



East Northport Jewish Center

Book of Remembrance

2026-2027

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Prelude to Yizkor

Let us praise the Lord in this time of remembrance,
For the lives we have shared, for the memories we cherish.

Let us praise God even in times of sorrow,
As we remember God's many kindnesses to us.

God's love accompanies us throughout life's journey,
So that even in death we are not forsaken.

Mercifully God redeems us from the grave;
Calling our souls to life everlasting.

As parents have compassion upon their children,
So the Lord has compassion upon those who revere Him.

For He knows how frail and fragile we are,
How vulnerable we are to disease and death.

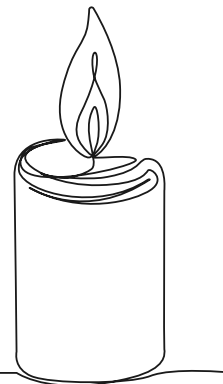
As blades of grass and flowers in the field
Tarry only briefly before they wither away,

So do the days of our lives pass swiftly by;
They are too quickly gone, never to return.

But the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;
Those who trust in Him need not feel forsaken.

They know their Healer will bind up their wounds,
And will wipe away the tears from their faces.

This faith they bequeath to their children's children,
A precious legacy for all generations.



We lovingly recall the members of our congregation and community who no longer dwell upon this earth. They have a special place in our hearts. We pray this day that all who have sustained the loss of loved ones be granted comfort and strength.

Exalted, compassionate God, comfort the bereaved families of this congregation. Help all of us to perpetuate the worthy values in the lives of those no longer with us, whom we remember this day. May their memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

The ENJC remembers those we've lost in the past year

Roslyn Kravetzky Penny Richman
Bruce Einhorn

A Yizkor for the Victims of October 7

May God remember all the women, men, and children of Israel who were brutally murdered on the 7th of October. We are shattered, God, our hearts are breaking. Our minds cannot grasp the enormity of the loss. We keep thinking we will wake up from this nightmare, we wish we could make sense of the senselessness of this tragedy. We wish we could have protected every soul who was brutally slaughtered.

We wish we could understand Your silence, God. The cries of the victims echo through the universe. God of the broken-hearted, God of the living, God of the dead, send comfort and strength to the grieving, send hope to the children, send healing to Israel.

We pray they are at peace now, far away from the horror they endured. Their lives ended in tragedy, but that is not how we will remember them. We will remember their heroism, their love for family and for life itself, their faith in the future, their laughter, their kindness, their determination, their spirit of hope, their passion for Israel and for peace.

Teach us, God, to believe that we can rise up from this tragedy with hope for Israel, hope for our people, hope for peace, hope for the new year that is upon us.

Let them find peace in Your presence, God. Their lives were extinguished, but their light will forever shine upon us and illuminate our way.

Amen.

– *Rabbi Naomi Levy*

E-L Meleh Rachamim

E-l Maleh Rachamim
God of Compassion,
In a universe that lacked compassion
Grant tender rest
Beneath the wings of *Shekhinah*.
In the broken spheres of human radiance

To the souls of each and every of the injured
And the violated in the horrors
of the pogrom of October 7.
For the fear
That fell upon each man and woman,
elders, youth, and children;
Our mouths do not know how to scream
Or put it into words.

For we lament and mourn
For them, for us,
Because of this our hearts are faint
Because of these our eyes grow dim
Woe to us, for we are broken
Woe, for our homes are shattered
Our souls and bodies tormented
And our faces darkened.

Therefore, Compassionate One
Reveal our torment to the world and for
all time
And from one end of the earth to the other
May the silenced voices utter:
Guard our souls in the Land of Life
For life is our heritage
May we come in peace to healing
Please God, heal all the injured.
Please God, heal the families and caretakers.
Please God, hear and heal us all.

And let us say, Amen.

אל מלא רחמים
בעולם שלא היו בו רחמים
המצא מנוחה עדינה
תחת כנפי השכינה
במעלות הנשברות של זהר האדם

לנשמת כל מי שנפגעו
ונפרעו פרעות וכל זועות
ב-7 באוקטובר.
על האימה
אשר פקדה איש ואשה
זקנים ובני הנעורים וילדות
וילדים
שאין פינו יודע כיצד לזעק
ולאמרה

בעבור שאנו מקוננות ומקוננים
בעבורן, בעבורם, בעבורנו
על זה הדין הזה לבנו
על אלה חשבו עינינו
אוי לנו כי נשברנו
אוי כי בתינו שנו.
כי נשמותינו וגופנו צנו
ופנינו חשכו

לבו בעל הרחמים
יגלה סבלותינו לעולמים
ומסוף העולם ועד סופו
ישמעו הקולות הנאלמים

וישמור בצרור החיים נשמתנו
החיים הם נחלתנו
ונבוא בשלום להחלמתנו
אל נא רפא נא לנפגעות ולנפגעים.

