

Book of Remembrance
And
Devotional Thoughts for Private
Meditation



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The Significance of Yizkor

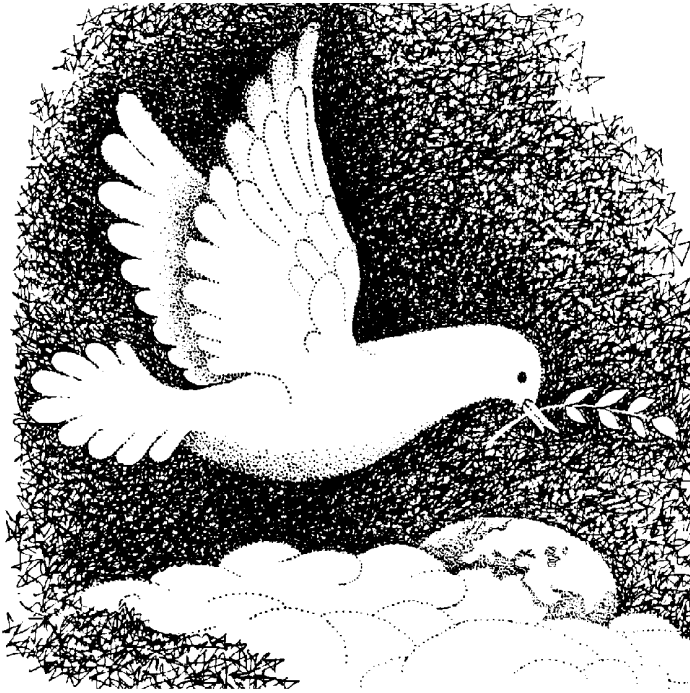
Yizkor was originally a prayer that appears to have its origins in Germany. Although the origins of Yizkor and its recitations are unclear, its primary purpose was to commemorate the Jewish martyrs slain during the First and Second Crusades. In time, this origin was forgotten, but the warmth and nostalgia of remembrance grew important. Prayers of remembrance became a part of Jewish ritual.

Few ceremonies in Jewish life are more powerful in meaning than the Memorial Service. It is a time to remember those loved ones who have passed beyond the threshold of life and into the great space of eternity. It is a time to thank God for the lives of our loved ones no longer with us. It is a time to give homage to those who made the world a better place because they lived in it. It is a time to strengthen the bonds between the here and the hereafter in the hearts and minds of those who survive their departed.

The dust returns to the earth, but the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Dedicated to

Those who have passed away but cannot be forgotten...Our loved ones and the martyrs of our people. May their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life.



Zecher Tzadik Livrachah

May the Memory of the Righteous be for a Blessing

CECIL & HELEN BALENTINE SOL & SYLVIA BEECHER
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ERWIN FRANK EVELYN BALTO
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ELAINE BROOKS JOYCE GALINSKY
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ROBERT GITCHELL CHAIM ZIFFREN
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ELLIOT BASKIN NAOMI GOLDFORD
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May the Memory of the Righteous be for a Blessing

DAVID KIKOLER

JOSEPH CANAVAN

EMMA & MORRIE KATANICK

DOROTHY & SIGMUND KIKOLER

JOANNE KATANICK CANAVAN

Remembered by The Kikoler Family – Bev, Jennifer, Jason, Misty
& Zoey

PATRICK KRUSE

BYRON LEVENE

MORSE & ALICE HERSHFIELD RALPH OBERBROECKLING

SHAWN BABENDURE

JEROME SCHLESINGER

Remembered by Terry, Emily, Scott & Aaron Kruse

MARY RESK

MURRAY RESK

Remembered by Lynn Kuba

ISAAC BORCHOWSKY

MARIO BORCHOWSKY

SARAH STROM

JOSÉ BORCHOWSKY

EDDIE BORCHOWSKY

BEN LEVENTHAL

MAX SOLAR

ROGER LEVENTHAL

CHARLOTTE SOLAR

FRANK SOLAR

VIOLA LEVENTHAL

BERTA BORCHOWSKY VAZQUEZ

OFELIA BORCHOWSKY VAZQUEZ

Remembered by Gloria & Jerry Leventhal Family

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JEANNETTE ALIBER LOEB

JEAN COOK

ARNOLD RICHARD NIDES

SYLVIA ROSENTHAL

SHIRLEY GAVRONSKY NIDES

ANNE NIDES LOEB

Remembered by Edward, Matthew, Alexander & Jeffrey Loeb

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SAM & GUSSIE WEINSTEIN ANITA MANDELBAUM
DORIS MANDELBAUM FIELD & MORRIS MANDELBAUM
JR.

