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The Memory of the Righteous Shall Be A Blessing



***The ones we love remain
with us just as our lives
go on.***

***And cherished memories
do not fade when a
beloved is gone.***

***The ones we loved are
never more than a
thought apart - they will
live on in our hearts.***

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Dear NJC Members and Friends:

This past year has certainly been a memorable one. The Coved-19 virus which has been a plague to everyone has shown us just how fragile our lives can be. The sheer numbers of individuals who have passed away because of its proximity to where we are and who we have been in contact with boggles the mind. Striving to stay safe and healthy has become a top priority for many and yet it seems that no matter how many precautions we take it still leaves us vulnerable. It is this vulnerability that partially makes us who we are.

There are many who feel vulnerable particularly at this time of year. During Yizkor we think about loved ones whose lives have been a blessing to us. We think back to what it was like when they were here with us. We think about how good and how beneficent life was when they were here to connect with us. They were available to us all the time, if not in person then through the wonders of electronics and technology. When they were with us, we felt a strength, and a spark that has now dimmed. It was as if their presence fed us and nourished and nurtured us. Without their physical presence we feel oftentimes unsteady, and somewhat empty, and perhaps even a little vulnerable.

But if there is one thing that this period of pandemic has taught us it is that even though we may be left somewhat alone, we do not have to be lonely. It has taught us that even though our social interaction is drastically limited we can still feel whole and alive and optimistic. We do it through the wonders of technology like Zoom and Youtube live. At Yizkor time we do it through the power and strength of memory. Even though the physical presence is no longer there, the sweet, emotional and rich memories move us to continue to feel the warmth of love, the power of connection, and the depth of relationship that fed us and fueled us while they were alive. Death may conquer life but it can never vanquish love. We also need to remember that that good people do not die because goodness can never perish. That which was good is good forever. Goodness is spiritual and the spirit is a part of God.

So I welcome you to this special, holy and reverent worship service we call Yizkor, to remember. It is my hope that through the prayers and meditations of Yizkor you will not only bind your spirit with your loved ones of the past, but you will also engage yourself to cherish the gifts they have given you. May this service allow you to love more fully and deeply and may it also allow you to reconnect with forgotten memories of the past.

Happy New Year, Shannah Tova

Rabbi Howard S. Herman DD



Book of Remembrance

Yizkor - September 28, 2020 / Tishri 10, 5781

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