אל נא רפא נא למשפחות ולמטפלים.
אל נא רפא נא לנו בלנו.

ונאמר אמן.

– Rabbanit Sarah Segal-Katz, Rabba Tamar Elad-Appelbaum

In Memory of Relatives and Friends

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹקִים נְשָׁמוֹת קְרוֹבֵי וְרַעֲי שֶׁהָלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם. הִנְנִי נוֹדֵר
[נוֹדֵרֶת] צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרָת נְשָׁמוֹתֵיהֶם. אֲנִי תִהְיֶינָה נְפְשוֹתֵיהֶם
צָרוּרוֹת בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶי מְנוּחָתָם כְּבוֹד, שְׂבַע שְׁמָחוֹת
אֶת-פָּנֶיךָ, נְעִימוֹת בִּימִינְךָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

May G-d remember the soul of _____ and of all relatives and friends who have gone to their eternal home. In loving testimony to their lives I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to them. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, are their souls bound up in the bond of life. May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with their memory. May they rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In Memory of Martyrs

May God remember the souls of the martyrs of our people, who gave their lives for the sanctification of God's name. In their memory do I pledge tzedakah. May their bravery, their dedication, and their purity be reflected in our lives. May their souls be bound up in the bond of life. May they rest in peace forever in God's presence. Amen.

In Memory of Congregants

May God remember the souls of our friends, members of this holy congregation, who have gone to their eternal home. May their souls be bound up in the bond of life. May these moments of meditation strengthen the ties that link us to their memory. May they rest in peace forever in God's presence. Amen.

Exalted, compassionate God, comfort the bereaved families of this congregation. Help us to perpetuate everything that was worthy in the lives of those no longer with us, whom we remember this day. May their memory endure as a blessing. And let us say: Amen.

In Memory of The Six Million

Exalted, compassionate God, grant perfect peace in Your sheltering presence, among the holy and the pure, whose radiance is like the heavens, to the souls of all the men, women, and children of the House of Israel who were slaughtered, strangled, and burned in the Shoah. May they rest in paradise. Master of mercy, may they find eternal shelter beneath Your sheltering wings, and may their souls be bound up in the bond of life. ADONAI is their portion. May they rest in peace, and let us say: Amen.

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

God gives me repose in green meadows.

God leads me beside the still waters to revive my spirit.

God guides me on the right path, for that is Divine nature.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no harm, for You are with me.

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 now I shall dwell in the House of the Almighty forever.

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד יְהוָה רֹעִי לֹא אֲחָסֵר.

בְּנֵאֻת דְּשָׂא יְרֵבִיצָנִי

עַל־מִי מִנְחֹת יִנְהַלְנִי. נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבֵב

יִנְחֵנִי בְּמַעְגְלֵי־צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ.

גַּם כִּי־אֵלֶךְ בְּגֵיא צַלְמוֹת לֹא־אִירָא רָע כִּי־אַתָּה עִמָּדִי

שִׁבְטְךָ וּמִשְׁעֶנְתְּךָ הֵמָּה יִנְחֵמֵנִי.

תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי שִׁלְחֹן נֶגֶד צָרָרִי

דִּשְׁנָתְךָ בְּשֶׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי כּוֹסִי רוֹיֵה.

אֵף טוֹב וַחֲסֵד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל־יְמֵי חַיִּי

וּשְׁבַתִּי בְּבֵית־יְהוָה לְאָרְךָ יָמִים.



The passing of those we now remember left 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 and the precious memories that comfort and sustain us as we recall them this day.

