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"One generation passes away, and another generation comes, but the earth abides forever" Ecclesiastes 1:4

"And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to G-d, who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12:7

Special Ways of Honoring the Souls

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Yizkor Memorial Service



Yizkor, the memorial service for the departed, is recited after the Torah Reading on the eighth day of Pesach, the second day of Shavuos, Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeres.

Those congregants whose both parents are living do not participate in the Yizkor service, but leave the synagogue and return after Yizkor.

Yizkor is recited on the following days during the upcoming year 5781

Yom Kippur, Tishrei 10 - Monday, September 28, 2020 Shemini Atzeret, Tishrei 22 - Saturday, October 10, 2020 8th Day of Passover, Nissan 22 - Sunday, April 4, 2021 2nd Day of Shavuot, Sivan 7 - Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Reflections

"The Living Shall Take To Heart"



When the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, lost his Rebbetzin in 1988, he taught us a powerful lesson. Through the year of mourning, the Rebbe quoted and explained the verse (Ecclesiastes 7:2): "And the living shall take to heart."

While the Torah directs us to grieve and mourn for the departed, yet life has to go on. Just as the heart is the center projecting movement (of the blood) and vitality for the entire body, so should the passing of a dear one, rather than being an occasion for negative feelings, provide the impetus for relatives and friends to advance in personal growth and positive deeds.

Bonds of parenthood, marriage, even friendship, are eternal and not interrupted by the soul's departure from this world. In their heavenly abode, the departed appreciate what souls in this world can accomplish. Their dearest hope is for their passing to become a positive turning point for their loved ones. And nothing helps break the natural cycle of negativity like doing good deeds - a helping hand, a shining smile, doing a Mitzva, improving ourselves and the world around us.

All good deeds pave the way for the imminent world of the future when, after the coming of Mashiach, the fundamental Jewish belief in the resurrection of the dead will be realized. Then we will be reunited with our loved ones, this time for forever.

Yizkor Memorial Prayer



On the last day of Pesach, on the second day of Shavout, on Shemini Atzeret and on Yom Kippur, it is customary to recite Yizkor, a prayer in memory of a departed relative.

Keeping alive the memory of a beloved is a hallowed Jewish tradition. It is a reminder for the living to reflect on the meaning of life, particularly Jewish life. We unite with the soul and spirit of our heritage, striving to come closer to source. We take a moment during Yizkor to think beyond our spiritual selves, to look back to the past, and ahead to the future. We are links in a historic chain that goes back to Sinai. We know that a chain is as strong as its weakest link. Are we holding on?

Yizkor focuses our attention to beloved parents and grandparents, not to their death but what they lived for. We don't want Judaism to die with them. Yizkor brings back memories of home, of another era and different values. We remember good times and hard times, pain and struggle, love and faith. Let us see more in the light of the burning Yizkor candle. Surely it is more than a 24 hour flame in a glass. Its flicker is an embodiment and expression of a passage in Proverbs "The soul of man is the candle of G-d". As the flame reaches upward, so does the soul rise to its source. We want the warmth and spark of Judaism to remain alive in our hearts - and our children's. We will protect it from becoming extinguished.

At Yizkor we pledge to charity - Tzadakah. We affirm our love and bond to our people through a Mitzvah. All else is temporary. Only a Mitzvah is eternal and lives forever.

Introductory Verses

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Hashem, what is man that You recognize him? The son of a frail human that You reckon with him? Man is like a breath, his days are like a passing shadow. In the morning it blossoms and is rejuvenated, by evening it is cut down and brittle. According to the count of our days, so may You teach us; then we shall acquire a heart of wisdom. £ Safeguard the perfect and watch the upright, for the destiny of that man is peace. But God will redeem my soul from the grip of the Lower World, for He will take me, Selah! My flesh and my heart yearn — Rock of my heart, and my portion is God, forever. Thus the dust returns to the ground as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Whoever sits in the refuge of the Most High, he shall dwell in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of HASHEM, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, I will trust in Him.' That He will deliver you from the ensnaring trap and from devastating pestilence. With His pinion He will cover you, and beneath His wings you will be protected; shield and armor is His truth. You shall not be afraid of the terror of night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; nor the pestilence that walks in gloom, nor the destroyer who lays waste at noon. Let a thousand encamp at your side and a myriad at your right hand, but to you they shall not approach. You will merely peer with your eyes and you will see the retribution of the wicked. Because (you said], 'You, HASHEM, are my refuge'; you have made the Most High Your dwelling place. No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your tent. He will charge His angels for you, to protect you in all your ways. On your palms they will carry you, lest you strike your foot against a stone. Upon the lion and the viper you will tread; you will trample the, young lion and the serpent. For he has yearned for Me and I will deliver him; I will elevate him because he knows My Name. He will call upon Me and I will answer him, I am with him in distress, I will release him and I will honor him I will satisfy him with long life and show him My salvation. I will satisfy him with long life and show him My salvation.

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יָּלָ מָה־אָדָם וַתִּדְעֵהוּ, בֶּן־אֱנוֹשׁ וַתְּחַשְׁבֵהוּ: אָדָם לַהֶבֶל דָּמָה, יָמִיו כְּצֵל עוֹבֵר: בַּבּוֹקֶר יָצִיץ וְחָלָף, לָעֶרֶב יְמוֹלֵל וְיָבֵשׁ: לְמְנוֹת יָמִינוּ כֵּן הוֹדַע, וְנָבִיא לְבַב חָכְמָה: שְׁמָר־תָּם וּרְאֵה יָשָׁר, כִּי־אַחֲרִית לְאִישׁ שָׁלוֹם: אַדְ־אֶלהִים יִפְדָּה נַפְשִׁי מִיַּד־שְׁאוֹל כִּי יִקְחֵנִי סֶלָה: כָּלָה שְׁאֵרִי וּלְבָבִי, צוּר-לְבָבִי וְחֶלְקִי אֱלֹהִים לְעוֹלָם: נַיִּשׁב הַעָּפָר עַל־הָאָרֶץ כְּשָׁהְיָה, וְהָרוּחַ תָּשׁוֹב אֶל הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר נְתָנָהּ:

