
Memorial Service

Hazzan:

יִי מֶה-אֲדָם וַתִּדְעֶהוּ בֶן-אָנוּשׁ וַתַּחֲשֹׁבֶהוּ:
אָדָם לַהֲבֵל דָּמָה יָמָיו כְּצֵל עוֹבֵר:
בְּכֶקֶר יֵצִיץ וְחִלָּה לְעָרֵב יִמּוֹלֵל וַיָּבֵשׁ:
תֵּשֵׁב אָנוּשׁ עַד-דָּכָא וְתֵאמֶר שׁוּבוּ בְנֵי-אָדָם:
שׁוּבָה יִי עַד-מָתִי וְהִנָּחִם עַל-עֲבֹדִי:

Rabbi: There is a time for everything; there is a time for all things under the sun:

Community: *a time to be born and a time to die.*

Rabbi: a time to laugh and a time to cry

Community: *a time to dance and a time to mourn.*

Rabbi: a time to seek and a time to lose

Community: *a time to forget and a time to remember.*

Rabbi: This day in sacred convocation we remember those who gave us life.

Community: *This day we remember those who enriched our life with love and with beauty, with kindness and compassion, with thoughtfulness and understanding.*

שְׁוִיתִי יִי לְנִגְדֵי תִמְיֵד כִּי מִימִינִי בַל-אֶמּוּט:
לְכֹן שְׁמַח לְבִי וַיִּגַּל כְּבוֹדִי אֶף-כִּשְׁרִי יִשְׁכֹּן לְבַטַח:

We Remember Them

- Rabbi: At the rising of the sun and at its going down
We remember them.
- Community: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
We remember them.*
- Rabbi: At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring
We remember them.
- Community: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer
We remember them.*
- Rabbi: At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn
We remember them.
- Community: At the beginning of the year and when it ends
We remember them.*
- Together: **As long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.**
- Rabbi: When we are weary and in need of strength
We remember them.
- Community: When we are lost and sick at heart
We remember them.*
- Rabbi: When we have joy we crave to share
We remember them.
- Community: When we have decisions that are difficult to make
We remember them.*
- Rabbi: When we have achievements that are based on theirs
We remember them.
- Together: **As long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.**

The deaths of those we remember leave gaping holes in our lives, but we are grateful for the gift of their lives. We are strengthened by the blessings which they left us and by precious memories which comfort and sustain us as we recall them this day.

Each of us reads silently the appropriate passages among those which follow. Personal meditations may also be added.

We rise.

In Memory of a Father

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת נִשְׁמַת אָבִי מוֹרִי שֶׁהָלַךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. הִנְנִי נוֹדֵר (נוֹדֶרֶת)
צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרָת נִשְׁמָתוֹ. אֲנֵא תְהִי נִפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶה
מְנוּחָתוֹ כְּבוֹד. שְׁבַע שְׁמָחוֹת אֶת פָּנָיִךְ, נְעִימוֹת בִּימִינְךָ נָצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my dear father who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life, I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, his soul is bound up in the bond of life. May I prove myself worthy of the gift of life and the many other gifts with which he blessed me. May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with his memory and with our entire family. May he rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In Memory of a Mother

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת נִשְׁמַת אִמִּי מוֹרֵתִי שֶׁהָלָכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ. הִנְנִי נוֹדֵר
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נָצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my dear mother who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life, I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, her soul is bound up in the bond of life. May I prove myself worthy of the gift of life and the many other gifts with which she blessed me. May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with her memory and with our entire family. May she rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In Memory of a Husband

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת נִשְׁמַת בְּעָלִי שֶׁהָלַךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. הִנְנִי נוֹדֶרֶת (נוֹדֵר)
צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרָת נִשְׁמָתוֹ. אֲנֵא תְהִי נִפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה בְּצִרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתְהִי
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May God remember the soul of my husband who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life, I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, his soul is bound up in the bond of life. Love is strong as death, deep bonds of love are indissoluble. The memory of our companionship and love leads me out of loneliness into all that we shared which still endures. May he rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In Memory of a Wife

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת נִשְׁמַת אִשְׁתִּי שֶׁהָלְכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ. הִנְנִי נוֹדֵר (נוֹדֶרֶת)
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May God remember the soul of my dear wife who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds and through prayer and memory, her soul is bound up in the bond of life. "Many women have done superbly, but you surpass them all." Love is strong as death, deep bonds of love are indissoluble. The memory of our companionship and love leads me out of loneliness into all that we shared which still endures. May she rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In Memory of a Son

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת נִשְׁמַת בְּנִי הָאֱהוּב מִחֵמֶד עֵינַי שֶׁהָלַךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. הִנְנִי
נוֹדֵר (נוֹדֶרֶת) צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרָת נִשְׁמָתוֹ. אֲנֵא תְהִי נִפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה
בְּצִרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתְהִי מְנוּחָתוֹ כְּבוֹד. שְׁבַע שְׁמֻחוֹת אֶת פָּנָיָהּ, נְעִימוֹת
בִּימִינָהּ נֹצֵחַ. אָמֵן.