LOUIS & FANNIE PASTERNAK
JOHN ARUM

Remembered by Cyril & John Mandelbaum

JOHN & MARGE MUSSER

Remembered by Marilyn J. Musser

JERRY & MURIEL OXER LUELLE ANDERSON
MIKE HILL RHODA FELLERMAN
CHARLES & DOROTHEA HENDRICKS
ARNIE & MARIE HARRIS

Remembered by Stuart Oxer & Wendi Harris, Grant Oxer,
Elizabeth Oxer

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Remembered by Ronna Pochter

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STEVEN SCHERER

Remembered by Anne Scherer

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DONNA CANAR BERNSTEIN

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STEPHEN A. WAYNE

SUSAN M. WAYNE

DAISY VISTA-LEMERCIER

ROD SUBIJANO

ROGER ZUASOLA

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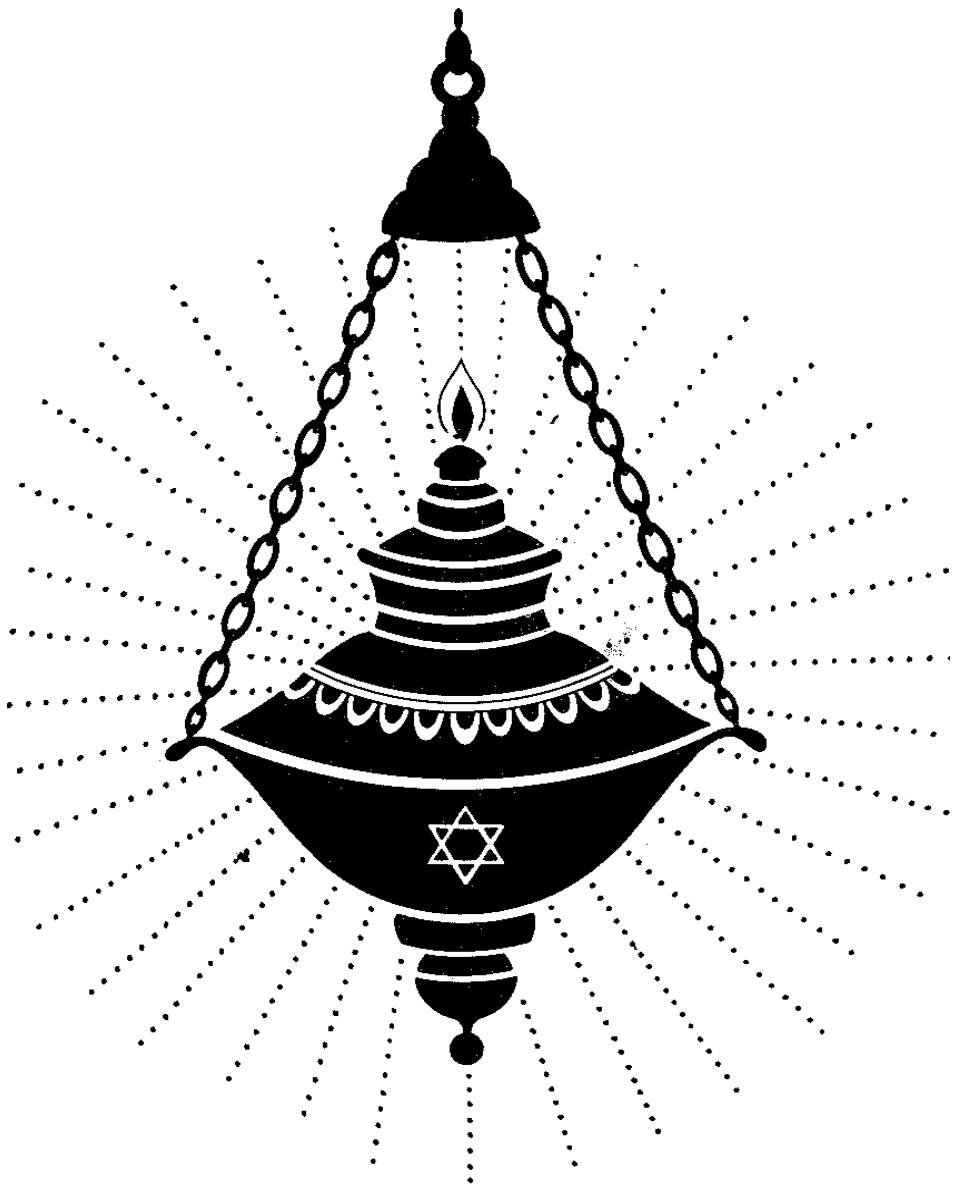
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THOMAS FLETCHER WORTHEN