לשב בְּסַתֶּר עֶלְיוֹן, בְּצֵל שַׁדִּי יִתְלוֹנָן: אֹמַר לַיִיָ מַחְסִי וּמְצוּדָתִי, אֱלֹהַי אֶבְטַח בּוֹ: כִּי הוּא יַצִּילְּהְ מִפַּח יָקוּשׁ מִדֶּבֶר הַוּוֹת: בְּאֶבְרָתוֹ יָסֶךְ לָּהְ, וְתַחַת בְּנָבְיוֹ תָּחְסֶה, צָנָה וְסֹחֵרָה אֲמִתּוֹ: לֹא תִירָא מִפַּחַד לְיִלְה, מֵחֵץ יָעוּף יוֹמָם: כְּבֶּבְי תַּהְסֶה, צָנָה וְסֹחֵרָה אֲמִתּוֹ: לֹא תִירָא מִפַּחַד לְיִלְה, מֵחֵץ יָעוּף יוֹמָם: מְדֶּבֶר בָּאֹפֶל יַהֲלֹךְ מִבֶּטָב יָשׁוּד צָהַרִיִם: יִפּל מִצִּדְּךְ אֶלֶף וּרְבָבָה מִימִינֶךְ אֵלֶיךְ לֹא יְנָשְׁי, נְשִׁי, וְנָגַע לֹא יִקְרַב בְּאָהֵלְּךְ: מִקְין שַּמְתָּ מְעוֹנֶךְ: לֹא תְאֻנָּה אֵלֶיךְ רָעָה, וְנָגַע לֹא יִקְרַב בְּאָהֵלְךְ: מַלְחְין שַּמְתָּ מְעוֹנֶךְ: לֹא תְאֻנָּה אֵלֶיךְ רָעָה, וְנָגַע לֹא יִקְרַב בְּאָהֶלְּך: עַלְיוֹן שַּמְתָּ מְעוֹנֶךְ: לֹא תְאֻנָּה אֵלֶיךְ יָמִים יִשְׁאוּנְךְ פֶּן תִּנִּוֹן בָּעָתְ תִּרְרְ תִּרְלֹץ הְרָכִיף: עַלְ כַּפַיִם יִשְׁאוּנְךְ פֶּן תִּנִּוּ בְּאָבֶן רֵבְנִין יְצַנָּה לָּךְ, לְשְׁמִרְךְ תִּרְמִם כְּפִיר וְתַנִּין: כִי דְשִׁ תַּבְרְבָה, אֲחַלְּצְבִיהוּ בִּי יָדַע שְׁמִי: יִקְרָאֵנְי וְאָעֲנֵהוּ, עְמוֹ אַנְרִי: אֹרֶךְ יָמִים אַשְּבִּיעָהוּ, וְאֵבֶבְהוּ בִּישׁוּעָתִי: אֹרֶךְ יָמִים אַשְּבִּיעָהוּ, וְאַבְרָתוּ בִּישׁוּעָתִי: אֹרֶךְ יָמִים אַשְּבִּיעָהוּ, וְאַבְּבְּרוֹהוּ בִּישׁוּעָתִי: אֹרֶךְ יָמִים אַשְּבִּיעָהוּ, וְאַבְרָאוּהוּ בִּישׁוּעָתִי: אֹרֶךְ יָמִים אַשְּבִּיעָהוּ, וְאַרְאֵהוּ בִּישׁוּעָתִי:

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FOR ONE'S FATHER

יזכֹר May God remember the soul of my father, my teacher, (name of the deceased and that of his mother) who has gone to his [supernal world, because I will — without obligating myself with a vow — donate charity for his sake. In this merit, may his soul be bound up in the bond of life with the souls of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, and with the other righteous men and women who are in Gan Eden; and let us say, Amen.

FOR ONE'S MOTHER

יזכֹר May God remember the soul of my Mother, my teacher, (name of the deceased and that of his mother) who has gone to her [supernal] world, because I will — without obligating myself with a vow — donate charity for her sake. In this merit, may her soul be bound up in the bond of life with the souls of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, and with the other righteous men and women who are in Gan Eden; and let us say, Amen.

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FOR ONE'S FATHER

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FOR A MALE RELATIVE

אַכּר May God remember the soul of my grandfather/uncle/brother/son/husband (name of the deceased and that of his mother) who has gone to his [supernal] world, because I will — without obligating myself with a vow — donate charity for his sake. In this merit, may his soul be bound up in the bond of life with the souls of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, and with the other righteous men and women who are in Gan Eden; and let us say, Amen.

FOR A FEMALE RELATIVE

יְּזְכֹּרְ May God remember the soul of my grandmother/aunt/ sister/daughter/wife (name of the deceased and that of her mother) who has gone to her [supernal] world, because I will — without obligating myself with a vow — donate charity for her sake. In this merit, may her soul be bound up in the bond of life with the souls of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, and with the other righteous men and women who are in Gan Eden; and let us say, Amen.

FOR ONE'S EXTENDED FAMILY

יוֹכֹר May God remember the souls of my grandfathers and grandmothers, uncles and aunts, brothers and sisters both on my father's side and on my mother's side, who has gone to their [supernal] world, because I will — without obligating myself with a vow — donate charity for their sake. In this merit, may their soul be bound up in the bond of life with the souls of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, and with the other righteous men and women who are in Gan Eden; and let us say, Amen.

FOR A MALE RELATIVE

wife son brother uncle grandfather יוֹכֹר אֱלֹהים נְשְׁמַת זְּקְנִי | הוֹדִי | אָחִי | בְּנֵי | בַּעְלִי | בַּעְלִי | בְּעַלִי | אָחִי | בְּנֵי | בַּעְלִי | בְּעַלִי | קוֹנִי | הוֹדִי | אָהַלַּהְ לְעוֹלְמוֹ (name of the deceased and that of her mother) בַּעֲבוּר שֶׁבְּלִי נֶדֶר אֶתֵן צְדָקָה בַּעֲדוֹ, בִּשְׁכַר זֶה הְהֵא נַפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה בַּצְרוֹר הַחַיִים, עם נִשְׁמַת אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעְקֹב, שָׁרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל בְּצְרוֹר הַחַיִים, עם נִשְׁמַת אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעְקֹב, שָׁרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלַאָה, וְעם שְׁאָר צַדִּיקִים וְצִדְקְנִיוֹת שֶׁבְּגַן עֵדֶן. וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

FOR A FEMALE RELATIVE

wife daughter sister aunt grandmother
יוֹכֹר אֱלהים נְשְׁמַת וְכֶנְהִי | דּוֹרָתִי | אֲחוֹתִי | בָּתֵי | אִשְׁהִי | אִשְׁהִי | אַלְהִים נִשְׁמַת וְכֶנְהִי | דּוֹרָתִי | אֲחוֹתִי | בָּתֵי | אִשְׁהִי (name of the deceased and that of her mother)
בַּעֲבוּר שֶׁבְּלִי נֶדֶר אֶתֵן צְדָקָה בַּעֲדָה, בִּשְׁכֵר זֶה הְהֵא נַפְשָׁה צְרוּרָה בַּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים עם נִשְׁמַת אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שֶׁרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל בְּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים עם נִשְׁמַת אַבְרָהם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שֶׁרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלַאָה, וְעִם שְׁאָר צַדִּיקִים וְצִדְקְנִיוֹת שֶׁבְּגַן עֵדֶן. וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.
וְלֹאָה, וְעִם שְׁאָר צַדִּיקִים וְצִדְקְנִיוֹת שֶׁבְּגַן עֵדֶן. וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

