In memory of
Robert Lloyd Segal
whose resilience and curiosity
will always inspire
With love from his daughters
House of Prayer

A Central Synagogue Siddur for the Home
Weekday Morning Services
for the Daily Minyan

For My house shall be called
a house of prayer
for all peoples.

כִּֽי בֵּיתִ֔י בֵּית־תְּפִלָּה
יִקָּרֵ֖א לְכׇל־הָעַמִּֽים

Ki veiti beit-t'filah
yikarei l'chol-ha-amim
Sh'ma Uvirchoteha  Sh'ma and Its Blessings

Bar'chu The Call to Prayer

Bar'chu et Adonai hamvorach!

Praise the One to whom our praise is due!

Praised be the One to whom our praise is due, now and forever!

V'atah Yisrael: mah Adonai Elohecha sho.eil mei.imach?

And now, O Israel, what is it that the Eternal One, your God, asks of you?

All:

“Show reverence for Me, walk in My ways, love and serve Me with all your heart and soul.”

Leader:

Now therefore if you will truly keep My Convenant, you shall be to Me a consecrated family, a holy people:

All:

To open blind eyes, to bring out of prison the captive, and from their dungeons those who sit in darkness.
You are our God, the Source of all life and its blessings. Wherever we turn our gaze, we behold signs of Your goodness and love. The whole universe proclaims Your glory. Your loving spirit hovers over all Your works, guiding and sustaining them. The harmony and grandeur of nature speak to us of You; the beauty and truth of Torah reveal Your will to us. You are the One and Eternal God of time and space!

Sh'ma, Yisrael: Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad!

Hear O Israel: the Eternal One is our God, the Eternal God alone!

Baruch sheim k'vod malchuto l'olam va·ed!

Blessed is God's glorious majesty, forever and ever!

V'ahavta et Adonai Elohecha, b'chol-l'vav'cha
uvchol-nafsh'cha uvchol-m'odecha. V'hayu
hadvarim ha·eileh asher anochi m'tzav'cha
hayom al-l'vavecha. V'shinantam l'vanecha
v'dibarta bam, b'shivt'cha b'veitecha, uvlecht'cha
vaderech, uvshochb'cha uvkumecha. Ukshartam
l'ot al-yadecha, v'hayu l'totafot bein einecha.

Uchtavtam al-m'zuzot beitecha uvish·arecha.
L'ma·an tizk'ru va·asitem et-kol-mitzvotai,
viyitem k'doshim l'Eloheichem. Ani Adonai
Eloheichem asher hotzeiti et·chem mei·eretz
Mitzrayim liyot lachem l'Elohim.

Ani Adonai Eloheichem.

וְאָ֣הַבְתָּ֔ אֵ֖ת יְיָ֣ אֱלֹהֶ֑יךָ בְּכׇל־לְבָבְךָ֥ וּבְכׇל־נַפְשְׁךָ֖ וּבְכׇל־מְאֹדֶֽךָ: וְהָי֞וּ
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אֲנִ֖י יְיָ֥ אֱלֹהֵיכֶ֗ם:

“Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?”

Mi chamochah ba·eilim Adonai,
mi kamochah nedar bakodesh,
no ra t’hilot, oseh feleh.

Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

Mi chamochah. Exodus 15:11.
With new song, inspired at the shore of the sea; the redeemed sang Your praise. In unison, they all offered thanks. Acknowledging Your sovereignty, they proclaimed:

"Adonai will reign forever!"

Rock of Israel, rise in support of Israel and redeem Judah and Israel as Y ou promised. Our redeemer, Adonai Lord of Hosts is Y our Name. Blessed are Y ou, Adonai, who redeems Israel.

Praised be the Eternal One, our God, God of our fathers and our mothers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel, and God of Leah; great, mighty, and exalted. Y ou bestow love and kindness on all Y our children. Y ou remember the devotion of ages past. In Y our love, Y ou bring redemption to their descendants for the sake of Y our Name.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur add:

Zochreinu l’chayim, melech chafeitz bachayim.

Remember us for life, Sovereign God who treasures life. Inscribe us in the Book of Life, for Your sake, God of life.

At all times conclude:

Melech ozeir umoshaia umagein. Baruch atah Adonai, magein Avraham v’ezrath Sarah.

You are our Ruler and Helper, our Savior and Protector. We praise You, Eternal One, Shield of Abraham, Protector of Sarah.
God's Holiness

N'kadeish et shimcha ba-olam, k'shem
shemakdishim oto bishmei marom, kakatuv
al yad n'vi-echa, v'kara zeh el-zeh v'amare:

We sanctify Your name on earth, even as all things to the ends of
space and time proclaim Your holiness, and in the words of
the prophet we say:

Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh Adonai Tz'va-ot,
$m^2$ lo chol-ha-aretz k'vodo.

Holy, holy, holy is the Eternal One, God of the Hosts of Heaven!
The whole earth is ablaze with Your glory!

In love you sustain the living; in Your great mercy You sustain us all. You
uphold the falling and the sick; free the captive and keep the faith with
Your children in death as in life. Who is like You, almighty God, Author
of life and death, Source of salvation? You are faithful in bringing life
to all. Praised are You, Eternal God, who gives and renews all life.

We praise You, Eternal One, who gives and renews all life.

The Eternal One shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, from generation
to generation. Halleluyah!

The choreography of the K'dushah. The prayer is based on Isaiah's and Ezekiel's visions of angels singing
God's praises. It is customary to rise on our toes three times, when reciting the words: "Kadosh kadosh Adonai Tz'va-ot, "Holy holy holy," as though we were striving to join that heavenly chorus. Whether we rise or not,
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At all times conclude:

V'neeman atah l'hachayot hakol/meitim.
Baruch atah Adonai, m'chayeih hakol/hameitim.
You are faithful in bringing life to all. We praise You, Eternal One, the
Source of life.

\textit{Baruch k'vod-Adonai mimkomo.}

\textit{B'nei Ola.}

\textit{Baruch atah Adonai, m'chayeih hakol/meitim.}

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Source of life.
Concluding Blessings

Eternal source of knowledge, You have endowed us with reason and understanding. We pray now for the light of Your truth, for insight into Your ways, and for the strength to banish from our hearts every desire and thought of evil.

Forgive our sins, pardon our failings, and help us to remove suffering and sorrow from our midst.