AUDREY ABRAMSON NAMOWITZ

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Remembered by Amy Namowitz Worthen





Each of Us Has a Name

Each of us has a name
given by the source of life
and given by our parents

Each of us has a name
given by our stature and our smile
and given by what we wear

Each of us has a name
given by the mountains
and given by our walls

Each of us has a name
given by the stars
and given by our neighbors

Each of us has a name
given by our sins
and given by our longing

Each of us has a name
given by our enemies
and given by our love

Each of us has a name
Given by our celebrations
And given by our work

- **Marcia Falk**, *The Book of Blessings* -



Deaths Since Last Yom Kippur

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Yaakov Ben-David | |
| Sigurd Anderson | |
| Marty Begleiter | Husband of Ronni Begleiter |
| Annette Bloch | |
| Mario Borchowsky | Nephew of Gloria Leventhal |
| Kay Braverman | Wife of Marvin Braverman; Mother of Rachele Hjelmaas |
| Joanne Brown | |
| David Conley | Uncle of Mark Conley |
| Gerald L. Conley | Father of Mark Conley |
| Rabbi Michael Cook | |
| Ernest Elton Davis | Grandfather of Havah Frank |
| Elaine "Candy" Elsner | Mother of Kathy Elsner |
| Mary Franklin | Mother of Tom Franklin |
| Bruce Glauberg | |
| Marcia Greene | Wife of Mandy Greene |
| Milton Neumann Kruger | Father of Sondra Feldstein |
| Sally Luftman | |
| Josephine Milligan Mochel | Aunt of Marilyn Musser |
| Robert Stanley Mochel | Uncle of Marilyn Musser |
| Derek Nanni | |
| Phyllis Onnen | Stepmother of Jody Leventhal |
| Janice K. Paulsen | Sister of Deb Ziemann |
| Donald Pochter | Husband of Ronna Pochter; Father of Andi Lipman |
| Jerome Schlesinger | Grandfather of Emily Kruse |
| Richard Seidenfeld | Husband of Susan Seidenfeld; Father of Julie Seidenfeld and Brad Seidenfeld |
| Nina Shrago | |

Ethel Siegel
Karen Silverberg
Laura Sparks

Marjorie Spevak
Gerry Tabach
Betty Troum
Aniceta Vista
Lucille Wilson

Mother of Stephen Siegel

Wife of George Sparks; Sister
of Sam Miller

Cousin of Gwenn Copple
Mother of Joyce Wayne



PRAYER IN BEREAVEMENT

O God, help me think of You in this bitter trial. You know how my heart is torn with grief. In my weakness, tested so severely by my loss, I reach unto You, Father of all life; Give me fortitude to say with Your servant Job, "The Lord has given; the Lord has taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord."

Forgive the thoughts of my rebellious soul. Pardon me in these first hours of my grief, if I question Your wisdom and reach for things too high for me. Grant me the strength to rise above this trial, to bear with humility life's sorrows and disappointments. Be close to me, O God, who comforts the mourners.