FOR ONE'S EXTENDED FAMILY

יִּלְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמוֹת זְקֵנֵי וּזְקֵנוֹתַי, דוֹדֵי וְדוֹדוֹתַי, אַחַי וְאַחְיוֹתַי, הֵן מִצַּד אָמִי, שֶׁהָלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם, בַּעֲבוּר שֶׁבְּלִי נֶדֶר אֶתֵּן מְצַּד אָמִי, שֶׁהָלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם, בַּעֲבוּר שֶׁבְּלִי נֶדֶר אֶתֵּן צְדָקָה בַּעֲרוֹר הַחַיִּים צְרוּרוֹת בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים עָם נִשְׁכָּה בַּעֲרָה יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שֶׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעֵם שְׁאָר עֵם נִשְׁמַת אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שֶׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׁאָר צַדִּיקִים וְצִדְקָנִיוֹת שֶׁבְּנֵן עֵדֶן, וְנֹאמֵר: אָמֵן.

FOR MARTYRS

יזכֹר May God remember the souls of (all my relatives, both on my father's side and on my mother's side), the holy and pure one who were killed, murdered, slaughtered, burned, drowned and strangled for the sanctification of the Name, because I will without obligating myself with a vow — donate charity for their sake. In this merit, may their soul be bound up in the bond of life with the souls of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, and with the other righteous men and women who are in Gan Eden; and let us say, Amen.

FOR FALLED SOLDIERS OF THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES

יזכור May God remember the souls of the fighters of the Israel Defense Forces who gave their lives for the sanctification of the Name, the People and the Land; who died a heroic death in missions of liberation, defense and security. They were quicker than eagles and stronger than lions as they volunteered to assist the people and with their pure blood soaked the clods of our holy earth. The memory of their self-sacrifice and heroic deeds will never perish from us. May their souls be bound in the Bond of Life with the souls of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and with the souls of the other Jewish heroes and martyrs who are in the Garden of Eden. Amen.

FOR MARTYRS

יַּלָכֹר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמוֹת (כָּל קְרוֹבֵי וּקְרוֹבוֹתַי, הֵן מִצַּד אָבִי, הֵן מִצַּד יָּלָהִים נִשְׁמוֹת (בֹּל קְרוֹבֵי וּקְרוֹבוֹתַי, הֵן מִצַּד אָמִי) הַקְדוֹשִים וַהַטָּהוֹרִים שהוּמָתוּ וְשֵנְהֵרְגוּ וְשֵׁנְשָׁחֵטוּ וְשֵׁנְשִׁרְפוּ וְשֶׁנְטִבְּעוּ וְשֶׁנֶחִנְקוּ עַל קדוּשׁ הַשֵּׁם, בַּעֲבוּר שֶבְּלִי נֶדֶר אֶתֵּן צְּדָקָה הַזְּכָּרַת נִשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם, בִשְּׁכַר זֶה תָּהְיֵינָה נַפְשוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים עם גִשְּמַת אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֵקב, שֶׁרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שָׁאַר צַדִיקִים וִצְדָקָנִיוֹת שַבְּגַן עֶדֶן, וִנֹאמַר: אַמֵן.

FOR FALLED SOLDIERS OF THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES

יוכר אַלהים אַת נִשְמוֹת חַיָלֵי צָבָא הַהַגַּנָה לִישִׁרָאֵל שַמְסְרוּ נַפְשָׁם עַל קָדָשַׁת הַשֵּׁם, הָעָם וְהָאָרֶץ, בְּתַפְּקִידֵי הֲגַנָּה וּבְטָחוֹן. מִנְשַׁרִים קַלּוֹ, וּמֶאֲרַיוֹת גַּבְרוֹ, בְּהָחַלְצַם לְעַזְרַת הַעַם, וְהָרְווֹ בְּדָמָם הַטָּהוֹר אָת רָגְבֵי אַדְמַת קַדְשֵׁנוּ וּמִדְבָּרוֹת סִינָי. זֵכֵר עַקֶדָתָם וּמַעֲשֵׁי גְבוּרָתָם לֹא יָסוּפוּ מֵאָתָנוּ לְעוֹלָמִים. תִּהְיֶינָה נִשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת בּצָרוֹר הַחַיִים עם נִשְׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וַיַעֲקֹב, וְעָם נִשְׁמוֹת שְאַר ּגָבוֹרֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל וּקְדוֹשָיו שַבְּגַן עָדַן. אָבֵן.

KEL MOLEH RACHAMIM

After reciting Yizkor you may recite the following prayers. It is permitted to mention many names in this prayer, but it is preferable to recite separate prayers for men and women.

FOR AN INDIVIDUAL

O God, full of Compassion, who dwells on high, grant true rest upon the wings of the Shechinah (Divine Presence), in the exalted spheres of the holy and the pure, who shine as the resplendence of the firmament —

for the soul of (name of the deceased and that of his/her father) who has gone to his/her [supernal] world, for charity has been donated in remembrance of his/her soul; may his/her place of rest be in Gan Eden. Therefore, may the All-Merciful One shelter him/her with the cover of His wings forever, and bind his soul in the bond of life. The Lord is his heritage; may he rest in his/her resting-place in peace; and let us say; Amen.

FOR A GROUP

O God, full of Compassion, who dwells on high, grant true rest upon the wings of the Shechinah (Divine Presence), in the exalted spheres of the holy and the pure, who shine as the resplendence of the firmament —

for the souls of (names of the deceased and that of their father) who has gone to their [supernal] world, for charity has been donated in remembrance of their souls; may their place of rest be in Gan Eden. Therefore, may the All-Merciful One shelter them with the cover of His wings forever, and bind their souls in the bond of life. The Lord is their heritage; may they rest in their resting-place in peace; and let us say; Amen.