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

In Memory of a Daughter

יִזְכּוֹר אֱלֹהִים אֶת נַשְׁמַת בְּתִי הָאֲהוּבָה מִחַמַּד עֵינַי שֶׁהִלְכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ.
הִנְנִי נוֹדֵר (נוֹדֶרֶת) צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרַת נַשְׁמָתָהּ. אֲנֵא תְהִי נַפְשָׁה צְרוּרָה
בְּצִרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶה מְנוּחָתָה כְּבוֹד. שְׁבַע שְׁמָחוֹת אֶת פָּנֶיהָ, נְעִימוֹת
בִּימִינָהּ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

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

In Memory of Other Relatives and Friends

יִזְכּוֹר אֱלֹהִים אֶת נַשְׁמוֹת קְרוּבֵי וְרַעֲי שֶׁהָלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם. הִנְנִי נוֹדֵר
(נוֹדֶרֶת) צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרַת נַשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם. אֲנֵא תְהִינָה נַפְשוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת
בְּצִרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶה מְנוּחָתָם כְּבוֹד. שְׁבַע שְׁמָחוֹת אֶת פָּנֶיהָ, נְעִימוֹת
בִּימִינָהּ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my dear relative/my dear friend and all relatives and friends who have gone to their eternal home. In loving testimony to their lives, I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to them. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, their souls are bound up in the bond of life. May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with their memory. May they rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In Memory of a Baby

May God remember the soul of my beloved child who has gone to eternal rest. Their life was but the briefest flicker of a flame, extinguished before they had time to shed their light on the world - but not before sharing their warmth with me. Through the months of their gestation, I prepared to nurture and to love them. For the times that they lived, I gave to them everything a parent could have given and received everything I could have expected.

May the memory of the joy they brought to me in the short time that we were together strengthen me. For the gift of their life without transgression, I pledge to do acts of righteousness and charity that they may merit eternal life and that I may find comfort in this world. May they rest in peace.

In Memory of the Six Million

אל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים. הַמַּצֵּא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי
הַשְּׂכִינָה בְּמַעְלֹת הַקְדוּשִׁים וְהַטְהוּרִים שֶׁנִּפְּלוּ בְיַדֵּי רֹצְחִים וְנִשְׁפְּכוּ
דָּמָם בְּאוֹשׁוּיָן, מְאִידָאֲנֶכֶךְ, טָרַעְבְּלִינְקָא וּבִשְׂאָר מַחֲנוֹת הַשָּׁמַם
בְּאִירוֹפָּה. שְׁנֵהֲרָגוּ, וְשִׁנְשָׁרְפוּ, וְשִׁנְשַׁחְטוּ, וְנִקְרְבוּ חַיִּים בְּכָל מַתּוֹת
מְשׁוֹנוֹת וְאַכְזָרִיּוֹת עַל קְדוּשַׁת הַשֵּׁם. בַּעֲבוּר שְׁאַנְחָנוּ בְּגִייתָהֶם, בְּנוֹתֵיהֶם
אַחֵייהֶם וְאַחִיוֹתֵיהֶם נוֹדָרִים צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרַת נַשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם. בְּגֵן עֵדֶן
תִּהְיֶה מְנוּחָתָם. לָכֵן בַּעַל הַרְחָמִים יִסְתִּירֵם בְּסֶתֶר כַּנְפָיו לְעוֹלָמִים,
וְיִצְרֹר בְּצִרּוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נַשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם. יְיָ הוּא נִחְלָתָם. וְיִנּוּחוּ בְּשָׁלוֹם
עַל מִשְׁפָּכָם. וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

Exalted, compassionate God dwelling on high, grant perfect peace in Your sheltering Presence among the holy and the pure who shine and gleam like the lights of the firmament, to the souls of all our brothers and sisters who fell to the hands of murderers and whose blood was spilled at Auschwitz, Majdanek, Treblinka and the other concentration camps of Europe; who were killed, burned and slaughtered, sacrificing their lives in all manner of strange and cruel ways for Your sake, Holy One. And because we, their children and family, pledge charity to perpetuate their memories, let them dwell in the Garden of Eden forever. Merciful One, shelter them always under Your wings and bind them in the bond of life. You are their inheritance; may they rest in peace. And let us say: Amen.

