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In Memoriam

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

“Man is like a breath, his days are as a fleeting shadow...”

(from the Yizkor Service)

Whenever we consider an old boxer who comes out of retirement or an aging Olympic champion who seeks gold just one more time, we both marvel at their quests and sigh. To be sure, we admire their daring; and if they pull off a miracle, we rejoice. But we also sigh because we know that someday soon, they will fail; and as they do, we mourn a piece of ourselves. In years gone by, we vicariously shared their triumphs. When they falter, we recognize our own mortality in their pain.

Age advances relentlessly. That’s a fact of life. But rather than deny, scorn or fear reality, our tradition encourages us to acknowledge it and learn its lessons well.

The Memorial Service directs our thoughts to our beloved departed, the values they embodied and the lessons they taught us. Yet, rightly understood, the Yizkor liturgy should also call attention to our own impermanence. It should remind us that we, too, are subject to the vagaries of time and instill in us an insatiable desire to pursue lives of value informed by a tradition which is as precious to us as it is timeless. Only then will we do honor to the memories of our dear ones and make the Yizkor gathering worthy of its name.

“...So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom.”

Rabbi Bruce Ginsburg

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בְּרֵאשִׁית וְתַחֲשֹׁבֶהוּ:	יְיָ מִהֲאָדָם וּמִתְעֵהוּ
יָמָיו כְּצֶלַע עֹבֵר:	אָדָם לְהִבָּל רָמָה
לְעֶרֶב יְמוּלֵל וְיָבֵשׁ:	בְּבִקְרֵי יָצִיץ וְחָלַף
וְתָבִיא לָכֵן חֻקָּה:	לְמִנּוֹת יְמֵינוּ בֶן הַדּוֹעַ
כִּי־אֲחֻרִית לְאִישׁ שְׁלוֹם:	שְׁמֵרֵתֶם וּרְאֵה יֵשׁר

Responsively

Lord, what is man, that Thou has regard for him?
Or the son of man, that Thou takest account of him?
Man is like a breath,
His days are as a fleeting shadow.
In the morning he flourishes and grows up like grass,
In the evening he is cut down and withers,
So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us a heart of wisdom.
Mark the man of integrity, and behold the upright,
For there is a future for the man of peace.

Reader

In this solemn hour consecrated to our beloved dead, we ponder over the flight of time, the frailty and uncertainty of human life. We ask ourselves: What are we? What is our life? To what purpose our wisdom and knowledge? Wherein is our strength, our power, our fame? Alas, man seems born to trouble, and his years are few and full of travail.

But our great teachers have taught us to penetrate beneath appearances and see the higher worth, the deeper meaning, and the abiding glory of human life.

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מָה אָנוֹשׁ כִּי תִזְכְּרֵנוּ וּבֶן אָדָם כִּי תִפְקְדֵנוּ:
וְתִחַסְרָהוּ מֵעַט מֵאֱלֹהִים וְכָבוֹד וְתִדְרַר תַּעֲטִירָהוּ:

Responsively

O Lord, what is man, that Thou are mindful of him?
And the son of man that Thou considerest him?

Yet Thou hast made him but little less than divine,
And hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Reader

Yea, Thou has implanted in man the faith to overcome disillusionment and despair, the power to resist evil, the wisdom to use his gifts nobly, and the will to transform chaos and misery into harmony and happiness. When we loose the bands of wickedness, free the oppressed, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bring cheer into the lives of those in distress, when we strive for justice and the coming of Thy kingdom, we invest our life with high significance. Physically we are like unto a breath but spiritually we can attain divine heights.

Our God and God of our fathers, in this hour sacred to memory, when the past and the future merge, we thank Thee for the blessings that have come to us through the love and devotion of our dear ones.

For many of us, this hour recalls the memory of beloved parents whom Thou has removed from their earthly tasks and called unto 'Thyself. We are ever mindful of the devotion with which they tended and guided us, the sacrifices they made, the joys and comforts they brought us, the teachings and traditions they sought to impart unto us. They are forever bound to us by undying love.

There are those among us who call to mind a departed husband or wife. They recall the affectionate bonds formed in Thy presence, the faith and understanding, the struggles and hopes, the trials and griefs, the fears and joys they shared together.