KEL MOLEH RACHAMIM

אֵל מָלֵא רַחֲמִים שוֹכֵן מְּרוֹמִים, הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה עַל כַּנְפֵי הַשָּׁכִינָה, בְּמַצֵלוֹת הַקְדוֹשִים וּטְהוֹרִים כְּוֹהַר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים,

FOR AN INDIVIDUAL

FEMALE

MALE

אָת נְשְׁמַת (that of her father שָׁהָלְּכָה לְעוֹלָמָה, בָּעֲבוּר שָנָדְבוּ צְּדָקָה בְּעֵד הַוְּפָּרַת בַּעֲבוּר שָנָדְבוּ צְדָקָה בְּעֵד הַוְפָּרַת נִשְׁמָתָה, בְּגַן עֵדֶן הְהֵא מְנוּחָתָה, לָבֵן בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירָה לָבֵן בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירָה בְּסֵתֶר בְּנָפִיו לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בַּחַיִים אֶת נִשְׁמָתָה, יְהוָה בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִים אֶת נִשְׁמָתָה, יְהוָה הוֹא נַחֲלָתָה, וְתָנוּחַ עַל מִשְׁכָּבָה בּשׁלוֹם, ונֹאמר: אמן.

ת נְשְׁמַת (that of his father שָׁהָלֵךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ, נְשְׁמַת (that of his father בַּצְבוּר שֶׁנָרְבוּ צְרָקָה בְּעַד הַוְּפָרַת בְּצְבוּר שֶׁנָרְבוּ צְרָקָה בְּעַד הַוְּפָרַת נִשְׁמָתוֹ, בְּגַן עֵדֶן הְּהֵא מְנוּחָתוֹ, לָכֵן בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירֵהוּ בְּמַעֶּר כְּנָפִיוֹ לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַוֹּץ הַחַיִּים אֶת נִשְּמָתוֹ, יְהוָה הוּא הַחַלִּתוֹ, וְיָנוּחַ עַל מִשְׁבָּבוֹ בְּשָׁלוֹם, וְנִינוּחַ עַל מִשְׁבָּבוֹ בְּשָׁלוֹם, וְנִאַרוֹ. אָמֵן.

FOR A GROUP

FEMALE

MALE

אָת גְשְׁמוֹת (that of her father שָׁהָלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָן, נֹאנר הַ לְעוֹלָמָן, נֹאנר שִׁנְרְבוּ צְּדָקָה בְּעַד הַוְּכָּתְּ בְּעַב הַוְּכָּתְ בְּעַב הַוְּכָּתְ בְּעַב הַוְּכָּתְ נִשְׁמוֹתִיהֶן, בְּגַן עֵדֶן הְהֵא מְנוּחָתָן, לְכֵן בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירֵן בְּסֵתֶר לְכֵן בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר בְּצְרוֹר הַתְּיִים אֶת נִשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶן, יְהוָה הוֹא הַחַיִּים אֶת נִשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶן, יְהוָה הוֹא נַחְלָתָן, וְתָנוּחוּ עַל מִשְׁכְּבוֹתֵיהֶן בְּעַלוֹם, וְנֹאמָר: אֵבֵון.

חמות (and that of his father שָּהָלְכוּ (and that of his father לְעוֹלְמָם, בַּעֲבוּר שָׁנָדְבוּ צְּדָקָה לְעוֹלָמָם, בַּעֲבוּר שָׁנָדְבוּ צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְּכָּרַת נִשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם, לְּכֵן בַּעַל עַדֶּן הְּהֵא מְנוּחָתִם, לָכֵן בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירֵם בְּסֵתֶר בְּנָפִיוּ לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחִיִים אֶת נִשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם, יְהנָה הוּא נַחֲלָתָם, וְיִנוּחוּ עַל מִשְׁכְבוֹתֵיהֶם בְּשָׁלוֹם, וְיִמִּרוֹר אִמוֹ.

Prayer for the Martyrs

Prayer for the Martyrs of the Holocaust, Martyrs of the Israel Defense Forces and for other Tewish Martyrs

O God, full of Compassion, who dwells on high, grant true rest upon the wings of the Shechinah (Divine Presence), in the exalted spheres of the holy and the pure, who shine as the resplendence of the firmament — for the souls of (all my relatives, both on my father's side and on my mother's side), the holy and pure ones who were killed, murdered, slaughtered, burned, drowned and strangled for the sanctification of the Name, (through the hands of the German oppressors, may their name and memory be obliterated) for charity has been donated in remembrance of their souls; may their place of rest be in Gan Eden. Therefore, may the All-Merciful One shelter them with the cover of His wings forever, and bind their souls in the bond of life. The Lord is their heritage; may they rest in their resting-place in peace; and let us say; Amen.

May the All-Merciful Father who dwells in the supernal heights, in His profound compassion, remember with mercy the pious, the upright and the perfect ones, the holy communities who gave their lives for the sanctification of the Divine Name. They were beloved and pleasant in their lives, and [even] in their death were not parted [from Him]; they were swifter than eagles, stronger than lions to carry out the will of their Maker and the desire of their Creator. May our God remember them with favor together with the other righteous of the world, and avenge the spilled blood of His servants, as it is written in the Torah of Moses, the man of God: O nations, sing the praises of His people, for He will avenge the blood of His servant, bring retribution upon His foes, and placate His land -- His people. And by Your servants the Prophets it is written as follows: I will cleanse [the nations of their wrongdoings,] but for the [shedding of Jewish] blood I will not cleanse them; the Lord dwells in Zion. And in the Holy Writings it is said: Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let there be known among the nations before our eyes, the retribution for the spilled blood of Your servants. And it is said: For the Avenger of bloodshed is mindful of them; He does not forget the cry of the downtrodden. Further it is said: He will render judgment upon the nations, and they will be filled with corpses; He will crush heads over a vast area. He will drink from the stream on the way; therefore [Israel] will hold its head high.

Prayer for the Martyrs

Prayer for the Martyrs of the Holocaust, Martyrs of the Israel Defense Forces and for other Jewish Martyrs

אָל פֶלֵּא רַחֲמִים שוֹכֵן מְּרוֹמִים, הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה עַל כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׂכִינָה, בְּמַעֲלוֹת הַקְּדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים כְּזֹהֵר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים, אֶת הַשְּׂכִינָה, בְּמַעֲלוֹת הַקְּדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים כְּזֹהֵר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים, אֶת נְשְׁמוֹת (כָּל קְרוֹבִי וּקְרוֹבוֹתִי, הֵן מִצַּד אָבִי, וְהֵן מִצַּד אִמִּי) הַקְּדוֹשִׁים וְהַפְּחוֹרִים שָׁהוּמְתוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרְפוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרְפוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרְפוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרְפוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרְפוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרְפוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרְפוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרְפוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרִפוּ וְשֶׁנְשְׁרִפוּ וְשֶׁנְחְנְקוּ עַל קִדוּשׁ הַשֵּׁם, (עַל יְדֵי הַצּוֹרְרִים הַגְּרְמָנִים, יְמָח שְׁמָם וְזִכְּרָם) בַּעֲבוּר שֻׁנְּדְבוּ צְּדָקָה בְּעֵד הַזְּכָּרת נִשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם, בְּנֵן עֵדֶן הְתֹּה בְּעֵל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירֵם בְּמֵתֶר בְּנָפִיו לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִנוּחוּ עַל יִיִבְי אָת נִשְׁמוֹתִיהֶם בְּשָלוֹם, וְנֹאִמַר: אָמֵן.