לזכר עולם

Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

Terri and Joel Ackerman

Kurt Ackerman
Philip Ackerman

Gail and Steve Alberti

Joan Sherman Alberti
Richard Alberti
Genevieve Gibbons
Eugene Gibbons

Karen and Sam Backer

Frances Backer
Jean Backer
Morris Backer
Nathan Backer
Tillie Backer
Norbert Beck
Roslyn Beck
Leon Ladman
Shirley Ladman

Donna and Allan Berman and Family

Jack Berman
Roslyn Berman
David Schwartz
Rochelle Schwartz

The Betz, Isaacson and Smith Families

Doris Betz
Edward Betz
Lillian Berger
Louis Berger
Eva Isaacson
Carl Isaacson
Herman Pries
Catherine Pries
Kathleen Betz
Edward Betz, Sr.
Maryann O'Hara
Jim O'Hara
Peter Smith

The Brecher Family

Meryl Brecher
Dora Eisenberg
Harold Eisenberg
Lorraine Brecher
Stanley Brecher
Dorothy Eisenberg



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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

Pamela and Harvey Brown

Jerome Brown
Lita Brown
William Brown
Sadie Brown

Eileen and Arnold Carter

Anita Carter
Norman Carter
Bernice Libow
Seymour Libow

Sandy and Erwin Cohen and Family

Joseph Albert
Lily Albert
Helen Brock
Mickey Brock
Lily Cohen
Rubin Cohen
Jerry Ebenstein
David Koffler
Marsha Koffler
Leah Komar
Neil Komar
Judy Shapiro
Seymour Shapiro

Sheri, Ted, Nathaniel and Andrew Davis

Alan Rosenfeld
Donna Davis
Ed Davis

Linda Ebenstein

Jerome Ebenstein
Michael Ebenstein
Benjamin Ebenstein
Ethel Ebenstein
Helen Ebenstein
Hannah Berlin
Samuel Berlin
Florence Osterweis

Ruth, Janice, Steven and Dennis Eulau

Werner Eulau
Max Lorch
Sofie Lorch
Henry Lorch
Louis Lorch
Margot Zitron
Michelle Coyle-Eulau

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Ruth, Janice, Steven and Dennis Eulau (continued)

Sigmund Eulau

Johanna Eulau

The Ferro Family

Robert J. David

Susan B. David

Gail Forrester

Sanford Forrester

Jean Muraskin

Abe Muraskin

Yetta Finkelstein

Irving Finkelstein

Matthew Muraskin

Yetta Garter

Isadore Garter

The Family of Alison Gallub and Scott Fisher

Myron Fisher

Barbara Fisher

Steven Fisher

Natalie Fisher

Henry Fisher

Helen Fisher

Rae Plisco

Max Plisco

Rebecca and David Gibson

Albert Klausner

Lenore Klausner

Eli Klausner

Ethan Klausner

William O'Brien

Carolyn and Scott Gilbert and Family

Claude Sherman

Rhoda Gilbert

Henry Schmidt

Wanda Schmidt

Janine Sherman

Shelley Ferris

The Glatman Family

Michael Goldstein

David Bein

Kitty Bein

Gussie Cohen

Norman Cohen

Arnold Glatman



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The Glatman Family (continued)

Morris Glatman
Phyllis Glatman
Yetta Glatman
Andrew Goldman
Beatrice Goldstein
Morris Goldstein
Rea Goldstein
Archie Knobler
Tillie Mayper
Julie Pryor
Irving Riemer
Martha Riemer
Rose Rosenblatt
Caryn Camiolo
Shelley Ferris

Terri and Jeffrey Glatzer

Fred Rosenberg
Ethel Rosenberg
Sam Glatzer
Frances Glatzer
Sidney Fetner
Richard Rosenberg
Marrio Rosenberg
Ellen Rosenberg
Marty Rosenberg
Adrienne Rosenberg
Norma Glatzer

Flo and Shelly Gordon and Family

Gertrude Gordon
Hyman Gordon
Jean Shanfield
Morris Shanfield

Herb and David Gross, Cooper Lowenthal, Terri, Henry, Kevin and Maddie Stubing

Carol Gross
Saul Gross
David Gross
Lillian Gross
Nathan Cott
Estelle Cott
Adolf Wittman
Kate Wittman
Sid Alcalay
Wendy Alcalay

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**Herb and David Gross, Cooper Lowenthal,
Terri, Henry, Kevin and Maddie Stubing (continued)**

Benjamin Kravetzky
Roslyn Kravetzky
Ruth Jacobsen
Mel Rabinowitz
Tom Bloom

Rochelle, Aarron, Marc, James and Sean Gull

Carole Dickter
Phillip Dickter
Mary Meinster
Daniel Meinster
Edythe Dickter
David Dickter