May those who have lost their way come again to know Your love, and turn to You in newness of heart; and let those who love goodness and do justly rejoice in the knowledge of Your favor.

Bless our land with plenty and our nation with peace. May righteousness abide with us, and virtue bring us happiness. We praise You, Eternal God: You hearken to prayer.

Eternal One, Creator of all the world, You have blessed us with noble powers: teach us to make wise use of them. You have called us to be Your partners in the work of creation, and we thank You for the power to choose a life devoted to Your service, dedicated to the well-being of those around us. May all that we do help to make Your majestic presence on earth a reality to all humankind.

May all peoples together find their way to establish peace on earth. Let them cultivate that good will, which alone can bring enduring peace.

Let the nations realize that the triumphs of war turn to ashes, that justice and right are better than conquest and dominion.

May they come to see that it is not by might or power, but by Your spirit that life prevails.

Meditation

May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable to You, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:15.
SERVICE TWO

Infinite One, Your greatness surpasses our understanding, yet at times we feel Your nearness.

The signs of Your presence overwhelm us; flooded by awe and wonder, still we feel within us a kinship with the Divine.

And so we turn to You, looking at the world about us, and inward to the world within us, there to find You, and from Your presence gain life and strength.
**G'ulah** Redemption

Infinite God, Creator and Redeemer of all being, You are the most high, most near. In all generations we have cried out to You; we have put our trust in You, we have borne witness to Your love before the nations! O now let Your light and Your love appear to us and lead us; bring us to Your holy mountain.

Then, though earth itself should shake, though the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters thunder and rage, though the wind lift its waves to the very vault of heaven, we shall not despair.

We shall not lose hope, for You are with us; we shall rejoice in Your deliverance. Then shall we know You, our Redeemer and our God, and in the shadow of Your wings we shall sing with joy:

With new song, inspired at the shore of the sea; the redeemed sang Your praise. In unison, they all offered thanks. Acknowledging Your sovereignty, they proclaimed:

"Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?"

"Who is like You, Adonai Lord of Hosts is Your Name. Rock of Israel, rise in support of Israel and redeem Judah and Israel as You promised. Our redeemer, Adonai Lord of Hosts is Your Name. Blessed are You, Adonai, who redeems Israel."

In the human heart, too, You reign supreme. Above the storms of passion and hate that shake our world, we hear Your voice proclaim the law of justice and love.

May our eyes be open to Your truth, our spirits alive to Your teaching, our hearts united to serve You.

May we find the will to consecrate ourselves anew to the task of all generations: to speed the dawn of a new day when all will be united in friendship and peace, and with one accord acclaim You their Eternal God.

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**Sh'ma Yisrael:**

"Hear O Israel: the Eternal God, the Eternal God alone!"

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**V'ahavta.**

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 and Numbers 15:40–41.

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**Mi chamochah.**

Exodus 15:11.
God's Power

Atah gibor l'olam, Adonai, m'chayeih hakol/meitim atah, rav l'hoshaia.

From Sh'mini Atzeret until Pesach:
Mashiv haruach umorid hageshem, mishav k'harom veherem.

From Pesach until Sh'mini Atzeret:
Morid ha'kol, m'chakeil chayei b'cheshed, m'chayeih hakol/meitim b'rachamim rabim. Someich
nofflim, v'rofei cholim, umatir asurim, umkayeiem emunato lishnei emet. Mi chamocha, ba-al g'vurot, umi domeh lach, melech meimit umchayeih umatsmiach y'shuah?

T'filah Prayer

Adonai, s'fatai tiftach, ufi yajid t'hilatecha. Eternal God, open my lips that my mouth may declare Your glory.

God of All Generations

B'Roch atah Adonai, Elonei v'Elonei avoteinu v'imoteinu, Elonei Avraham, Elonei Yitzchak, Elonei Ya'akov, Elonei Sarah, Elonei Rivkah, Elonei Rachel, v'Elonei Leah, ha-El Hagadol Hagibor veHanora, El elyon,
gomei chasadim tovim, v'konei hakol, v'zochrei chasdei avoteinu v'imoteinu.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur add:
B'raruch atah Adonai, Magein Abraham v'ezrat Sarah.

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Zochreinu l'chayeih, omei v'galulah, l'ma'an shamah l'shaarei avoteinu v'imoteinu, l'ma'an chamocha v'ezrei nekei emet l'chayeih hakol, v'kaynem amun rofim lo'evim, lo'ematim, v'melekhem mishamah l'shaarei avoteinu v'imoteinu, l'ma'an chamocha ve'ezrei nekei emet l'chayeih hakol, v'kaynem amun rofim lo'evim, lo'ematim, v'melekhem mishamah l'shaarei avoteinu v'imoteinu.

At all times conclude:

V'ne-eman atah l'hachayot hakol/meitim.
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Intermediate Blessings

We give thanks for the divine flame that glows within, the gift of reason that enables us to search after knowledge.

Blessed is the Eternal Source of wisdom and knowledge.

May our pride of intellect never be an idol turning us away from feeling wonder and awe. And as we grow in knowledge, may we remain aware that all our learning is but a handful of bright pebbles picked from the wide shore of the unknown.

Blessed is the One to whom all things are known.

May the beauty and mystery of the world move us to reverence and humility. Let the tree of knowledge bear good fruit for us and children.

Blessed is the One from whom all blessings flow.

And let the consciousness of Your presence be the glory of our lives, making joyous our days and years.

Blessed is the One who hearkens to prayer.

MEDITATION

Yiyu l’ratzon imrei-fi v’hegyon libi l’faneca,
Adonai, tzuri v’go·ali.

May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable to You, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.

God’s Holiness

N’kadeish et shimcha ba·olam, k’shem shemakdishim oto bishmei marom, kakatu v al yad n’vi·echa, v’kara zeh el·zeh v’amar:

Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh Adonai Tz’va·ot,
Mal chol ha·aretz k’vodo.

Holy, holy, holy is the Eternal One, God of the Hosts of Heaven!
The whole earth is ablaze with Your glory!

L’ummatam baruch yomeiru:
All being recounts Your praise:

Baruch k’vod·Adonai mimkomo.
Praised be the glory of God in heaven and earth.

Uv’divrei kodsh’cha katuv leimor:
And in Your holy scriptures it is written:

Imloch Adonai l’olam, Elohayich Tziyon l’ Dor
vador, haEl-Yah.
The Eternal One shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, from generation to generation. Halleluyah!

