

Memorial Service

B'nai Abraham Memorial Park

Psalm 121

אָשָׂא עֵינַי אֶל-הַהָרִים, מֵאֵין יבֵּא עֲזָרִי.
עֲזָרִי מֵעַם יְהוָה עֲשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ. אֵל-יִתֵּן לְמוֹט רַגְלֶךָ,
אֵל-יְנוּם שֹׁמְרֶךָ. הִנֵּה לֹא-יְנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל.
יְהוָה שֹׁמְרֶךָ, יְהוָה צִלְּךָ עַל-יַד יְמִינֶךָ.
יוֹמָם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא-יַכְכָּה וַיָּרֵחַ בַּלַּיְלָה.
יְהוָה יִשְׁמְרֶךָ מִכָּל-רָע, יִשְׁמַר אֶת-נַפְשֶׁךָ.
יְהוָה יִשְׁמַר-צֵאתְךָ וּבואְךָ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד-עוֹלָם.

I lift my eyes to the mountains: What is the source of my help? My help comes from Adonai, Maker of heaven and earth. God will not let your foot give way; your Protector will not slumber. Behold, the Protector of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps! God is your Guardian, God is your protection at your right hand. The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. God will guard you from all harm, God will guard your soul. The Eternal will preserve your going out and coming in from this time forth and forever more.

Responsive Reading

O God, this hour revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us! What joy, when loving and loved, we lived our lives together!

Their memory is a blessing forever.

Months or years may have passed, yet they feel near to us. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain remains. The place where once they stood is empty now forever. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

And we remember as well the men and women who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for the well-being of our people and of humanity, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our people and our faith, for now the task is ours.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

May God forever remember our dear ones who have gone to their eternal rest; at one with the One who is life eternal. May the beauty of their lives shine always, and may our own lives always bring honor to their memory. Their love and deeds live on with us. We recall them now with gratitude.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.



Their Memories Illumine our World

There are stars whose light reaches the earth only after they themselves have disintegrated. And there are individuals whose memory lights the world after they have passed from it. These lights shine in the darkest night and illumine for us the path. -- *Hannah Senesh*

We Remember Them

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

-- Rabbis Sylvan
Kamens and Jack Riemer

Individual Yizkor Prayers

(may also be recited at the graveside)

For a father

יזכר אלהים נשמת אבי מורי ... שהלך לעולמו, בעבור שבלי נדר אתן צדקה בערו. בשכר נפשו צרויה בצרור החיים עם נשמות אברהם יצחק ויעקב, שרה רבקה רחל ולאה, ועם שאר צדיקים וצדקניות שבגן עדן, ונאמר אמן.

May God remember the soul of my father, who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life I pledge *tzedakah* to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is his soul 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 strengthen the ties that link me to his memory and to our entire family. May he rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

For a mother

יזכר אלהים נשמת אמי מורתי ... שהלכה לעולמה, בעבור שבלי נדר אתן צדקה בערה. בשכר נפשה צרויה בצרור החיים עם נשמות אברהם יצחק ויעקב, שרה רבקה רחל ולאה, ועם שאר צדיקים וצדקניות שבגן עדן, ונאמר אמן.

May God remember the soul of my mother, who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge *tzedakah* to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is her soul 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 strengthen the ties that link me to her memory and to our entire family. May she rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

For a wife

יזכר אלהים נשמת אשתי היקרה ... שהלכה לעולמה, בעבור שבלי נדר אתן צדקה בערה. בשכר נפשה צרויה בצרור החיים עם נשמות אברהם יצחק ויעקב, שרה רבקה רחל ולאה, ועם שאר צדיקים וצדקניות שבגן עדן, ונאמר אמן.

May God remember the soul of my wife, who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge *tzedakah* to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is her soul bound up in the bond of life. Love is as strong as death; deep bonds of love are indissoluble. The memory of our companionship and love overcomes loneliness, for all that we shared still endures. May she rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

For a husband

יזכר אלהים נשמת בעלי ... שהלך לעולמו, בעבור שבלי נדר אתן צדקה בערו בשכר נפשו צרויה בצרור החיים עם נשמות אברהם יצחק ויעקב, שרה רבקה רחל ולאה, ועם שאר צדיקים וצדקניות שבגן עדן, ונאמר אמן.