-- Amen

In Memoriam

Temple B'nai
Jeshurun
remembers with
reverence and
affection these
loved ones whose
names are
inscribed on the
memorial tablets of
our Congregation

Abramson, Sam
Abramson, Adeline G.
Adelman, Betty
Adelman, Julius D.
Adelman, Florence H.
Adler, Morton S.
Adler, Sophie I.
Alcorn, Agnes
Alcorn, Roscoe
Aldes, Hannah
Davidson
Aliber, Marvin
Aliber, Robert
Bader, Ida
Bader, Mort
Baer, Flora M.
Ball, Cornelia M.
Balto, Evelyn Simon
Bassman, Steven
Belin, Constance N.
Belin, David William
Berck, Shirley Barsky
Berkowitz, Albert C.
Bernstein, Irving
Biber, Ben
Biber, Ida
Biber, Jacqueline
Blank, Abraham H.
Blank, Alan H.
Blank, Anna R.
Blank, Jacqueline N.
Blank, Myron N.
Blank, Raymond I.
Blank, Steven N.
Blank, Theo
Block, Charles
Block, Ike M.
Block, Rose
Caroline
Block, Ruth M.

Block, Sylvain M.
Boldes, Bertha Block
Boldes, Fred
Boldes, Irene L.
Boruchowsky, Joe
Brody, Abraham
Brody, Allen M.
Brody, Arthur David
Brody, Betty Irene
Brody, Celia W.
Brody, Gertie F.
Brody, Harry
Brody, Howard A.
Brody, Jennie R.
Brody, Julian
Brody, Lena F.
Brody, Meyer
Brown, Donald J.
Brown, Herman M.
Brown, Jeanette K.
Brown, Milton J.
Caplan, Arnold
Chayet, Frances
Chayet, George
Cheris, Frances
Cohen, A. Milton
Cohen, Frances W.
Cohen, Lillie M.
Cohen, Louis E.
Cohen, Mary Bader
Cohen, Mose
Cohen, Sam G.
Cooper, Jon Marc
(Yakov Reuven)
Cople, Clarence J.
Cople, Lois
Cople, Ralph
Cople, Verna S.
Corn, Arnold G.
Corn, Dr. Henry H.
Cotlar, Larry
Daniels, Alice
Grossman
Daniels, Ethel S.
Daniels, Jay Sherman
Daniels, Marlene
Corn
Daniels, Richard L.
Daniels, Ross
Davidson, Alice M.
Davidson, H. Louis
Davidson, Jacob
Davidson, Joseph L.

Davidson, Louis
Davidson, Mildred G.
Davidson, Sophie
Davis, A. Arthur
Davis, Edward R.
Davis, Isabel Baron
Diamond, Irving
Diamond, Mildred
Eisenberg, Phyllis
Elmets, Harry
Emerson, Ann
Weindruch
Field, Doris
Mandelbaum
Fischer, Oscar
Fischer, Pauline
Frank, Sara Lillian
Frank, Simon
Frankel, Anselm
Frankel, Babette
Frankel, Belle G.
Frankel, Bernis M.
Frankel, Edward I.
Frankel, Edward N.
Frankel, Manassa
Frankel, Nathan
Frankle, Harry R.
Frankle, Ruth Cohen
Friedlich, Abraham
Friedman, Abe J.
Friedman, Anne G.
Friedman, Eleanor M.
Friedman, Deena
Davidson
Friedman, Gary
Friedman, Gretchen
G.
Friedman, Harold
Friedman, Mary G.
Friedman, Max M.
Friedman, Nicholas L.
Friedman, William, Sr.
Ginsberg, Harry
Gitchell, Robert G.
Glueck, Charles H.
Glueck, Rachel Jean
Goldford, Arthur
Goldford, Naomi
Goldman, Chester P.
Goldman, Harry
Goldman, Jean C.
Goldman, Mollie G.
Goldenson, Leonard

