

Memorial Service at the Cemetery

Personal Meditations and Community Memorial Service

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ה' מֵה־אָדָם וַתִּדְעֶהוּ בֶן־אָנוֹשׁ וַתַּחֲשַׁבְהוּ:

Adonai mah adam vatedeahu ben einosh vatchashavehu

O LORD, what is man that You should care about him, mortal man, that You should think of him?

אָדָם לְהֶבֶל דָּמָה יָמָיו כְּצֶל עוֹבֵר:

Adam l'hevel domeh yamav k'tzel ovehr

Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow. (Psalm 144:3-4)

שׁוֹיִתִּי ה' לְנֶגְדֵי תָמִיד: כִּי מִיְמִינִי, בַּל־אֲמוֹט.

Shiviti Adonai l'negdi Tamid, ki mi-mi-ni bal emot:

God is always before me, at my right hand, lest I fall.

לְכוּן, שִׂמַח לְבִי--וַיָּגֵל כְּבוֹדִי; אַף־בְּשָׂרִי, יִשְׁכֹּן לְבֶטֶח.

Lachen samach libi, vayagel k'vodi, af b'sari yishkon la-vetach.

Therefore I am glad, made happy, though I know that my flesh will lie in the ground forever. (Psalm 16:8-9)

When I stray from You, O Lord, my life is as death;
But when I cleave to You, even in death I have life.

You embrace the souls of the living and the dead.

The earth inherits that which perishes.

The dust returns to dust; but the soul, which is God's, is immortal.

The Lord has compassion for all of God's creatures.

God has planted eternity within our soul, granting us a share in God's unending life.

God redeems our life from the grave.

May we all be charitable in deed and in thought, in memory of those we love who walk the earth no longer.

May we live unselfishly, in truth and love and peace, so that we will be remembered as a blessing, as we this day lovingly remember those whose lives endure as a blessing.

Our generations are bound to each other as children now remember their parents. Love is as strong as death, as husbands and wives now remember their spouses, as parents now remember their children.

Memory conquers death's dominion as we now remember our brothers and sisters, grandparents, and other relatives and friends.

The death of those we now remember left gaping holes in our lives. But we are grateful for the gift of their lives. And, we are strengthened by the blessings that they left us, by precious memories that comfort and sustain us as we recall them this day. In loving testimony to their lives, we pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to them. May we prove ourselves worthy of the gift of life and the many other gifts with which they blessed us.

May these moments of meditation link us more strongly with their memory and with our entire families.

We remember...(personal prayers, reflections, and meditation)

In Memory of the Deceased:

אל מלא רחמים, שוכן במרומים. המצא מנוחה
נכונה תחת כנפי השכינה. במעלות קדושים
וטהורים כזהר הרקיע מזהירים, את נשמות כל
אלה שהזכרנו היום לברכה שהלכו לעולמם, בגן
עדן תהי מנוחתם. אנא בעל הרחמים, הסתירם
בסתר כנפיק לעולמים. וצרור בצרור החיים את
נשמותיהם. יי הוא נחלתם, וינוחו בשלום על
משכבותיהם. ונאמר אמן:

*El Maleh Rachamim, shochen ba'meromim. Hamtze menucha nechona
tachat kanfei shechina. B'maalot kedoshim u'tehorim k'zohar haraki-
yah mazhirim, et nishmot kol eleh shehizkarnu hayom livracha she-
halchu leolamam, bgan eden tehi menuchatam. Ana ba'al hara-
chamim, hastirem b'seter k'nafecha l'olamim. Utzror bitzror hahayim
et nishmotehem. Adonai hu nachalatam, v'yanuchu v'shalom al
misk'voteihem. V'nomar Amen.*

Exalted, compassionate God, grant perfect peace among the holy and the pure, in Your sheltering Presence, 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.

We Remember Them

Sylvan Kames & Jack Riemer; *Mahzor Hadash - The New Mahzor*, The Prayer Book Press

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We remember them

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember them

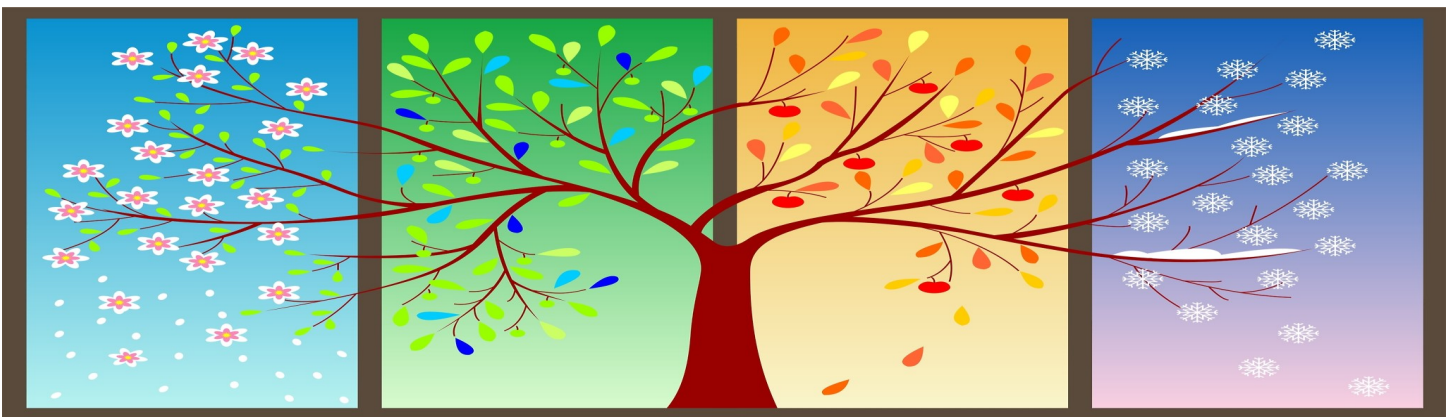
When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them