Barbara and Rony Haik and Family

Elana Haik
Neil Cash

Linda Hametz

Anna Wabnik
Edward Wabnik
Joan Lipton
Stanley Hametz

Ronnie and Michael Hecht

Roslyn Hecht
Abraham Hecht
Bernice Slavis
Bernard Slavis

Wendy and Ed Isaac

Nathan Plotnick
Kay Plotnick
Sam Smiley
Molly Smiley
Werner Isaac
Gertrude Isaac
Hanna Isaac
Max Isaac
Ferdinand Rok
Regina Rok
Fred Rok
Monica Specter
Jamie Flecker

Sue Kaiden and Family

Allen Kaiden
Helen Kaiden



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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

Sue Kaiden and Family (continued)

George Kaiden
Miriam Nagelberg
Jack Nagelberg
Joyce Graber
Herb Knopp
Melvin Maldavir

Robin and Brian Kain and Family

Barbara Kaufer
Ted Kaufer
Shirley Kaufer
Jack Kaufer
Ronald Kain
Michael Kain
Milton Lapoff
Sam Katz
Ethel Katz
Mac Katz
Gladys Katz
Goldie Schneiderman
Sol Schneiderman
Jason Guttman
Loretta Hertel
Ed Hertel
Cheryl Solomon Koenig
Cheryl Cavanaugh Brown
Scott Schulman
Lila Guttman
Ray Guttman
Mara Kasler
Yvette Kasler
Debbie McGinnis

Tricia, Steven and Sandra Kass

George Shore
Frances Shore
Sandra Shore
Oscar Kass
Catherine Pfister

The Kazzaz Family

Edith Weil
Kurt Weil
Louise Kazzaz
David Kazzaz
Rolf Weil

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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

The Keiser Family

Paul Keiser
Irving Miller

Linda and Herb Kepke

Ida Berenbaum
Hyman Berenbaum
Robert Berenbaum
Sheila Zucker
Michael Zucker
Anne Kepke
Phillip Kepke

Calvin Kinzelberg and Family

Linda Kinzelberg
Benjamin Kinzelberg
Teresa Kinzelberg
Aaron Wein
Molly Wein
Lillian Wein
Samuel Wein
Barbara Krupp
Alan Kaplan
Bruce Regal
Mort Kinzelberg
Marilyn Kinzelberg
Helen MacDonald
Bernie Ellenberg
William Saltzman

Marsha Knopp and Family

Herbert Knopp
Ethel Knopp
Irving Knopp
Jacob Rogoff
Celia Rogoff
Stanley Hametz
Carl Lowenthal
Steven Siegel
Allen Kaiden
Edna Knopp
Julia Rabinowitz Schacter
Mel Rabinowitz
Jay Palatnik

The Krantz Family

Elaine Sugar
Cyril Sugar
Aaron Sugar



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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

The Krantz Family (continued)

Marilyn Sugar
Teddy Sugar
Julius Sugar
Karen Singer
Ruthie Shapiro
Arthur Shapiro
Harold Krantz
Ruth Mehlberg
Robert Mehlberg

Karen and Ken Lazovick and Family

Gloria Gruber
Theodore Gruber
Patricia Novack
Sally Lazovick
William Lazovick

Judie and Howard Lewin

Lillian Lewin
Louis Lewin
Al Mallor
Etta Mallor
Herb Charnes
Ed Mermelstein
Marlene Mermelstein
Gabe Weinstein

The Maldavir Family

Allen Kaiden
Melvyn Maldavir

Judith and Martin Mehler

Maurice Mehler
Dora Mehler
Jakob Ziegler
Dora Ziegler
Zalmon Deblinger
Philip Deblinger

Bari-Sue, Larry, Sara and Benjamin Mermelstein

Robertta Glaser
Philip Glaser
Edward Mermelstein
Marlene Mermelstein

Merle and Warren Miller

Rubin Miller
Helen Miller

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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

Merle and Warren Miller (continued)

David Miller
Jacob Resnick
Helen Resnick

Neal, Cheryl, Ariana and Sam Mintz

Joseph Rosenthal
Sandi Mintz
Gilbert Mintz

Ruth and Mel Noble

Charles Kernkraut
Florence Kernkraut
Bertha Noble
Louis Noble
Frieda Weisfelner
Myron Kolski
Fran Friedman
Linda Marks
Lynne Nierenberg

Deborah and Frederick Novomestky

Frieda Yanofsky
Sidney Yanofsky
Paul Yanofsky

Susan O'Brien

Albert Klausner
Lenore Klausner
Ethan Klausner
Eli Klausner
William O'Brien

The Oliveira Family and Sendrovitz Families

Melvin Sendrovitz
Louis Oliveira
Gloria Oliveira
Sarah Golub
Louis Golub
Sol Golub
Lily Kornblum