לָב הַרַחֲמִים, שוֹכֵן מְרוֹמִים, בְּרַחֲמִים, הוֹא יִפְּקוֹד הַרַחֲמִים, הַהַּחְמִים, הַהָּמִימִם, בְּרַחֲמִים, הַהָּלוֹת הַפֹּדֶשׁ שָׁפְּסְרוּ בְּרַחֲמִים, הַהָּשָׁת הַשֵּם, הַנָּאֶהָבִים וְהַנְּעִימִים בְּחַיֵּיהֶם, וּבְמוֹתִם נְּפְשָׁם עַל קְדָשַׁת הַשֵּם, הַנָּאֶהָבִים וְהַנְּעִימִים בְּחַיֵּיהֶם, וּבְמוֹתָם לֹא נִפְּרָדוּ. מִנְשָׁרִים קַלּוּ, וּמֵאֶרְיוֹת נָבֵרוּ, לַעֲשׁוֹת רְצוֹן קוֹנָם וְחֵפֶּץ צוֹּרָם. יִזְכְּרֵם אֱלֹהִינוּ לְטוֹבָה, עם שְׁאָר צַדִּיקֵי עוֹלָם, וְיִנְקוֹם נִקְמַת צוֹרָם. יִזְכְּכֵם אֱלֹהִינוּ לְטוֹבָה, עם שְׁאָר צַדִּיקִי עוֹלָם, וְיִנְקוֹם נִקְמַת בַּם עֲבָדִיו הַשָּׁפוּך. כַּבְּתוֹב בְּתוֹרַת משָׁה אִישׁ הָאֶלֹהִים: הַרְנִינוּ גוֹיִם עְמוֹ כִּי דַם עֲבָדִיוּ הַשְּפוּר. וְנָקִיתִי דָּמָם לֹא נִקִיתוּ עַמוֹ. וְעַל בְּצִיוֹן. וּבְבֶּתְבִי הַפְּרָשׁ נָאֲמַר: לְמָה יֹאמְרוּ הַאְּפוּךּ. וְאוֹמֵר: כִּי דֹרֵשׁ דָּמִים בְּנִינוּ נְמְמֵת דָם עֲבָדִיךְ הַשְׁפוּךּ. וְאוֹמֵר: כִּי דֹרֵשׁ דָּמִים מְלֵא גְוִיוֹת מְנִינוּ נְקְמֵת עַנְוִים. וְאוֹמֵר: יְדִין בַּגּוֹיִם מְלֵא גְוִיוֹת מְחָלֵת בָּבָּרָ יִשְׁפוּר. יְדִין בַּגּוֹים מְלֵא גְוִיוֹת מְחָל אֶרָץ רָבָּה. מִנְתַל בַּדֶּרֶךְ יִשְׁתָּה, עַל כֵּן יָרִים מְלֵא גְוִיוֹת בְּנִיתוֹ לְבָּה. יִדִין בְּנִים מְלֵא גְוִים רֹאשׁ: מְחַל בָּדֶרְ יִשְׁתָּה, עַל כֵּן יִרִים רֹאשׁ:

Prayer for the Welfare of the Government

He Who grants salvation to kings and dominion to rulers, Whose kingdom is a kingdom spanning all eternities; Who releases David, His servant, from the evil sword; Who places a road in the sea and a path in the mighty waters - may He bless, safeguard, preserve, help, exalt, make great, extol, and raise high the President, the Vice President, and all the officials of this land.

The King Who reigns over kings, in His mercy may He sustain them and protect them; from every trouble, woe and injury, may He rescue them. May He gather peoples under their sway, and _cause their enemies to fall before them; wherever they turn, may they succeed. The King Who reigns over kings, in His mercy may He put into their heart, and into the heart of all their counselors and officials, compassion to do good with us and with all Israel. In their days and in ours, may Judah be saved and may Israel dwell securely, and may the Redeemer come to Zion. So may it be His will. Now let us respond: Amen.

Prayer for the Welfare of the Holy Land of Israel

Our Father Who is in heaven, Rock of Israel and its Redeemer, bless the holy land of Israel. Shield her with the pinion of You'r kindness, and spread over us the shelter of Your peace; send Your light and truth to her leaders, ministers, and counselors, and set them aright with good counsel, from before Your Presence. Strengthen our Holy Land's defenders; give them, our God, a heritage of salvation and adorn them with a diadem of triumph; emplace peace in the Land and eternal gladness for its inhabitants.

And our brethren, the entire Family of Israel, recall them in all the lands of their dispersion and lead them quickly, with upright pride, to Zion, Your City, and to Jerusalem, the resting place of Your Name, as it is written in the Torah of Your servant Moses: Though you be banished to the end of heaven, from there HASHEM, your God, will gather you and from there He will take you. HASHEM, your God, will bring you to the Land that your forefathers inherited and you will inherit it, and He will benefit you and make you more numerous than your forefathers. Unify our heart to love and fear Your Name and to observe all the words of Your Torah, and send us quickly the offspring of David, Your righteous Messiah, to redeem those who long for Your salvation. Shine forth in the glorious majesty of Your might upon all inhabitants of Your populated world, and let every creature with breath in its nostrils proclaim: HASHEM, the God of Israel is King, and His kingdom has dominion over all. Amen, Selah!

Prayer for the Welfare of the Government

הַ**גֹּוֹתֵן** תְּשׁוּעָה לַמְלָכִים וּמֶמְשָׁלָה לַנְסִיכִים, מַלְכוּתוֹ מַלְכוּת כָּל עוֹ־ לָמִים, הַפּוֹצֶה אֶת דָוִד עַבְדוֹ מֵחֶרֶב רָעָה, הַנוֹתֵן בַּיָם דֶרֶך וּבְמַיִם עַזִּים נְתִיבָה, הוּא יָבָרֵך וְיִשְׁמוֹר וְיִנְצוֹר וְיִנְצוֹר וְיִרוֹמֵם וְיִגְדֵּל וְיִנָּשֵׂא לְמַעֲלֶה אֶת נָשִׂיא הָאָרֶץ וּמִשְׁנֵהוּ וְאֶת כָּל שָׁרֵי הָאָרֶץ.

מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְלָכִים בְּרַחְמָיו, יְחַיֵם וְיִשְׁמְרֵם, וּמִכָּל צָרָה וְיָגוֹן וְגֶזֶק יַצִּי־
לֵם. וְיִדְבֵּר עַמִּים תַּחַת רַגְלֵיהֶם, וְיַפִּיל שׁוֹנְאֵיהֶם לִפְנִיהֶם, וּבְכָל אֲשֶׁר
יְפַנּוּ יַצְלִיחוּ. מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְלָכִים בְּרַחְמָיו יִתֵּן בְּלְבָּם, וּבְלֵב כָּל יוֹעַ־
צֵיהֶם וְשָׂרֵיהֶם, רַחְמָנוּת, לַעשׁוֹת טוֹבוֹת עִמָנוּ וְעִם כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. בִּי־
מֵיהֶם וּבְיָמֵינוּ תִּנְשַׁע יְהוּדָה, וְיִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁכּוֹן לָבֶפַח. וּבָא לְצִיוֹן גוֹאֵל.
מִיהֶם וּבְיָמֵינוּ תִּנְשַׁע יְהוּדָה, וְיִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁכּוֹן לָבֶפַח. וּבָא לְצִיוֹן גוֹאֵל.
וְכֵן יְהִי רָצוֹן, וְנֹאמֵר: אָמֵן.

Prayer for the Welfare of the Holy Land of Israel

אָבִינוּ שֶׁבַשְּמֵים, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בָּרֵךְ אֶת אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל, הָגֵן עָלֶיהָ שָבַּשְׁמַיִם, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בָּרֵךְ אֶת אֶרֶךְ יִשְׁרָאֵל, הָגֵן עָלֶיהָ בְּעֶּיהָ הְּשְׁלוֹמֶךְ, וֹשְלַח אוֹרְךּ וַאֲמִתְּךְ לְרָאֹשֶׁיהָ שָׁרֶיהָ וְיוֹעֲצֶיהָ, וְתַקְּגֵם בְּעֵצָה טוֹבָה מִלְּפָנֶיךְ. חַזֵּק אֶת יְדֵי מְנִיי שָׁרָיה עָלְם בְּעֵצָה וֹנְעַטֶּרֶת נִצְחוֹן הְעַשְׁרֵם, מְנִבְי שָׁלוֹם בַּאָרֵץ וִשְּׁמְחַת עוֹלַם לִיוֹשְׁבֵיהָ. וַעֲטֶרֶת נִצְחוֹן הְעַשְׁרָם, וַנְתַתָּב שַׁלוֹם בַּאָרֵץ וִשְּׁמְחַת עוֹלַם לִיוֹשְׁבִיהָ.

ןְאֶת אַחֵינוּ כָּל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, פְּקָד נָא בְּכָל אַרְצוֹת פְּזוּרֵיהֶם, וְתוֹלִיכֵם מְשְׁכַּן שְׁמֶך, כַּכָּתוּב בְּתוֹרַת מְהֵיה מִוֹמְמִיוּת לְצִיּוֹן עִירֶך, וְלִירוּשָׁלַיִם מִשְׁכַּן שְׁמֶך, כַּכָּתוּב בְּתוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה עַבְדֶּך: אָם יִהְיֶה נִדְּחֲךְ בִּקְצֵה הַשְׁמִים, מִשָּׁם יְקַבֶּצְדְ יהוֹה אֱלֹהֶיךְ, וּמְשָׁם יִקְּחֶךְ. וֶהֶבִיאֲךְ יהוֹה אֱלֹהֶיךְ אֶל הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יִרְשׁוּ אֲבֹתֶיךְ וִירִשְׁץ וְמִשְׁם יִקְחֶךְ. וְהַרְבְּךְ מִאֲבֹתֶיךְ. וְיַחֵד לְבָבֵנוּ לְאַהֲבָה וּלְיִרְאָה אֶת שְּמֶךְ, וְשְׁלַח לְנוּ מְהֵרָה בֶּן דְּוִד מְשִׁיחַ צִּדְקֶךְ, וְשְׁלַח לְנוּ מְהֵרָה בֶּן דְּוִד מְשִׁיחַ צִּדְקֶךְ, לְּפְּדוֹת מְחַכֵּי קִץ יְשׁוּעֶתֶךְ.

וְהוֹפַע בַּהֲדַר גְּאוֹן עָזֶּךְ, עַל כָּל יוֹשְבֵי תֵבֵל אַרְצֶךְ, וְיֹאמֵר כֹּל אֲשֶׁר וְשָׁמָה בְּאַפּוֹ: יהוה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֶלֶךְ, וּמַלְכוּתו בַּכּל מְשָׁלָה. אָמֵן, סֶלָה.

Psalm 20

לַכְּלַבַּצָּחַ, מִזְמוֹר לְּדָוִד. יַעַנְהָ הֹ', בְּיוֹם צָרָה; יְשַׂגֶּבְה, שֵׁם אֱ-לֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב. יִשְׁלַח-עָזְרְהָ מִקּדֶשׁ; וּמִצִּיוֹן, יִסְעָדֶהַ. יִזְכֹּר כָּל-מִנְחֹתֶה; וְעוֹלָתְהְ יְדַשְׁנֶה סֶלָה. יִתֶּן-לְּהְ כִלְבָבֶה; וְכָל-עֲצָתְהְ יְמַלֵּא. נְרַנְּנָה, וְעוֹלָתְהְ יְדַשְׁנֶה סֶלָה. יִתֶּן-לְּהְ כִלְבֶבֶה; וְכָל-עֲצָתְהְ יְמַלֵּא. נְרַנְּנָה, בִּישׁוּעָתֶהְ וּבְשֵׁם אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ נִדְגֹּל; יְמַלֵּא הֹ', כָּל-מִשְׁצֵלוֹתֶיךְ. עַתָּה יָדַעְתִּי כִּי הוֹשִׁיעַ הֹ', מְשִׁיחוֹ יַעֲנָהוּ, מִשְׁמֵי קַדְשׁוֹ בִּגְּבָרוֹת, יַשַּׁעְיִי יְבִינוֹ. אֵלֶה בָּכֶּנְכָב, וְאֵלֶה בַּפּוּסִים; וַאֲנַחְנוּ, בְּשִׁם-הֹ' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ יַמְינוֹ. הַּמָּה, כָּרְעוּ וְנָפָלוּ; וַאֲנַחְנוּ קַמְנוּ, וַנִּתְעוֹדְד. ה' הוֹשִׁיעָה הַפֶּלְּה, יַעֲנֵנוּ בְיוֹם-קָרָאֵנוּ.