L’dor vador nagid godlecha, ulneitzach
n’tzachim k’dushat·cha nakdish. V’shivchach
Eloheinu mipinu lo yamush l’olam va·ed,
ki El melech gadol v’kadosh atah.

To all generations we will make known Your greatness, and to all eternity proclaim Your holiness. Your praise, O God, shall never depart from our lips.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur conclude:
Baruch atah Adonai, hamelech hakadosh.
We praise You, Eternal One, the holy Sovereign.

At all other times conclude:
Baruch atah Adonai, haEl hakadosh.
We praise You, Eternal One, the holy God.

Service continues with Prayers for Healing on page 59.
As I awaken, let this be my thought: may my day be filled with acts of lovingkindness. Let me be drawn to learning and discernment, and may my actions be shaped by mitzvot.

*Keep me from iniquity, disgrace, and sin; may I not be overwhelmed by temptation and despair.*

Distance me from evil people and false friends. Let me cultivate a life of goodness.

*May my hands reach out in kindness, and I will serve God through acts of righteousness.*

Today and every day, may I merit Your mercy by living my life with compassion and love.

*Holy One of Blessing, draw me to Your words; teach me the art of sacred living.*
vaderech, uvshochb'cha uvkumecha. Ukshartam
L’maan tizk’ru va-asitem et-kol-mitzvotai,
M’tzav’cha l’yot lachem l’Elohim.
Ani Adonai Eloheichem.
Be mindful of all My mitzvot, and do them; so shall you consecrate yourselves to your God. I am your Eternal God who led you out of Egypt to be your God; I am your Eternal God.

G’ulah  Redemption

Eternal truth it is that You alone are God, and there is none else. 

May all the world rejoice in Your love and exult in Your justice.
Let them beat their swords into plowshares; let them beat their spears into pruning hooks.

Let nation not lift sword against nation; let them study war no more.

You shall not hate another in your heart;
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Let the stranger in your midst be to you as the native;

For you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

From the house of bondage we went forth to freedom,
And we sing in praise of Your name.

Mi chamochah ba-elim Adonai, mi kamochah
nedar bakodesh, nora thilot, oseh feleh.
Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

We praise You, God of time and space: You hallow us with the mitzvah of Torah and invite us to immerse ourselves in its words. Open our eyes with Your teaching; consecrate our hearts to Your mitzvot; and let the love and awe of Your name make us whole.

We praise You, Eternal One: In love You have called Your people Israel to serve You.

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With new song, inspired at the shore of the sea; the redeemed sang Your praise. In unison, they all offered thanks. Acknowledging Your sovereignty, they proclaimed:

אֲדֹנָי יִמְלֹךְ לְעֹלָם וָעֶד! "Adonai will reign forever!"

טְפֵלָה

תְּפִלָּה  T’filah  Prayer

Adonai, s’fatai tiftach, ufi yagid t’hilatecha.
Eternal God, open my lips that my mouth may declare Your glory.

אָבוֹת וְאִמָּהוֹת  Avot v’Imahot

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהִֽינוּ וֵאֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָֽם, אֶלֹהִי יִצְחָק, וֵאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹֽב, אֶלֹהִי שָׂרָה, אֶלֹהִי רִבְקָה, אֶלֹהִי רַחֵל, וֵאֱלֹהִי לֵאָה, הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֶלְיוֹן, גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אָבוֹת וְאִמָּהוֹת, וּמֵבִיא גְּאֻלָּה לִבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם, לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה.

Praised be the Eternal One, our God, God of our fathers and our mothers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel, and God of Leah; great, mighty, and exalted. You bestow love and kindness on all Your children. You remember the devotion of ages past. In Your love, You bring redemption to their descendants for the sake of Your Name.

בְּרָכָה בְּלִי שְׁמָה יָבֵאתה.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur add:

זְכָרֵנוּ לְחַיִּים, מֶֽלֶךְ חָפֵץ בַּחַיִּים וְכׇתְבֵנוּ בְּסֵֽפֶר הַחַיִּים, לְמַעַנְךָ אֱלֹהִים חַיִּים.

Remember us for life, Sovereign God who treasures life. Inscribe us in the Book of Life, for Your sake, God of life.

At all times conclude:

מֶֽלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִֽׁיעַ וּמָגֵן. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מָגֵן אַבְרָהָם וְעֶזְרַת שָׂרָה.

You are our Ruler and Helper, our Savior and Protector. We praise You, Eternal One, Shield of Abraham, Protector of Sarah.

Rock of Israel, rise in support of Israel and redeem Judah and Israel as You promised. Our redeemer, Adonai Lord of Hosts is Your Name. Blessed are You, Adonai, who redeems Israel.

Tzur Yisrael, kumah b’ezrat Yisrael, ufdeih chin·umecha Y’hudah v’Yisrael. Go·aleinu, Adonai Tz’va·ot sh’mo, k’dosh Yisrael.

God of All Generations


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God's Holiness

K’dushah

שֶׁמַּקְדִּישִׁים אוֹתוֹ בִּשְׁמֵי מָרוֹם, כַּכָּתוּב

K’dushah

We sanctify Your name on earth, even as all things to the ends of eternity proclaim Your holiness. Your praise, O God, shall never depart from our lips.

God's Power

G’vurot

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמֶּֽלֶךְ הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

In love you sustain the living; in Your great mercy You sustain us all. You uphold the falling and the sick; free the captive and keep the faith with Your children in death as in life. Who is like You, almighty God, Author of life and death, Source of salvation? You are faithful in bringing life to all. Praised are You, Eternal God, who gives and renews all life.

The choreography of the K’dushah

The prayer is based on Isaiah’s and Ezekiel’s visions of angels singing God’s praises. It is customary to rise on our toes three times, when reciting the words Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh, “Holy holy holy,” as though we were striving to join that heavenly chorus. Whether we rise or not, the words of praise might be felt more deeply.

The choreography of the G’vurot

The prayer is based on Psalms 146:10, Ezekiel 3:12, Isaiah 6:3. It is customary to rise on our toes three times, when reciting the words Baruch Adonai, m’chayeih hakol/meitim, “Blessed are You, Eternal One, the holy God, who causes the wind to blow and the rain to fall,” as though we were striving to join that heavenly chorus. Whether we rise or not, in this moment we aspire to bring our hearts three steps closer to the infinite Source of life, so that our words of praise might be felt more deeply.
Concluding Blessings

Give us insight to understand Your ways, and consecrate our hearts to revere You.