Gordon, Arnold M.
 Gordon, Bennett
 Gordon, Elizabeth A.
 Gordon, Mary
 Adelman
 Gordon, Minnie G.
 Gordon, Moses M.
 Gottstein, Besse
 Gottstein, Joseph
 Gottstein, Madeline L.
 Gottstein, Stuart F.
 Greene, Rose
 Caroline
 Greenhill, Gertrude
 Greenhill, Solomon
 Gruen, Claude
 Grund, Barry Howard
 Grund, Joan
 Wittenstein
 Gutfreund, Gustav
 Gutfreund, Rose J.
 Haase, Bess
 Haase, Sidney
 Hackner, Edward
 Hackner, Estelle
 Hahn, Sol L.
 Hahn, Yetta
 Halsband, Arthur
 Halsband, Steven T.
 Harris, Herbert
 Harris, Pearl
 Kaplan
 Hiersteiner, Besse
 Hiersteiner, Harry
 Hiersteiner, Samuel
 Hiersteiner, Shirley
 Tepper
 Hiersteiner, Stanley
 Hlad, Cora Loeb
 Hockenberg, Mollie
 Hockenberg, Sam
 Hoffman, Denise
 "Dinah"
 Jacobs, Byron
 Anathon
 Jacobs, Clarence
 Jacobs, Florence
 Friedman
 Jacobson, Fannye B.
 Jacobson, Harry
 Jacobson, Ruth
 Jacobson, Victor
 Joseph, Babette
 Joseph, Burton
 Joseph, Irma F.
 Joseph, Jacob
 Joseph, Mary Ann
 Joseph, Morris
 Joseph, Solomon
 Kahn, Gretchen B.
 Kahn, Hymen B.
 Kahn, Marjorie
 "Peg" Sheuerman
 Kahn, Morris O.
 Kahn, Simon
 Kaplan, Pearl
 Katanick, Emma
 Katanick, Morris
 Katelman, Doris Kahn
 Kikoler, David
 Kikoler, Dorothy J.
 Kikoler, Sigmund
 Kirsner, Alvin H.
 Kirsner, Dorothy B.
 Klein, Enrique
 Klein, Ingeborg N. De
 Kline, Ann B.
 Kline, Jack
 Kramer, Yale
 Kramer, Paul
 Krause, Dorothy D.
 Krause, Herman
 Kroll, Solomon
 Kuhn, Joseph
 Ladin, Jacob H.
 Ladin, Mildred H.
 Lazarus, Fanny B.
 Lazarus, Ike
 Leavitt, Edward E.
 Lederer, Alexander
 Lederer, Emma
 Levine, Honora R.
 Levine, Jack
 Levitt, Ellis I.
 Levitt, Minnie
 Levitt, Nathan
 Levitt, Neil
 Levitt, Nelle S.
 Levy, Hattie S.
 Levy, Hiram I.
 Levy, Theodora B.
 Libbie, Damon
 Lipsey, David H.
 Lipsey, Hilda
 Lipsey, Isadore S.
 Lipsey, Sadie
 Loeb, Anne Nides
 Loeb, Elmer S.
 Loeb, Jeannette A.
 Loeb, Matte Block
 Loeb, Max Block
 London, Louis
 London, Lucille
 Lorber, Clara
 Lorber, Leo
 Lorber, Robert Jay
 Lubetkin, Robert
 Luftman, Bill Z.
 Mallon, J.J.
 Mallon, Esther
 Mandelbaum, Estelle
 W.
 Mandelbaum, Julius
 Mandelbaum, Lenore
 W.
 Mandelbaum, Morris
 Mandelbaum, Morris,
 Jr.
 Mandelbaum,
 Norman W.
 Mandelbaum, Robert
 J.
 Mandelbaum, Sidney
 Mannheimer, Eugene
 Mannheimer, Irma S.
 Mannheimer, Robert
 E.
 Marks, Joseph Zelcer
 Marks, Moses
 Marks, Harry
 Marks, Rose B.
 Marks, Sadie
 Mazvinsky, Edward
 Mendelson, Alec
 Mendelson, Jerrold
 David
 Mendelson, Solomon
 H.
 Menzer, Henrietta L.
 Menzer, Norman I.
 Miller, David R.
 Mintzer, David
 Nadel, Floyd
 Nadel, Maryan G.
 Neufeld, Morton O.
 Neufeld, Rhoda
 Neufeld, Samuel
 Oppenheimer, Carrie
 Oppenheimer, James

