry, tender and honest. Let my loss build me a heart of wisdom,

Leonard J. Neumann

compassion for the world's many losses. Each hour is mortal

*Rabbi Adam Feldman

and each hour is eternal

and each hour is our testament. May I create worthy memories all the days of my life.

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By:



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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.

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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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Service for the Cemetery

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

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר־
יָצַר אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין, וְזָן וְכִלְכַּל אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין, וְהֵמִית
אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין, וְיִוָּדַע מִסֵּפֶר כָּלְכֶם בְּדִין, וְעֵתִיד
לְהַחְזִיר וּלְהַחְיֹתְכֶם בְּדִין. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה,
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 מִהָאֲדָם וַתְּדַעְהוּ
יָמָיו כְּצֵל עוֹבֵר	אֲדָם לְהִבָּל דָּמָה
לְעָרֵב יִמּוֹלַל וְיָבֵשׁ:	בְּבִקְרָא יִצִּיץ וַחֲלָף
וַיִּבְיֵא לִבָּב חֲקֻמָּה:	לְמִנּוֹת יָמָיו כֵּן הוֹדַע
כִּי־אֲחַר־יֵית לְאִישׁ שְׁלוֹם	שָׁמְרֵתֶם וּרְאֵה יֵשׁר
אֲדָאֲלֵהֵם יִפְדֶּה־נַפְשֵׁי מִיַּד 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 רֵעִי לֹא אֲחֻסָּה בְּנֹאוֹת דָּשָׁא
יִרְבִּיצֵנִי, עַל־מִי מְנוּחֹת יִנְהַלְנִי. נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבָב,
יִנְחֵנִי בַמַּעְגָּלִי צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ. גַּם כִּי־אֵלֶךְ בְּגִיאֵי
צַלְמוֹת לֹא־אִירָא רָע כִּי־אֲתָה עִמָּדִי שְׁבֹטְךָ
וּמִשְׁעֲנֹתֶךָ הִמָּה יִנְחֲמֵנִי תַעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי שְׁלֹחַן נֹגֵד
צִרְרִי, דֹּשְׁנֹת בְּשֶׁמֶן רֵאשִׁי, כּוֹסֵי רוּיָהּ. אֵךְ טוֹב
וַחֲסֹד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל־יְמֵי חַיִּי, וְשַׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית־יְהוָה
לְאָרֶךְ יָמַי.

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

וַיִּתְגַּדַּל וַיִּתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא, בְּעַלְמָא דִּי בְרָא, כְּרַעוּתָהּ,
וַיִּמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעַלְמֵי וּלְעַלְמֵי עַלְמֵיָא.

וַיִּתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר
וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא יְלַעְלֵא
מִן כָּל-בְּרֻכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאַמִּינָן
בְּעַלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

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לְעַלְא לְעַלְא מְכָל-בְּרֻכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא

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

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה 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'yishtabach v'yitpa-ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei, v'yit-
hadar v'yit-aleh v'yit-halal sh'mei d'kudsha, b'rikh hu
*I'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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NOTE

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