May God remember the soul of my husband, who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life I pledge *tzedakah* to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is his soul bound up in the bond of life. Love is as strong as death; deep bonds of love are indissoluble. The memory of our companionship and love overcomes loneliness, for all that we shared still endures. May he rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

For a brother

יזכר אלהים נשמת אחי ... שהלך לעולמו בעבור שבלי נדר אתן צדקה בעדו. בשכר נפשו צרורה בצרור החיים עם נשמות אברהם יצחק ויעקב, שרה רבקה רחל ולאה, ועם שאר צדיקים וצדקניות שבגן עדן, ונאמר אמן.

May God remember the soul of my beloved brother, who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life I pledge *tzedakah* to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is his soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of his life and for all that he accomplished in his lifetime. May he rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

For a sister

יזכר אלהים נשמת אחותי ... שהלכה לעולמה, בעבור שבלי נדר אתן צדקה בעדה. בשכר נפשה צרורה בצרור החיים עם נשמות אברהם יצחק ויעקב, שרה רבקה רחל ולאה, ועם שאר צדיקים וצדקניות שבגן עדן, ונאמר אמן.

May God remember the soul of my beloved sister, who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge *tzedakah* to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is her soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of her life and for all that she accomplished in her lifetime. May she rest forever in dignity and peace. Amen.

For a son

יזכר אלהים נשמת בני ... שהלך לעולמו בעבור שבלי נדר אתן צדקה בעדו. בשכר נפשו צרורה בצרור החיים עם נשמות אברהם יצחק ויעקב, שרה רבקה רחל ולאה, ועם שאר צדיקים וצדקניות שבגן עדן, ונאמר אמן.

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

For a daughter

יזכר אלהים נשמת בתי ... שהלכה לעולמה, בעבור שבלי נדר אתן צדקה בעדה. בשכר נפשה צרורה בצרור החיים עם נשמות אברהם יצחק ויעקב, שרה רבקה רחל ולאה, ועם שאר צדיקים וצדקניות שבגן עדן, ונאמר אמן.

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

El Malei Rachamim

אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים, שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים, הַמְצִיא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת
כְּנָפֵי הַשְּׂכִינָה, עִם קְדוּשִׁים וְטְהוּרִים כְּזֹהַר הַרְקִיעַ מְזֻהָרִים
אֶת נְשָׁמוֹת יְקִירֵינוּ שֶׁהֵלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם. בְּעַל הַרְחָמִים יִסְתַּיְרֵם
בְּסִתְרַת כְּנָפָיו לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרֹר בְּצִרּוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת־נְשָׁמָתָם. יי
הוּא נְחַלְתָּם. וְיִנְחֹוּ בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מְשֻׁכְּבָם, וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

Merciful God, Eternal Spirit of the universe, grant perfect rest in Your sheltering presence to our loved ones, who have entered eternity. O God of mercy, let them find refuge 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.



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul:
He guides me in right paths for the sake of His name
Even when I walk in the valley of the shadow of death
I will 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 is overflowing.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Kaddish

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ
מְלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּעֻגְלָא
וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמֵי עֻלְמַיָּא:

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה
וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא. לְעֻלָּא וּלְעֻלָּא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא
וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנִחְמְתָא, דְאִמְרִין בְּעֻלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים טוֹבִים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא בְּרַחֲמָיו יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל
כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

*Yit-ga-dal v'yit-ka-dash sh-mei ra-bah (A-mein) b'al-ma de-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-ayl, ba-a-ga-la u-viz-man ka-riv v'im-ru: A-mein.*

Y'-hei sh-mei ra-ba m'vo-rach l'o-lam u-l'ol-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
u-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'im-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'im-ru: A-mein.*

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

~ *Benediction* ~

The *B'nai Abraham Memorial Park and Mausoleum* exist to serve the congregation and the Jewish community at large. As part of B'nai Abraham's commitment to Jewish life, in this lovely, peaceful setting the resting places of our loved ones will be cared for, in perpetuity, with dignity and respect. Jewish tradition has always taught us to honor the generations that have passed. The beauty of this locale is a source of pride to the congregation. In fulfillment of sacred religious commitment, B'nai Abraham provides for its eternal preservation as a haven for life everlasting.

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