B.
Oxer, Jerry
Oxer, Muriel
Fellerman
Patterson, Hannah
Patterson, Louis
Pearlman, Bernard
Perowsky, Sylvia
Perrin, Aubrey H.
Pintus, Peter
Pomerance, Joseph
Pomerance, Mildred
Pomerantz, Alex
Pomerantz, Dorothy
Pomerantz, Harry I.
Pomerantz, Isadore
Pomerantz, Louis
Pomerantz, Mabel
Pomerantz, Margaret
Pomerantz, Minnie
Pomerantz, Victor R.
Press, Phyllis
Press, Robert A.
Redstone, Arthur L.
Redstone, Irving N.
Remer, Philip
Remer, Rose
Richards, Alex
Richards, Esther
Richards, Nathan.
Riegelman, Henry
Riegelman, Moritz
Robinson, Arthur C.
Robinson, Edith
Robinson, Edward
Robinson, Elaine
Robinson, Goodman
S.
Robinson, Harry I.
Robinson, Irvin A.
Robinson, Lucille
Robinson, Ramona
Nadel
Robinson, Sidney
Robinson, Thomas
Robinson, Yetta
Romanoff, Rebecca
S.
Romanoff, Samuel
Rosenbaum, Recca
Rosenberg, Doloris
Rosenberg, Herbert
Rosenberg, Myron
Rosenfield, Meyer
Rosenthal, Sylvia
Rosin, Frances
Rosin, Maurice R.
Ross, Helen Brown
Rubenstein, Francis
Rubenstein, Nathan
Samish, Julius
Samish, Morris
Sands, Sidney L.
Sanders, Ben
Sanders, Eva B.
Sanders, Frank B.
Sanders, Mildred
Sandler, Helen
Pomerantz
Schoenebaum, Julius
Schoenebaum, Lucie
R.
Schwartz, Donald S.
Schwied, Helen
Schwied, A. Joseph
Selanikio, Leonard
Shadur, Melvin W.
Shalett, Norman J.
Shapiro, Alice
Shapiro, William
Sheuerman, Abraham
Sheuerman, Jacob L.
Sheuerman, Leopold
Sheuerman, Manassa
Shlaes, Joan Ellen
Shloss, Max
Shloss, Rose S.
Shloss, Sam M.
Shrago, Arianne
Dawn
Shrago, Steven Jay
Silverman, Albert
Silverman, Donald R.
Silvert, Eva
Pomerantz
Silvert, Harvey P.
Smuleson, Samuel
Smuleson, Sidney
Smuleson, Sophie
Spilka Charlotte
Spoden, Peter
Joseph
Steinberg, Irv
Stern, Ben
Stern, Helen R.
Strasburger,
Benjamin
Strasburger, Selma
Strauss, Bertha
Sheuerman
Strauss, Leon
Strauss, Moses
Swartz, Ethelyn Cohen
Swartz, Frances A.
Swartz, Julius C.
Swartz, Mose E.
Swartz, Philip A.
Swarzman, Dorothy P.
Swarzman, I. J.
Swarzman, Rose G.
Swarzman, Roy L.
Swarzman, Ruth T.
Swarzman, Stanley
Troyansky, Emmanuil I.
Wallerstein, Fannie Mae
Wallerstein, Isaac J.
Weinberg, Harry A.
Weinberger, Samuel
Weinberger, Stefany
Weinstock, Abraham
Weinstock, Augusta
Weinstock, Celia
Weinstock, Samuel
Weiss, Elyse Joy
Wilchinski, Agnes
Wilchinski, Norman M.
Wittenstein, Harlan W.
Wittenstein, Jodi L.
Wittenstein, Mary G.
Wittenstein, Max
Wittenstein, Shirley
Wolf, Charlotte Gottlieb
Wolf, Edward Otto
Wolf, Jerome E.
Wolf, Mathilda J.
Wolf, Richard S.
Wood, Minnie Block
Yunker, Esther
Yunker, Lytton M.
Yunker, Marcus
Yunker Rachel
Zeff, Ruth

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MOURNER'S KADDISH

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעָלְמָא דִּי-בְרָא
בְּרַעֲיִתָּהּ וְנִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָּהּ בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן
וּבְסֵי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעָנְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא:
יְתְבָרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרַמֵּם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְחַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקוּדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ
הוּא. לְעָלְא מִן-כָּל-בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא
וְנִחַמְתָּא דְּאִמִּירָן בְּעָלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן-שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל-
כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Kaddish

Yit-ga-dal v'yit-ka-dash sh'mei ra-ba b'al-ma di-v'ra chir-u-tei,
v'yam-lich mal-chu-tei b'cha-yei-chon u-v'yo-mei-chon
u-v'cha-yei d'chol beit Yis-ra-eli, ba-a-ga-la u-viz-man ka-riv,
v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

Y'hei sh'mei ra-ba m'va-rach l'a-lam u-l'al-mei al-ma-ya.