This is the Kaddish taught to Leopold Sher by his father Joseph Sher z"l. When visiting graveyards, Joseph would walk from grave to grave chanting these words. May his memory be for a blessing.

In Memory of All of the Dead

אל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים, שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים, הַמַּצֵּא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה, תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי
הַשְּׂכִינָה, בְּמַעְלֹת קְדוּשִׁים, וְטְהוּרִים כְּזֹהֵר הַרְקִיעַ מְזֻהָרִים, אֶת
נַשְׁמוֹת כָּל אֵלֶּה שֶׁהִזְכֵּרְנוּ הַיּוֹם לְבְרָכָה שֶׁהִלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם, בְּגֵן עֵדֶן תִּהְיֶה
מְנוּחָתָם. אֲנֵּא בַּעַל הַרְחָמִים הַסִּתִּירֵם בְּסֶתֶר כַּנְפֶיךָ לְעוֹלָמִים, וְצִרּוֹר
בְּצִרּוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נַשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם. יְיָ הוּא נִחְלָתָם, וְיִנּוּחוּ בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל
מִשְׁכַּבּוֹתֵיהֶם, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

//, to the souls of all our beloved who have gone to their eternal home. May their memory endure as inspiration for deeds of charity and goodness in our lives. May their souls thus be bound up in the bond of life. May they rest in peace. And let us say: Amen.

Mourner's Kaddish

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֶגְלָא וּבְזִמָּן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ
אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

יְתַבְּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל
שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלְא מִן כָּל בְּרַכָּתָא וְשִׁירָתָא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא
וְנַחֲמָתָא, דְּאָמִירָן בְּעֶלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמִיּוֹ, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ
אָמֵן.

*Yit-gadal ve-yit-kadash shmei raba, b'alma divra khir'utei ve-yamlikh
mal-khutei be-hayei-khon uve'yomei-khon uve-hayei di-khol beit yisrael
ba-agala u-vizman kariv v'imru amen.*

Ye-hei shmei raba meva-rakh l'alam ul'almei 'almaya.

*Yit-barakh ve-yish-tabah ve-yitpa'ar ve-yitromam ve-yitnasei ve-yit-hadar
ve-yit'aleh ve-yit-halal shmei di-kudsha brikh hu, l'eila l'eila mikol
bir-khata ve-shirata tush-be-hata ve-nehemata da-amiran b'alma, v'imru
amen.*

*Ye-hei shlama raba min shmaya ve-hayim aleinu v'al kol yisrael
v'imru amen.*

*Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael
v'imru amen.*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

מִזְמוֹר לַדָּוִד יִי רֹעִי לֹא אֶחָסֵר

God makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside the still waters,

בְּנֵאֻת דָּשָׁא יְרִבִּיצְנִי עַל־מֵי מְנַחֹת
יְנַהֲלֵנִי

Restores my soul and guides me in straight paths for the sake of God's name.

נַפְשִׁי יְשׁוּבָב יְנַתְּנִי בְּמַעַגְלֵי־צֶדֶק
לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

גַּם כִּי־אֵלֶּף בְּגִיא צִלְמוֹת

I will fear no evil, for You are with me.

לֹא־אִירָא רָע כִּי־אַתָּה עִמָּדִי

Your rod and Your staff, they com-

שִׁבְטְךָ וּמִשְׁעֶנְיֶךָ הֵמָּה יְנַחֲמֵנִי

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי | שְׁלֹחַן גִּגְד צָרָי

You have anointed my head with oil; my cup runs over.

דִּשְׁנַתְּ בַשֶּׁמֶן רִאשִׁי כֹּסִי רוּנָה

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

אֵךְ טוֹב וְחַסֵּד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל־יְמֵי חַיִּי

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

שְׁכַתִּי בְּבֵית־יְיָ לְאָרְךָ יָמִים

To give thanks, even in grief

O Lord, our Lord, how great is Your name,
How manifold are Your blessings.

Even in the midst of our pain and sorrow,
We are mindful of Your goodness to us.

We are grateful for the strength to carry our burden,
For friends and loved ones who are near to help.

We are grateful for the promised healing to follow,
After we walk through the valley of the shadow.

And we are grateful for the memories of our loved ones,
Which death can never take from us.

Help us, we pray, to be mindful always,
Of the many blessings in our lives;

For the blessings of the earth,
For the yield of the land and the waters;

So that we may ever be among those
Who reverently offer gratitude to You,

And strive to share Your blessings
With all Your children everywhere.