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There are parents in our midst who mourn a beloved child taken from them in the freshness and vigor of youth, for whom they planned and hoped, upon whom they lavished loving care and affection. There are those who recall a sister or brother, now no longer among the living, with whom they grew up in happy fellowship, loyal and devoted companions who shared with them the experiences of childhood and youth. With tender emotion we all recall friends and companions who were dear to us in life and whose friendship and understanding were a constant benediction to us.

In this solemn hour, we recall the members of our congregation who have answered Thy summons. They shall ever be remembered in this sanctuary which they loved and served.

We reverently recall the martyrs of Israel of all ages, whose ranks have been tragically augmented by untold numbers of our brothers in our generation. Never shall we forget those who sacrificed their lives for the sanctification of Thy name. We remember also the heroes and righteous men and women of all nations who lived and died for justice, truth and peace.

Though our departed are no longer with us, their memories are forever enshrined in our hearts and their influence abides with us, directing our thoughts and deeds toward the lofty purposes they cherished and for which they strived.

Congregation

O Lord, 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, our love for Zion constant, and our concern for Israel and humanity unceasing. For as we identify ourselves with the life, hopes and traditions of an eternal people, we, ourselves, take on the aspect of eternity. May we so live that when our years draw to a close we, too, shall be remembered for good and for blessing. Amen.

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Prayer in memory of a father

O heavenly Father, remember the soul of my dear father * whom I recall in this solemn hour. I remember with esteem the affection and kindness with which he counselled and guided me. May I ever uphold the noble heritage he transmitted unto me so that through me, his aspirations shall be fulfilled. May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life and his memory ever be for a blessing. Amen

* *Name of Father.*

Prayer in memory of a mother

O heavenly Father, remember the soul of my beloved mother * whom I recall in this solemn hour. I remember with deep reverence and affection the solicitude with which she tended and watched over me, ever mindful of my welfare, ever anxious for my happiness. Many were the sacrifices she made in order to ennoble my heart and instruct my mind. May her soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life and her memory ever be for a blessing. Amen.

* *Name of Mother*

Prayer in memory of a husband

O heavenly Father, remember the soul of my beloved husband * whom I affectionately recall in this solemn hour. May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life and his memory ever be for a blessing.

* *Name of Husband*

Prayer in memory of a wife

O heavenly Father, remember the soul of my beloved wife * whom I affectionately recall in this solemn hour. May her soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life and her memory ever be for a blessing.

* *Name of Wife*

Prayer in memory of a son

O heavenly Father, remember the soul of my beloved son* whom I lovingly recall in this solemn hour. His memory is enshrined in my heart. May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life. Amen.

* *Name of Son*

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הזכרת נשמות

Prayer in memory of a father

תָּכַר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמַת אָבִי מוֹדֵי שְׁהַלֵּךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. אָנָּה
תְּהִי נִפְשׁוֹ צְרוּנָה בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים. וְתִהְיֶה מְנוּחָתוֹ כְּבוֹד.
שָׁבַע שְׁמֵחוֹת אֶת־פְּנֵיהֶ. נְעִימוֹת בִּימֵינֶךָ נְצַח. אָמֵן:

** Name of Father*

Prayer in memory of a mother

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** Name of Mother*

Prayer in memory of husband

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** Name of Husband*

Prayer in memory of a wife

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** Name of Wife*

Prayer in memory of a son

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לְעוֹלָמוֹ. אָנָּה תְּהִי נִפְשׁוֹ צְרוּנָה בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים. וְתִהְיֶה
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נְצַח. אָמֵן:

** Name of Son*

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Prayer in memory of a daughter

O heavenly Father, remember the soul of my beloved daughter whom I lovingly recall in this solemn hour. Her memory is enshrined in my heart. May her soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life. Amen.

Prayer in memory of a brother

O heavenly Father, remember the soul of my beloved brother* whom I affectionately recall in this solemn hour. May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life and his memory ever be a blessing. Amen.

**Name of brother*

Prayer in memory of a sister

O heavenly Father, remember the soul of my beloved sister* whom I affectionately recall in this solemn hour. May her soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life and her memory ever be a blessing. Amen.