For our sins forgive us; from pain and sorrow deliver us.

Bestow upon us Your earth’s abundance, and gather our exiles from earth’s four corners.

To those who stray bring correction; upon the lawless place Your hand.

Let the righteous rejoice in the building of Your city and the flowering of Your redemption.

Before we call comes the reply, We praise You, Eternal One: You hearken to prayer.

Let Your spirit rule this nation and its citizens, that their deeds may be prompted by a love of justice and right, and bear fruit in goodness and peace.

Bless our people with a love of righteousness.

Teach us to work for the welfare of all, to diminish the evils that beset us, and to enlarge our nation’s virtues.

Bless our people with civic courage.

Bless our striving to make real the dream of Your sovereign rule, when we shall have put an end to the suffering we now inflict on one another.

Bless our people with a vision of that rule on earth.

For You have endowed us with noble powers; help us to use them wisely and with compassion.

Bless our people with a wise and feeling heart.

You have given us freedom to choose between good and evil, life and death. May we choose life and good, that our children may inherit from us the blessings of dignity and freedom, prosperity and peace.

MEDITATION

Yiyu l’ratzon imrei-fi v’hegyon libi l’fanecha, Adonai, tzuri v’go-ali.

May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable to You, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Service continues with Prayers for Healing on page 59.

Psalm 19:15.
לביית האב
Weekday Service
for the House of Mourning
Instructions for Guests

Shivah means seven, the number of days of formal mourning in a Jewish household. As guests at a home observing shivah, our role is to provide comfort to those closest to the deceased. We listen to the bereaved and follow their cues, making space to hear their stories, feelings, and struggles. We do not assume that everyone wants to be distracted from the seriousness of the moment, and we only speak about ourselves if asked directly. We serve the mourners—with food and drink, with our presence and attention, with our help and support. We enable them to express themselves in community.

Possible Customs

Outside a Jewish house of mourning, you may find a pitcher of water and a basin with which to wash one’s hands as a purity ritual. Inside, you may see a Yahrzeit candle burning to symbolize the eternal soul of the deceased. First-degree relatives—parents, children, siblings, spouse—often choose to wear non-leather shoes and cover the mirrors as signs of humility, as well as affix torn ribbons to their clothes as a sign of bereavement. They may also choose to sit on boxes or low chairs, where proximity to the ground can symbolize a connection to one’s loved ones after burial. Anyone with close ties to the deceased may choose to do the same.

For the Minyan Leader

We are gathered to honor the life and blessings of … and will continue to do so in the coming days, months, and years through our prayers, our memories, and our lives. We will now share the sacred experience of a shivah minyan, strengthened by the heritage of the Jewish people and the presence of one another.

To Those Who Mourn

Our tradition calls us to a House of Mourning. So that those who have lost do not grieve alone. We will sit with you in quiet presence. Stand beside you, in honoring memory. Laugh and cry with you, recalling stories with love. Not only today, but in the weeks, months, and years to come. We will chorus Amen to your Kaddish as you sanctify your loved one. We cannot take away the sadness of loss, but we can share in the privilege of remembering a life.

Hamakom y’nachem et.chem
May God and your community comfort you, among those who mourn with you today.

Sheim olam eten-lo asher lo yikareit
I will give them an everlasting name that will not perish.

Isaiah 56:5

To Those Who Mourn, by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl.
Sh’male Uvirchoteha  Sh’male and Its Blessings

Bar’chu The Call to Prayer
Baruch et Adonai hamvorach.
Baruch Adonai hamvorach l’olam va’ed.
Am I awake? Am I prepared? Are You listening to my prayer?
Can You hear my voice? Can You understand?
Am I awake? Am I prepared?

Ma·ariv Aravim Creation
Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
asher bidvaro ma·ariv aravim, b’chochmah
potei·ach sh’arim, uvitvunah m’shaneh itim,
umachalif et hazmanim, umsdaeir et
hakochavim b’mishm’roteihem barakia
kirtzono. Borei yom valailah, goleil or
mipni choschech, v’choschech mipni or.
Uma·ariv yom uma·iriv la·ilah, umavdil
bein yom uvein la·ilah, Adonai Tz’va·ot sh’mo.
El chai v’kayam, tamid yimloch aleinu l’olam
va’ed. Baruch atah Adonai, hama·ariv aravim.

Praised be the Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, whose word brings on the evening, whose wisdom opens heaven’s gates, whose understanding makes the ages pass and the seasons alternate, and whose will controls the stars as they travel through the skies.

You are Creator of day and night, rolling light away from darkness and darkness from light; You cause day to pass and bring on the night, separating day from night. You command the Hosts of Heaven! May the living and eternal God rule us always, to the end of time! We praise You, Eternal One, whose word makes evening fall.

Am I awake? by Noah Aronson.
Day and night we will reflect on them, for they are our life and the length of our days. O may Your love never depart from our hearts! Blessed are You, O God: You love Your people Israel. We praise You, Eternal One, who loves Your people Israel.

**Epitaph**

When I die
Give what’s left of me away
To children
And old men that wait to die.
And if you need to cry
Cry for your brother
Walking the street beside you.
And when you need me,
Put your arms
Around anyone
And give them
What you need to give to me.
I want to leave you something
Something better
Than words
Or sounds.
Look for me
In the people I’ve known
Or loved,
And if you cannot give me away,
At least let me live on your eyes
And not on your mind.
You can love me most
By letting
Hands touch hands,
By letting
Bodies touch bodies,
And by letting go
Of children
That need to be free.
Love doesn’t die,
People do.
So, when all that’s left of me
Is love,
Give me away.

**Aḥabat Olam** — **Revelation**

Ahavot olam beit Yisrael amcha ahavta,
Torah umitzvot, chukim umishpatim
Otorun limadta. Al kein Adonai Eloheinu,
B’shochbeinu uvkumeinu nasiach b’chukecha,
V’nismach b’debre Torah b’aldei oratom.
Aḥavat olam

— There Are Stars

Yeish kochavim
She-oram magia arzah rak ka-asher heim
Atzam avdu v’einam.