1. For the Conductor, a psalm by David. 2. May the Lord answer you on the day of distress; may the Name of the God of Jacob fortify you. 3. May He send your help from the Sanctuary, and support you from Zion. 4. May He remember all your offerings, and always accept favorably your sacrifices. 5. May He grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill your every counsel. 6. We will rejoice in your deliverance, and raise our banners in the name of our God; may the Lord fulfill all your wishes. 7. Now I know that the Lord has delivered His anointed one, answering him from His holy heavens with the mighty saving power of His right hand. 8. Some [rely] upon chariots and some upon horses, but we [rely upon and] invoke the Name of the Lord our God. 9. They bend and fall, but we rise and stand firm. 10. Lord, deliver us; may the King answer us on the day we call.

Mourners Kaddish

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Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba יָתגַּדֶל וַיָתַקַדָּשׁ שָׁמֶה רָבַּא
                     (Cong.: Amen) אמו
            b'alma di-v'ra chirutei, בַּעַלְמֵא דִי בַרָא כָּרְעוּתֶה
 v'yamlich malchutei v'yatz-mach וַיַצְּמָה. וַיַצְמָה
pur-konay vi'ko-rayv me'shei-chai פורקנה. ויקרב משיחה
                     (Cong.: Amen) אָמֶן
      B'chayeichon uvyomeichon בַּחָיֵיכוֹן ובִיוֹכֵיכוֹן
      uvchayei d'chol beit yisrael, וֹבְחֵיֵי דָכל בֵּית יִשְׁרָאֵל
           ba'agala uvizman kariv, בַּעָגָלָא ובִוְמַן קָרִיב
v'im'ru: (Cong.: Amen, Y'hei sh'mei אמן הא שמה אמן אמן אמן אמן אמן ואמרו אמן.
        raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei רַבָּא מָבֶרָהָ לְעֵלֶם וּלְעַלְמֵי
                 almaya.Yis-boraych) עָלְמֵיָא יִתְבָּרַהְ
       Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach יהא שמה רבא מברך
            l'alam ul'almei almaya. לְעָלָם וּלְעָלְמֵי עַלְמֵי
        Yis-boraych v'yish-tabach, יתברד, וישתבח
             v'yispo'ar v'yisromam וְיִתְפָאַר, וִיתִרוֹמַם
             v'yisnaseh, v'yishadar ויתנשא, ויתהדר
       v'yis'aleh v'yis'halal sh'mei וִיתִעַלֶּה, וִיתִהַלֶּל, שָׁבֶוּה
              d'kud'sha, b'rich hu, דקר שַא בַּריך
                     (Cong.: Amen) אמו
  l'eila min-kol-birchasa v'shirasa, לעלא כון כל בַּרְכַתָא וְשִירָתא
         tushb'chasa v'nechemosa נֶּהֶלֶתָא וְנֶהֶלֶתָא
                 da'amiran b'olma, דאַמִירָן בַּעַלְמַא
                   v'im'ru: "amen." ואמרו אמו
                     (Cong.: Amen) אָמֶן
   Y'hei shloma raba min-sh'maya יָהָא מָן שָמָיַא
   v'chayim tovim aleinu v'al-kol וחיים טובים עלינו ועל כל
          yisrael, v'im'ru: "amen." ישׂרָאֵל וְאָמָרוּ אָמֵן
                     (Cong.: Amen) אָמֵן
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Take three steps back and say the following:

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu עשֶׁה שָׁלוֹם בַּמְרוֹמָיו. הוּא ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol יַצְשָׁה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ. וְעֵל כָּל yisrael, v'imru: "amen." יְשְׂרָאֵל וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן אָמוֹ (Cong.: Amen)

Laws and Customs



The ancient custom of recalling the souls of the departed and contributing to charity in their memory is rooted in the fundamental Jewish belief in the eternity of the soul. When physical life ends only the body dies, but the soul ascends to the realm of the spirit where it regularly attains higher levels of purity and holiness.

When this life is over, the soul can no longer perform good deeds; that method of attaining merit is the sole province of mortal man. But there is a way that the disembodied soul can derive new sources of merit. History is a continuum. If we, the living, give charity or do good deeds due to the lasting influence or in memory of a departed parent or other loved one, the merit is truly that of the soul in its spiritual realm. Moreover, God in His mercy credits our deed to the departed one because he or she too would have done the same were it possible. Even if the departed one was too poor to have made contributions to charity, the soul benefits nonetheless, because it may be assumed that he or she would have been charitable, had sufficient means been available.

The customs of pledging to charity on behalf of the departed and of praying for their Souls are recorded in the Code of Jewish Law. It is explained that the proper name of the day Yom Kippur is actually Yom Hakippurim, the plural tense. It is for this reason the holiday of Yom HaKippurim is in the plural, because there are indeed two atonements — one for the living and one for the dead. Consequently, it is incumbent upon the living to seek ways to bring spiritual benefits upon their departed parents and other loved ones.

There are other reasons, too, for Yizkor. One explanation is that we recall the dead as a prod to repentance, because the reminder that life is fleeting helps to make us humble and contrite. An opposite point of view is that we invoke the memory of righteous parents and others so that their memory will act on our behalf before the Heavenly Court.

It is for all these reasons that Yizkor is one of the highlights of the service. The reason is neither emotional nor sentimental—although it is

undeniable that Yizkor touches the most sentimental chords in the human heart —but because of the spiritual benefits it confers, both above and below.

The earliest source of the Yizkor custom is in the Midrash which cites the custom of recalling the departed and pledging charity on their behalf. Ashkenazic Jewry's custom of reciting Yizkor not only on Yom Kippur but also on Pesach, Shavuos and Shemini Atzeres is of a later origin, possibly the time of the Crusades when bloody massacres wiped out many Jewish communities and seriously hurt many others.

What is Done in the First Year of Mourning?

During the first year of mourning, the mourner should not recite "Yiz-kor" at all. This is because "Loud and uncontrolled expressions of grief" are perfectly natural during the first year when the pain may still be raw.

The Talmud says that by the mercy of Hashem which allows the living to continue to live, the process of "forgetting" begins to set in, in general, sometime within the first year. This allows the mourner to begin to look beyond the gaping hole in his or her life, and proceed with the process of "normal" living, but with indelible memories retained of the loved ones who have departed.

Is a "Minyan" Required?