**Name of sister*

Prayer in memory of other relatives and friends

O heavenly Father, remember the soul of whom I affectionately recall in this solemn hour. As I remember the hours we spent together in happy fellowship, may I ever keep sacred the memory of.... 's loyalty and love. May ...'s soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life Amen.

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הזכרת נשמות

Prayer in memory of a daughter

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמַת בְּתִי הָאֲהוּבָה מִחֲמַד עֵינַי שֶׁהִלְכָה
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נִצָּח. אָמֵן:

*Name of Daughter

Prayer in memory of a brother

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמַת אַחִי שֶׁהִלְךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. אָנָּה תְּהִי
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*Name of Brother

Prayer in memory of a sister

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*Name of Sister

Prayer in memory of other relatives and friends

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמוֹת קְרוּבֵי שֶׁהִלְכּוּ לְעוֹלָמָם. אָנָּה
תְּהִינָה נִפְשׁוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים. וְתְּהִי מְנוּחָתָם
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*Names of other Relatives and Friends

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Memorial Prayer for Contemporary Martyrs

O merciful God who dwellest on high and art full of compassion, grant perfect rest beneath the shelter of Thy divine presence among the pure, heroic, and holy who shine as the brightness of the firmament – to our six million brethren who were murdered, butchered, slaughtered, and tortured to death by the accursed Nazi oppressor and his collaborators and to the ghetto fighters and partisans who, like them, died for the sanctification of Your name -- loved in life, they never separated from each other in death.

Recall the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces who fell in the service of their country and all the fighters who died as heroes protecting their people and land during the course of Israel's wars; those in the intelligence community who sacrificed their lives at home and abroad; those who were victims of horrific terror; and those in fighting units and underground cells who gave their lives during the War of Liberation and its successor conflicts, thereby enabling the rise of the State and the reclamation of God's City.

Alas, we pray for the ascension of their souls. May their resting place be in Paradise. Accordingly, may the Master of mercy protect them in the shelter of His wings forever and bind their souls in the bond of everlasting life. The Lord is their portion. May they rest in peace and at the End of Days rise to their destiny. And let us say: Amen.

Memorial Prayer for all departed

O merciful God who dwellest on high and art full of compassion, grant perfect rest beneath the shelter of Thy divine presence among the holy and pure who shine as the brightness of the firmament, to our dear departed who have gone to their eternal home. May their souls be bound up in the bonds of eternal life. Grant that their memories ever inspire us to noble and consecrated living. Amen.

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Memorial Prayer for Contemporary Martyrs

אל מלא רחמים שוכן במרומים המצא מנוחה נכונה על פנפי השכינה. במעלות טהורים וקדושים, כזוהר הרקיע מאירים ומזהירים, לנשמות שישה מיליון מפני עמינו. שנהרגו, נטבחו, נשחטו, ועונו למוות בידי הצורר הנאצי ועוזריו ימח שםם ולכל לוחמי הגטאות והפרטיזנים שנהרגו עם כל אותם המליונים על קידוש השם הנאהבים והנעימים בתייהם ובמותם לא נפרדו. ולנשמות חיילי צבא הגנה לישראל שנפלו בעת שירותם, ובעת מלוי תפקידם. ולכל אותם הלוחמים שחרפו נפשם למות מות גיבורים בעד הגנת העם והארץ בכל מלחמות ישראל. ולכל אנשי קהילת המודיעין שחרפו נפשם בעד העם והארץ, בארץ ומחוצה לה. ולכל קרבנות הטרור האכזרי ולכל חטיבות הלוחמים ולוחמי המחטרות שחרפו נפשם בקרבות מלחמת השחרור והמדינה שבדרך והביאו לתקומת המדינה ולשחרור עיר האלהים. בעבור שאנו מתפללים לעלוי נשמותיהם בגן עדן תהא מנוחתם לכן בעל הרחמים יסתירם בסתר כנפיו לעולמים ויצרור בצרור החיים את נשמותיהם. יי הוא נחלתם וינוחו בשלום על משפבותיהם ויעמדו לגורלם לקץ הימין ונאמר אמן.

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