Yeish anashim
Shezi’vol mei-ir ka-asher heim atzamam
Einam yoteir be-tovainu.

Orot eileh
Hamavhikim bechashim ha’olam — heim
Shemarim et adam et orot ha’dechah.

Unending is Your love for Your people, the House of Israel: Torah and mitzvot, laws and precepts have You taught us. Therefore, O God, when we lie down and when we rise up, we will meditate on Your laws and rejoice in Your Torah and mitzvot forever.

Yeish kochavim. Hannah Szenes (1921–1944). Szenes, a poet and a playwright, volunteered as a parachutist to aid Allied forces behind enemy lines at the age of 22. She was tortured and executed in 1944, and her remains were brought to Israel for burial at Israel’s national cemetery, Mount Herzl, in 1950.
Our ancient song of freedom recalls a moment when we trembled with uncertainty, crossing through the sea toward an unknown future.

We relied on the example of those ahead of us to strengthen our steps, and to give us the courage to carry on.

In this moment, as we tremble with the burden of grief and loss, we once again look to our loved ones who have gone before us.

As we recall these ancient words of hope, may their example strengthen our resolve to move forward, and to live lives worthy of their memory.

גְּאֻלָּה  Redemption

Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

In their escape from the sea, Your children saw Your sovereign might displayed. “This is my God!” they cried. “The Eternal will reign forever and ever!”

Our ancient song, by Rabbi Nicole Auerbach.
We now begin the Amidah, a chance to speak directly with the Eternal One. Please rise in body or in spirit as is your custom, using the formal text through page 53—or the prayers of your heart.

Adonai, open my lips that my mouth may declare Your praise.

**Avot v’Imahot**

God of All Generations


Praised be our God, God of our fathers and our mothers: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob; God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Leah, and God of Rachel; great, mighty, and awesome God, God supreme. Ruler of all the living, Your ways are ways of love. You remember the faithfulness of our ancestors, and in love bring redemption to their children’s children for the sake of Your Name.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur add:

**Zochreinu l’hayim, melech chaifeitz b’chayim,**

v’choveinu b’sfeir b’chayim, l’ma-chanah Elohim chayim.

Remember us for life, Sovereign who delights in life, and inscribe us in the Book of Life, that Your will may prevail, O God of life.

At all times conclude:

**Melech ozeir umosheia umagein. Baruch atah Adonai, magein Avraham v’zirat Sarah.**

You are our Sovereign and our help, our redeemer and our shield. We praise You, Eternal One, Shield of Abraham, Protector of Sarah.

*Shelter us beneath Your wings* by Josh Zweiback and Larry Jonas.

Shelter us beneath Your wings, O Adonai. Guard us from all harmful things, O Adonai. Keep us safe throughout the night, ’til we wake with morning’s light. Teach us, God, wrong from right. Amen.


**Binah**

Ateh kohen l’adam da at umlameid
le-enosh binah. Choneinu mei’tcha de-ah, binah v’haskel. Baruch atah Adonai, chonein hada at.

By Your grace we have the power to gain knowledge and to learn. Favor us with knowledge, wisdom, and insight, for You are their source.

*We praise You, Eternal One, gracious Giver of knowledge.*

**T’shuvah**


Help us, our Creator, to return to Your teaching; draw us near, our Sovereign, to Your service; and bring us back into Your presence in perfect repentance.

*We praise You, Eternal One, You delight in repentance.*

**S’lichah**

S’lach lanu Avinu ki chatanu,
m’chal lanu Malkeinu ki fashanu, ki mocheil v’solei ach atah. Baruch atah Adonai, chanun hamarbeh lislo-ach.

Forgive us, our Creator, for we have sinned; pardon us, our Sovereign, for we have transgressed; for You are One who pardons and forgives.

*We praise You, Eternal One, gracious and quick to forgive.*

**G’vurot**

Atah gibor l’olam, Adonai, m’chayei hakol/meitim atah, rav l’hoshia.

God’s Power

From Sh’mini Atzeret until Pesach:

Mashiv haruach umorid hageshem,
From Pesach until Sh’mimi Atzeret:

Morid hatal,

m’chalkei chayim b’chesed, m’chayei hakol/meitim b’rachamim rabim. Someich noflim, v’rofei cholim, umatir asirim, umkayime emunato lissi nei nefar. Mi chamocha, ba-al g’vurot, umi domeh lach, melech meimim umkayehem umatziach y’shuah?

Eternal is Your might, O God; all life is Your gift; great is Your power to save!

*From Sh’mimi Atzeret until Pesach:*

You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall, You cause the dew to form, With love You sustain the living, with great compassion give life to all. You send help to the falling and healing to the sick. You bring freedom to the captive and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You, mighty One? Who is Your equal, Author of life and death, Source of salvation?

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur add:

Mi chomocha av harachamim,
Who is like You, Source of mercy? In compassion You sustain the life of Your children.

*At all times conclude:*

V’ne-eman atah l’hachayot hakol/meitim.
Baruch atah Adonai, m’chayei hakol/hameitim.

You are faithful in bringing life to all. We praise You, Eternal God, Source of life.

**K’dushat Hashem**

Atah kadosh v’shimcha kadosh,
ukdoshim b’chol-yom y’ha’luchah selah.

God’s Holiness

You are holy, Your name is holy, and those who strive to be holy declare Your glory, day by day.

*Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur conclude:*

Baruch atah Adonai, haMelech hakadosh.
Baruch atah Adonai, haEl hakadosh.

We praise You, Eternal One, the holy Sovereign.

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On Evil

Let the reign of evil afflict us no more. May every errant heart find its way back to You. O help us to shatter the dominion of arrogance, to raise up a better world where virtue will ennoble the life of Your children.

We praise You, Eternal One, whose will it is that evil may vanish from the earth.

עַל הָרִשְׁעָה
V’larishah al-t’hi tikvah, v’hato-im eilecha
yashu’u, umalchut zadon m’heirah

For the righteous and faithful of all humankind, for all who join their lives to ours, for all who put their trust in You, and for all honest people, we ask Your favor, Eternal God. Grant that we may always be numbered among them.

We praise You, Eternal One, staff and support of the righteous.

עַל הַצַּדִּיקִים

Let Your presence be manifest in Jerusalem, Your city. Establish peace in her gates and quietness in the hearts of all who dwell there. Let Your Torah go forth from Zion, Your word from Jerusalem.