So long as we live, they too shall live,

for they are now a part of us,

As we remember them



Psalm 23

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד: ה' רֵעִי, לֹא אֶחָסֵר.
בְּנֵאוֹת דֶּשֶׁא יִרְבִּיצֵנִי עַל-מֵי מְנַחוֹת יִנְהַלְנִי.
נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבֵב; יִנְחֵנִי בְּמַעְגְּלֵי-צְדָק, לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ.
גַּם כִּי-אֵלֶיךָ בְּגִיא צַלְמוֹת, לֹא-אִירָא רַע כִּי-אַתָּה עִמָּדִי; שִׁבְטְךָ
וּמִשְׁעַנְתְּךָ, הֵמָּה יִנְחֲמֵנִי.
תַּעֲרַךְ לִפְנֵי שִׁלְחָן נֹגֵד צִרְרֵי; דֹּשְׁנֵת בְּשֶׁמֶן רֵאשִׁי, כּוֹסֵי רוּיָהּ. אֵךְ
טוֹב וַחֲסֵד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל-יְמֵי חַיֵּי; וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבַיִת-ה' לְאָרְךָ יָמִים.

Mizmor l'David:

Adonai ro-i lo echsar.

Binot desheh yarbitzeini, al mei m'nuchot y'nahaleini.

Nafshi y'shoveiv, yancheini v'maglei tzedek l'ma-an sh'mo.

Gam ki eileikh b'gei tzalmavet lo ira ra ki atah imadi.

Shivt'kha u-mishantekha heimah y'nachamuni.

Ta-arokh l'fanai shulchan neged tzor'rai,

Dishanta va-shemen roshi, kosi r'vayah.

Akh tov va-chesed yird'funi kol y'mei chayai,

V'shavti b'veit Adonai l'orekh yamim.

A Psalm of David: Adonai is my shepherd, I shall not want. God gives me repose in green meadows, and guides me over calm waters. God will revive my spirit and direct me on the right path— for that is God's way. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no harm, for You are at my side. Your staff and Your rod comfort me. You prepare a banquet for me in the presence of my foes: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and kindness shall be my portion all the days of my life, And I shall dwell in the house of Adonai in the fullness of time.

Mourner's Kaddish

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְּרַעוּתֵהּ,
וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵהּ בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל־בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יהא שמה רבא מברך לעלם ולעלמי עלמיא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלָא מִן כָּל
(*בעשי"ת לעלא ולעלא מכל*) בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא
וְנַחֲמָתָא, דְאָמִירָן בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יִהְיֶה שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Yitgadal v'yit-kadash sh'mei rabba b'allma dee v'ra chir'utei v'yamlich
malchutei, b'chayeichon, uv'yomeichon, uv'chayei d'chol beit yisrael,
ba'agala u'vizman kariv, v'imru: Amen*

Y'hei sh'mei rabba m'varach l'allam u'lallmei allmaya.

*Yit'barach, v'yishtabach, v'yitpa'ar, v'yitromam, v'yit'nasei, v'yit'hadar,
v'yitaleh, v'yit'halal, sh'mei d'kudsha b'rich hu L'ayla min (between RH
and YK: l'ayla u'l'ayla) min kol b'irchata v'shirata, tush'b'chata v'neche-
mata, da'ami'ran b'all'ma, v'imru: Amen Y'hei shlama rabba min
sh'maya, v'chayim aleinu v'al kol yisrael v'imru: Amen*

*Oseh shalom bim'ro'mav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu, v'al kol yisrael
v'imru: Amen*

(English translation on next page)

Hallowed and enhanced may God's name be throughout the world that God created, as God intended. May God's sovereignty soon be accepted, during our life and the life of all Israel. And let us say: Amen.

May God's name be praised throughout all time.

Glorified and celebrated, lauded and praised, acclaimed and honored, extolled and exalted may the Holy One be, far beyond all song and psalm, beyond all attributes that humans can utter. And let us say: Amen.

Let there be abundant peace from heaven, with life's goodness for us and for all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen.

May the One who brings peace to the universe bring peace to us and to all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen.



The custom of placing a stone on graves:

Flowers, though beautiful, will eventually die. A stone will not die, and can symbolize the permanence of memory and legacy. As our memories of the deceased are weathered by our tears and time, so too rocks and stones are made more beautiful and unique through exposure to rain and time. We invite you to place a stone on the top of the graves you visit today.