

OZ NEEDS YOU! BE A MINYAN-MAKER!

Kaddish is one of the most important and central elements in Jewish liturgy, and one of the most beautiful, deeply significant and spiritually moving prayers. A vigorous declaration of faith, it is recited after the death of a loved one – traditionally, according to the *Shulchan Aruch* (Code of Jewish Law), every day for 11 months for a parent, or 30 days for a spouse, sibling or child.

Here at OZ we offer our members the opportunity to recite the Mourner's Kaddish every day, in the 7:00 pm service Sunday through Thursday, or during our Shabbat services on Friday evening and Saturday morning. The prayers help the family of the deceased come to terms with their passing.

Yahrzeit is another important opportunity to say Kaddish to honor deceased family members, occurring every year on the anniversary of a person's death, and allowing the family to recall happy memories and to share their memories with others in the minyan, if they wish.

Nearly every day there is someone who needs to say Kaddish; however, according to tradition, the Kaddish prayers can be recited only in a minyan (quorum of ten Jews). Please sign up to attend a minyan once a week, once every other week, once a month – whatever works for you, Sunday through Thursday evenings on Zoom. It means so much to us when we are supported by our fellow congregants.

We all lead busy lives, but a minyan will take only 20 minutes of your time....and since you can join on Zoom, you can stay home and still help! Together we can enable our members to fulfill the tradition of saying Kaddish. Please contact Marv Greenberg at shalom@gmavt.net.

Thank you.