We praise You, Eternal One, Builder of Jerusalem.

Birkat Hashanim

Bless this year for us, Eternal God: may its produce bring us well-being. Bestow Your blessing on the earth, that all Your children may share its abundance in peace.

We praise You, Eternal One, for You bless earth’s seasons from year to year.

Birchat Hashanah

R’fuah

Heal us, Eternal God, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved; grant us a perfect healing for all our infirmities.

We praise You, O God, Healer of the sick.

פְּרָעָה
R’fa einu Adonai v’neirafei, hoshi-einu
v’nivasei ah, v’haalei r’fuah sh’leimah

Abundance

Bareish aleinu, Adonai Eloheinu,
et-hashanah hazot v’t’kol-minei
t’vu atah l’tovah. V’tein b’rachah
al-p’nei ha admah, v’sabeinu mituvecha. Baruch atah Adonai, m’vareich hashamim.

Bestow Your blessing on the earth, that all Your children may share its abundance in peace.

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Cheirut

Sound the great shofar to proclaim freedom, raise high the banner of liberation for the oppressed, and let the song of liberty be heard in the four corners of the earth.

We praise You, Eternal One, Redeemer of the oppressed.

Mishpat

Bestow Your spirit upon the rulers of all lands; guide them that they may govern justly. Thus shall love and compassion be enthroned among us.

We praise You, Eternal One, the Sovereign who loves righteousness and justice.

Mishpat Yisra’el

Al shofei eretz sh’toch rechecha, v’hadricheim b’mishpat teizkhecha, umloch aleinu atah l’vadecha, b’chesed uvchamim. Baruch atah Adonai, melech oveiv tz’lakah umishpat.

Justice

עַל־שׁוֹפְטֵי אֶֽרֶץ שׁוֹפְּטֵי אֶֽרֶץ
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עַל הָרִשְׁעָה
V’larishah al-t’hi tikvah, v’hato-im eilecha
yashu’u, umalchut zadon m’heirah

For the righteous and faithful of all humankind, for all who join their lives to ours, for all who put their trust in You, and for all honest people, we ask Your favor, Eternal God. Grant that we may always be numbered among them.

We praise You, Eternal One, staff and support of the righteous.

עַל הַצַּדִּיקִים

Let Your presence be manifest in Jerusalem, Your city. Establish peace in her gates and quietness in the hearts of all who dwell there. Let Your Torah go forth from Zion, Your word from Jerusalem.

We praise You, Eternal One, Builder of Jerusalem.

Birkat Hashanim

Bless this year for us, Eternal God: may its produce bring us well-being. Bestow Your blessing on the earth, that all Your children may share its abundance in peace.

We praise You, Eternal One, for You bless earth’s seasons from year to year.

Cheirut

Sound the great shofar to proclaim freedom, raise high the banner of liberation for the oppressed, and let the song of liberty be heard in the four corners of the earth.

We praise You, Eternal One, Redeemer of the oppressed.

Mishpat

Bestow Your spirit upon the rulers of all lands; guide them that they may govern justly. Thus shall love and compassion be enthroned among us.

We praise You, Eternal One, the Sovereign who loves righteousness and justice.
This day, remember us for well-being. This day, help us to lead a full life. This day, bless us with Your nearness.

Our God and God of our ancestors, be mindful of Your people Israel on this occasion. Our God and God of our people, the God of all generations. You are the Rock of our life, the power that shields us in every hand; for our souls, which are in Your keeping; for the signs of Your presence we encounter every day; and for Your wondrous gifts at all times, morning, noon, and night. You are goodness: Your mercies never end; You are compassion; Your love never fails. You have always been our hope.

Let the plant of righteousness blossom and flourish, and let the light of deliverance shine forth according to Your word: we await Your deliverance all the day.

We praise You, Eternal One: You will cause the light of deliverance to dawn for all the world.

Sh'ma koleinu, Adonai Eloheinu, chus v'r'acheim aleinu, v'kabeil b'rachamim v'zarzatato ke'vodeinu. Sh'ma koleinu, Adonai Eloheinu, chus v'r'acheim aleinu, v'kabeil b'rachamim.

Hear our voice, Eternal God; have compassion upon us, and accept our prayer with favor and mercy, for You are a God who hears prayer and supplication.

We praise You, Eternal One: You hearken to prayer.

We gratefully acknowledge that You are our God and the God of our people, the God of all generations. You are the Rock of our life, the power that shields us in every age.

Fill us with the knowledge that You are near to all who seek You in truth. Pour out Your spirit upon us; let our eyes behold Your presence in our midst and in the midst of our people in Zion. We praise You, Eternal One: Your presence gives life to Zion and all Israel.

On Rosh Chodesh and Chol Hamo.eid add:


We praise You, Eternal One: You will cause the light of deliverance to dawn for all the world.
Silent Prayer


May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable to You, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

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.

Blessing for Peace

Shalom rav al Yisrael amcha v’al kol-ha’amim tamim l’olam, ki atah hu melech adon l’chol-hashalem. V’tov b’einecha l’vareich et-amcha Yisrael b’chol-eit uvchol-sha’ah bishlochamecha. Grant us peace, Thy most precious gift, O Thou eternal Source of peace, and enable Israel to be its messenger unto the peoples of the earth. Bless our country that it may ever be a stronghold of peace, and its advocate in the council of nations. May contentment reign within its borders, health and happiness within its homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship among the inhabitants of all lands. Plant virtue in every soul, and may the love of Thy name hallow every home and every heart.

During the Ten Days of Repentance add: Oseh shalom birimovam, hu ya aseh shalom aleinu v’al kol-Yisrael v’al kol yoshvei teiveil, v’imru: 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.

B’sefar hayim, berchi, v’shalom, ufarnasa tovah, nizacherv’nikatev l’fanexcha, anachnu v’chol amcha beit Yisrael, l’hayim tovim ulshalom.

Let us, and the whole family of Israel, be remembered and inscribed in the Book of Life, and may it be a life of goodness, blessing, prosperity, and peace.

A Psalm of David.

Eternal God, You are my shepherd, I shall not want. You make me lie down in green pastures. You lead me beside still waters. You restore my soul. You lead me in right paths for the sake of Your name. Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for You are with me; with rod and staff You 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 the Eternal God forever.