No, although both "Yizkor" and "E-l Malei Rachamim" are intended to be recited in the synagogue, in the presence of a "minyan". If one finds himself or herself away from a synagogue, he or she may recite the "Yizkor" prayer even in the absence of a "minyan."

Kindling of a "Yahrtzeit" Light

One should definitely light a "Yahrtzeit" Candle prior to the onset of Yom Kippur, in commemoration of the soul(s) of one's parent(s), together with the other candles.

The Mourners of Zion



Question: I was wondering about the traditional words of consolation said to mourners: "May the Almighty comfort you amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem." What exactly is the consolation in those words? How is comparing the loss of a loved one to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans two thousand years ago supposed to make me feel any better?

Answer: There are several parallels between the fall of Jerusalem and the passing of a soul. By contemplating these, the mourners can find a profound message of hope.

- You're not alone. Although the destruction of Jerusalem would have directly affected those who lived there the most, nevertheless it was a national tragedy. All Jews, including those who lived far from Jerusalem, were deeply pained at the loss of their holy city. It gave strength and courage to the Jerusalemites to know that the entire people was feeling their pain. So too, although it is the family that is mourning for their loss, the entire Jewish people share in their sorrow at the passing of one of our own. This is comfort in knowing that your sorrow is being shared by your people.
- It isn't forever. After two millenia we still mourn for the loss of Jerusalem, but the Jewish people have never lost hope that Jerusalem will one day be rebuilt. In a similar way, we mourn the loss of our loved ones, but we have faith that we will one day be reunited with them, for our prophets have promised that the dead will come back to life in the Messianic era. This is comfort in knowing that the separation, as painful as it is, is only temporary.
- They're still with us. While the Romans were able to destroy the buildings of Jerusalem, its spirit and inner holiness were beyond

their reach. No enemy can destroy the soul of Jerusalem, and even today it remains the Holy City. So too, death can only take away the physical persona, but the soul lives on. Even after their passing, our loved ones are with us in spirit. They strengthen us when we face challenges, and they smile with us when we celebrate. While we can no longer see them, we can sense their presence. This is comfort in knowing that we are never really apart.

None of this denies the pain and sorrow of death. But it may take the edge off that pain to know that, like Jerusalem, the soul has eternal powers that even death can't conquer. Your grandma was the pillar and backbone of your family. She will always be there when you need her.

And she'll be there whenever you need her, because the soul never dies, and a soul-connection like the one you had with your grandmother is eternal.

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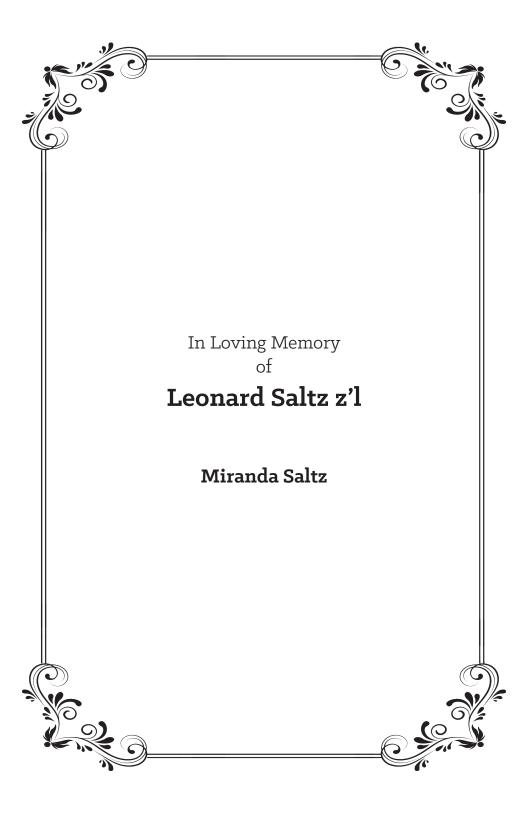
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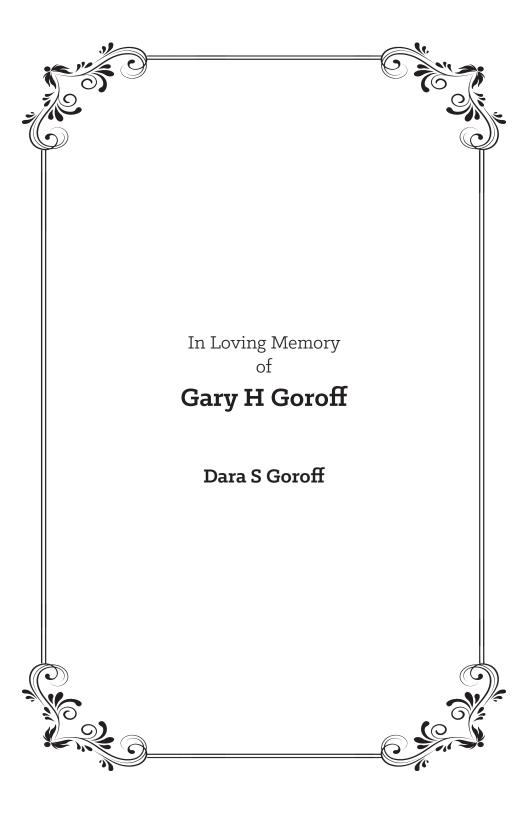
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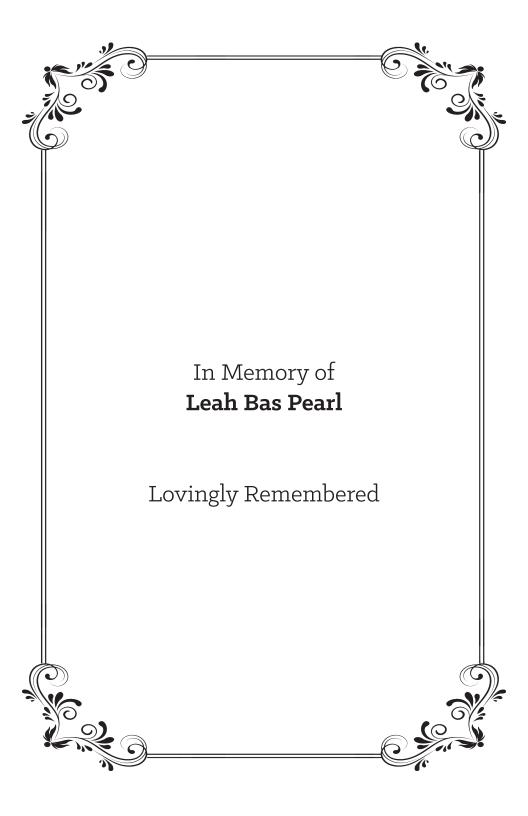
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