Yit-ba-rach v'yish-ta-bach v'yit-pa-ar, v'yit-ro-mam,
v'yit-na-sei, v'yit-ha-dar, v'yit-a-leh, v'yit-ha-lal sh'mei
d'kud-sha, b'rich hu,

L'ei-la min kol bir-cha-ta v'shi-ra-ta, tush-b'cha-ta
v'neh-cheh-ma-ta da-a-mi-ran b'al-ma, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

Y'hei sh'la-ma ra-ba min sh'ma-ya v'cha-yim a-lei-nu v'al kol
Yis-ra-eil, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

O-seh sha-lom bi-m'ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom
a-lei-nu v'al kol Yis-ra-eil, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

Let the glory of God be extolled, let His great name be hallowed in
the world whose creation He willed. May His kingdom soon prevail,
in our own day, our own lives, and the life of all Israel, and let us
say: Amen.

Let his great name be blessed for ever and ever.

Let the name of the Holy One, blessed is He, be glorified, exalted,
and honored, though He is beyond all the praises, songs, and
adorations that we can utter, and let us say: Amen.

For us and for all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise
of life come true, and let us say: Amen.

May the one who causes peace to reign in the high heavens let peace
descend on us, on all Israel, and all the world, and let us say: Amen.

אל מלא רחמים

אל מלא רחמים, שוכן במרומים, המצא מנוחה
נבונה תחת פנפי השכינה עם קדושים וטהורים
בוהר הרקיע מזהירים לנשמות יקירינו שהלכו
לעולמים. בעל הרחמים יסתירם בסתר כנפיו
לעולמים, ויצרור בצרור החיים את-נשמתם. יי
הוא נחלתם. וינוחו בשלום על משכבם, ונאמר:
אמן.

O God full of compassion, Eternal Spirit of the Universe, grant perfect rest under the wings of Your Presence to our loved ones who have entered eternity. Master of Mercy, let them find refuge for ever in the shadow of Your wings, and let their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life. The Eternal God is their inheritance. May they rest in peace, and let us say: Amen.



Sustaining Life, Embracing Death

Let us bless the well
Eternally giving
The circle of life
Ever dying, ever living.



As we bless the wellspring of life
so we are blessed

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Eternal God, as we recall all our departed and the blessings they bequeathed unto us, we pray Thee to keep their souls united with ours in the bond of life. May our faith, like theirs, be strong, our devotion to the Torah unfaltering. For as we identify ourselves with the life, hopes and traditions of an eternal people, we ourselves take on the aspect of eternity.

Father of mercy, in whose hand are the souls of all Thy children, may Thy consolation cheer us as we remember our beloved and honored kinsfolk who have gone to their eternal rest. May we be loyal to the memory of all our brethren, who in every generation sacrificed their lives to sanctify Thy name. We beseech Thee, O Lord, grant us strength to be faithful to their charge while the breath of life is within us.

Help us, O God of our salvation, to bear ourselves faithfully and blamelessly during the years of our pilgrimage on earth. Strengthen us with the steadfast faith in Thee and Thy Torah.



Life is a day that lies between two nights – the night of “not yet” before birth, and the night of “no more,” after death. That day may be overcast with pain and frustration, or bright with warmth and contentment. But, inevitably, the night of death must arrive.

Death is a night that lies between two days – the day of life on earth and the day of eternal life in the world to come. That night may come suddenly, in the blink of an eye, or it may come gradually, with a slowly receding sun.

As the day of life is interlude, so is the night of death an interlude. As the day inevitably proceeds to dusk, so does the darkness inevitably proceed to dawn.

Judaism is a faith that embraces all of life, and death is a part of life. As this faith leads us through moments of joy, so does it guide us through the terrible moments of grief, holding us firm through the complex emotions of mourning, and bidding us turn our gaze from the night of darkness to the daylight of life.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

God is my shepherd, I shall not want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures,

Leads me beside still waters,

and restores my soul.

You lead me in right paths for the sake

of Your Name.

Even when I walk in the valley

Of the shadow of death

I shall fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff – they comfort me.

You have set a table before me in the presence

of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of God forever.

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