At this hour, especially, the blessed presence of family and friends brings us comfort and strength. It says to us: “Be sure that love, the spring of life, abides.” May all who mourn take heart, as they remember the goodness they have given and received. And when the days of their mourning have ended, may the memory of their loved ones come to be a benediction.

Praised be the Eternal Source of life.

Anonymous.

Adonai Ro·i

Mizmor l’David.

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Anonymous.

‘Tis a fearful thing
‘Tis a fearful thing
to love what death can touch.

A fearful thing
to love, hope and dream:
to be — and to lose.

A thing for fools, this, and a holy thing,
a holy thing to love.

For your life has lived in me,
Your laugh once lifted me,
Your word was gift to me.

To remember this brings painful joy.
‘Tis a human thing, love,
a holy thing,
to love what death has touched.


Amen.

At this hour, especially, the blessed presence of family and friends brings us comfort and strength. It says to us: “Be sure that love, the spring of life, abides.” May all who mourn take heart, as they remember the goodness they have given and received. And when the days of their mourning have ended, may the memory of their loved ones come to be a benediction.

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‘Tis a fearful thing: Attributed to Judah HaLevi (ca. 1075–1141).
El Malei Rachamim
Memorial Prayer

O God full of compassion, Eternal Spirit of the universe, grant perfect rest under the wings of Your presence to our loved one/ones who has/have entered eternity. Source of Mercy, let him/her/them find refuge forever in the shadow of Your wings, and let his/her/their soul/souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life. The Eternal God is his/her/their inheritance. May he/she/they rest in peace, and let us say: Amen.

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Prayers for Healing

We pray now for those among us who are ill, injured, and in pain; in body, in mind or in spirit, including these members of Central Synagogue and our larger community:

**NAMES FROM THE LEADER**

We also pray for these family members and friends:

**NAMES FROM THE CONGREGATION**

Adonai, sustain them through these days with the courage to endure weakness and pain. We thank You for the healing powers at work within them. Be with all who suffer illness of body or mind. May they recover speedily from their afflictions and return in health to family and friends.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, רוֹפֵא הַחוֹלִים.

**Mi shebeirach**

Baruch atah Adonai, rofei hacholim.

Blessed are You, Our God, Who heals the sick.

Mi shebeirach avoteinu v'imoteinu

Avraham, Yitzchak, v’Ya’akov,
Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel, v’Leah,
hu y’vareich virapei et hacholim.

Mi shebeirach avoteinu v’imoteinu

May the Source of strength, who blessed the ones before us, help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing, and let us say: Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu v’kor habrachah l’avoteinu.

Bless those in need of healing with r’fuah sh’leimah, the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit, and let us say: Amen.

Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.

מִי שֶׁבֵּרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵֽינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵֽינוּ

ואברא黑白 וְיִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב וְרָבְקָה וְרָאָלָה וְלֵאָה חוּֽוּ יֵבָרֵךְ וִיירַפֵּא אָטָנ אוּתֵֽינוּ וְאִמִיתֵֽינוּ

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This ritual is recited before Aleinu from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavuot.

**S’firat Ha-omer**

This ritual is recited before Aleinu from the second day of Pesach to the day before Shavuot.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵֽינוּ מֶֽלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָֽׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֺתָיו, וְצִוָּֽנוּ עַל

סְפִירַת הָעֹֽמֶר.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam,

asher kidshanu b’mitzvotav, v’tzivanu al

s’farat ha-omer.

We praise You, God of time and space: You hallow us with the mitzvah of counting the Omer.

וּבָּרְכֶנָה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵֽינוּ מֶֽלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

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סְפִירַת הָעֹֽמֶר.

Baruch atah Adonai melech ha-olam,

asher kidshanu b’reishit, v’tzivanu al

s’farat ha-omer.

We are ready to fulfill the mitzvah of counting the Omer.

בָּרְכֶנָה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵֽינוּ מֶֽלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

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בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אַֽלְוָא מֶֽלֶךְ הָֽעֹלָם

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Memorial Prayer

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Yizkor
Remember


Our memories now turn to those we have lost. Some of us bring to mind those we lost recently, some of us remember those lost long ago. But their memories make us who we are today, and they live on in our hearts, our minds, and our deeds.

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 the 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 they live, we too shall live, for they are now a part of us.

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS
And then all that has divided us will merge.
And then compassion will be wedded to power.
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind.
And then both men and women will be gentle.
And then both women and men will be strong.
And then no person will be subject to another’s will.
And then all will be rich and free and varied.
And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many.
And then all will share equally in the earth’s abundance.
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old.
And then all will nourish the young.
And then all will cherish life’s creatures.
And then all will live in harmony with each other and the earth.
And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

Birth is a beginning
And death a destination.
And life is a journey:
From childhood to maturity
And youth to age;
From innocence to awareness
And ignorance to knowing;
From foolishness to discretion
And then, perhaps to wisdom;
From weakness to strength
Or strength to weakness—
And, often, back again;
From health to sickness
And back, we pray, to health again;
From offense to forgiveness,
From loneliness to love,
From joy to gratitude,
From pain to compassion.
And grief to understanding—
From fear to faith;
From defeat to defeat to defeat—
Until looking backward or ahead,
We see that victory lies
Not at some high place along the way,
But in having made the journey, stage by stage,
A sacred pilgrimage.
Birth is a beginning
And death a destination.
And life is a journey,
A sacred pilgrimage—
To life everlasting.

May their memory be a blessing.

Kaddish Tatom  Mourner’s Kaddish

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Service Leader:
We who have gathered to console the mourners among us vow to be their help. Our prophet teaches us that God binds up the wounds of the broken hearted and comforts mourners. We will walk in God’s ways for our family, our friends, our neighbors who grieve.

Responsively
We will surround you during shiva;
As your mourning begins.
We will support you through the 30 days of sheloshim;
As you return to the routines of the world.
We will walk with you throughout the first year of shanah;
As you mark those difficult “firsts,” without your loved one beside you.
We will bolster you when the time comes to observe Yahrzeit.
When memories will serve to strengthen you.
Though you will walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you do not walk alone.

We will travel this path as one community, sustained by one another, and our God.

הַמָּקוֹם יְנַחֵם אֶתְכֶם בְּתוֹךְ שְׁאָר אֲבֵלֵי צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַֽיִם
Hamakom y’nacheim et’chem b’toch sh’ar aveilei tziyon virushalayim.
May God comfort you among the rest of the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

We who have gathered . . . by Rabbi Ari Lorge.

Unveiling of the Monument
Without the gift of deeply loving
The sorrow of grief can’t abide
And without the sorrow of grief
The depth of love remains silent
We all heal in our own time frame
May Adonai speed our healing now.

WHEN I DIE, I WANT YOUR HANDS ON MY EYES
When I die, I want your hands on my eyes:
I want the light and the wheat of your beloved hands
to pass their freshness over me once more:
I want to feel the softness that changed my destiny.
I want you to live while I wait for you, asleep.
I want your ears still to hear the wind, I want you
to sniff the sea’s aroma that we loved together,
to continue to walk on the sand we walk on.
I want what I love to continue to live,
and you whom I love and sang above everything else
to continue to flourish, full-flowered:
so that you can reach everything my love directs you to,
so that my shadow can travel along in your hair,
so that everything can learn the reason for my song.

I HAVEN’T FORGOTTEN YOU
I haven’t forgotten you, even though it’s been some time now since I’ve seen your
face, touched your hand, heard your voice. You are with me all the time.
I used to think you left me.
I know better now.
You come to me.
Sometimes in fleeting moments I feel your presence close by.
But I still miss you.
And nothing, no person, no joy, no accomplishment, no distraction, not even
God, can fill the gaping hole in your absence has left in my life.
But, mixed together with all my sadness, there is a great joy for having known you.
I want to thank you for the time we shared, for the love you gave, for the wisdom
you spread.
Thank you for the magnificent moments and the ordinary ones, too.
There was beauty in our simplicity.

For everything there is a season,  
Fault Lines . . . , by Suzanne Sabransky.
When I Die . . . , by Pablo Neruda (in translation).
I haven’t forgotten you . . . , by Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted.

Our Biblical ancestors took time to grieve the loss of their loved ones,
beginning in the book of Genesis. On his beloved wife Rachel’s gravesite,
Jacob set up a pillar to serve as a monument. Today, months after a funeral,
we unveil a tombstone, praying that the soul of our loved one is safely at
rest—and encouraging our own souls to focus on life on earth in memory
of those who have died. Marking an eternal resting place for our loved one
reflects the tender care we have shown for our relative—and enables us to
return to this exact spot at poignant moments throughout our lives. The
permanence of a monument, as well as the stones we place on top, serve as a
reminder of our rock-solid, eternal commitment to our loved one’s memory.

For everything there is a season,
a time for every experience under heaven:
A time to be born and a time to die;
A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted;
A time to tear down and a time to build up;
A time to weep and a time to laugh;
A time to grieve and a time to dance;
A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek and a time to lose;
A time to keep and a time to discard;
A time to tear and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence and a time to speak.

Fault Lines
Cracks form as we survive grief
They start with sharp broken edges
Eventually dulled when worn by time
The crevasses remain but they narrow
And rather than fall into them
Hope and light begin to emerge
We can never completely avoid them
They can reappear when least expected
Yet with each day that passes
We learn to appreciate their evocations
The sharp stabs become less and fewer
The colorful memories grow more vivid
Hakamat HaMatzeivah
Unveiling the Gravestone

On behalf of the family, and in the presence of relatives and friends, we consecrate this memorial to ________ as a sign of undying love.

In Hebrew and/or English, with the deceased’s name:

N’shamah shel ______ tz’urah b’tzor hachayim.
The soul of _____ bound up in the bond of eternal life.

God of Infinite Love, strengthen us in our sorrow so that we, walking through the valley of the shadow of death, may be guided by Your light. Though a link has been severed from our family chain, help us to be more closely united with the dear ones who remain. May our actions and aspirations honor our loved one as surely as this monument, which will ever be a symbol of abiding devotion. So will _____ live on for blessing among us.

Holiness in our unspectacular days.
And I will carry the lessons you taught me always.
Your life has ended, but your light can never be extinguished. It continues to shine upon me even on the darkest nights and illuminates my way. May God bless you as you have blessed me with love, with grace, and with peace.

Psalm 23
A Psalm of David.
Eternal God, You are my shepherd, I shall not want. You make me lie down in green pastures. You lead me beside still waters. You restore my soul. You lead me in right paths for the sake of Your name. Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for You are with me; with rod and staff You 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 the Eternal God forever.

Psalm 121
I turn my eyes to the mountains; from where will my help come? My help comes from Adonai, Maker of heaven and earth. God will not let your foot give way; your Guardian will not slumber; See, the Guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps! Adonai is your guardian, Adonai is your protection at your right hand. By day the sun will not strike you, nor the moon by night. Adonai will guard you from all harm; God will guard your life. Adonai will guard your going and coming now and forever.
Kaddish Yatom

Yitgadal v’yitkadash sh’meih raba,
b’alma di v’ra chinuteih.
V’yamlich malchuteih b’chayeichon
uyyomeichon, uchayeiy d’chol beit Yisrael,
ba-agala uvisman kariv.
V'imru amen.
Yhei sh’meh raba m’varach
l’alam ul-almei almaya.
Yitbarach v’yishtabach v’yitpa’ar
v’yitromam v’yitnasei, v’yit·hadar
v’yit·aleh v’yit·halal sh’meih d’kudsha.
B’rich hu.
L’eila mikol birchata v’shirata,
tushb’chata v’nechemata da·amiran b’alma.
V’imru amen.
Y’hei sh’lama raba min sh’maya
v’chayim aleinu v’al kol Yisrael.
V'imru amen.
Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya·aseh
shalom aleinu v’al kol Yisrael
v’al kol yoshvei teiveil.
V'imru amen.

Mourner’s Kaddish

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O God full of compassion, Eternal Spirit of the universe, grant perfect rest under the wings of Your presence to our loved one/ones who has/have entered eternity. Source of Mercy, let him/her/them find refuge forever in the shadow of Your wings, and let his/her/their soul/souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life. The Eternal God is his/her/their inheritance. May he/she/they rest in peace, and let us say: Amen.
BEFORE DEPARTING THE CEMETERY
Your memory is sacred to us.
*We will never forget you.*

May the ongoing journey of your soul be joyful.
*We will never forget you.*

We will tell stories of your life.
*We will never forget you.*

Send us blessings when you can.
*We will never forget you.*
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