Miriam Oringer and Family

Stanley Oringer
Rose Mandel Rabinovitz
Louis Rabinovitz
Ruth Oringer
Lou Oringer



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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

Miriam Oringer and Family (continued)

Pierce Slutzky
Daryl Lurio
Arnold Gordon
Bernie Mandel
Marshall Mandel

Linda, Bryan, Sara, Danielle and Carrie Pollack

Earl Sussman
Herbert Pollack

Jane Poris and Family, and Hope Poris

Theodore B. Poris
Norman Poris
Rae Poris
Harry Seymour Poris
Reta Poris

Jill, Gary, Rachel and Jessica Rosenberg

Adrianne Rosenberg
Richard Rosenberg
Ellen Rosenberg
Marty Rosenberg

The Scheff Family

Burt Scheff

The Scheur Family

Eli Drucker
Carol Drucker
Marlene Freed
Sarah Scheur
Leo Scheur
Albert Kalender
Anna Kalender
Arnold Scheur

Sherry Schmidt and Family

Sheldon Schmidt

Fran Shapiro and Family

Paul Barry Shapiro
Ben Pressberg
Sara Pressberg
Lulu Shapiro
Morris Shapiro
Solomon Malinsky

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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

Susan and Andrew Shapiro

Cynthia Zisser
Elinor Kaufman
Leon Kaufman
Faith Shapiro
Martin Shapiro

The Rose, Siegall and Duffe Families

Arthur Rose

Robyn and Hal Sieger

Albert Sieger
Minna Richter
Harold Richter

Irma Silverman and Family

Sara Brutman
Solomon Brutman
Aaron Naiztain
Sara Naiztain
Anna Neistein
Harold Neistein
Morris Neistein
Sheldon Neistein
Anna Silverman
Frank Silverman
Stanley H. Silverman

Lisa and Andrew Silverman and Family

Stanley H. Silverman

Fern and Brett Silverman and Family

Stanley H. Silverman

Laurie and David Slackman

Helen Katz
Sam Katz
Esther Slackman
Philip Slackman
Stuart Slackman
Jerome Ebenstein

The Slayton Family

Milton Podell
Roslyn Podell
Anna Slayton
Ben Slayton
Melvin Slayton



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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

The Slayton Family (continued)

Fred Slotnick
Jean Slotnick
Millicent Slayton

Barbara Smilow and Family

Jules Smilow

Heidi and Kenneth Sorkin and Family

Bernice Levine
Bernard Levine
Seymour Sorkin
Edward Woods
Albert Warner
Joanne Swanson

Arlene Toscano and Family

George Toscano
Bessie Broadwin
Harry Broadwin
Stanley Broadwin
Mildred Toscano
Gerry Toscano
Hilda Zeitlin
Nathan Zeitlin
Miriam Potosky
Jacob Potosky
Lottie Schwartz
Sidney Schwartz
Stuart Schwartz
Samuel Broadwin
Gladys Gesenter
Roberta Broadwin

The Tropper Family

Leon Rosenzweig
Faye Rosenzweig
Al Tropper
Diane Tropper
Ivy Eig
Sara Astrin
Shelley Kaplan
Rose Kaplan
Golda Rosenzweig
Mary Linky

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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

Jo, Paul, Steven and Robert Tugander

Benjamin Tugander
Sadie Tugander
Harriet Bordieri
Sarah Tugander
Sam Tugander
Anna Berkowitz
Harris Berkowitz
Harry Tugander
Morris Tugander
Rose Alenik

Beatrice and Edward Walvick

Clara Linder
Otto Linder
Betty Walvick
Charles Walvick
Jeanne DeSimone
Rose Walvick

Carol and Steve Wasserman

Ethel Berman
Norman Berman
Edith Wasserman
Harold Wasserman
Leah Berman
Solomon Berman
Clara Budman
Meyer Budman
Dora Wasserman
Morris Wasserman
Jeanette Adler
Leo Adler

Harvey Weinreb

Francine Weinreb
Anita Bernstein
Sol Weinreb
Abraham Weinreb
Fanny Weinreb
Julius Bloom
Ida Bloom
Almosnino Family
Shapiro Family



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Congregants and Their Remembered Loved Ones

Toby and Robert Windwer and Family

Benjamin Windwer
Shirley Windwer
Adolph Teitelbaum
Ethel Teitelbaum
Rae Teitelbaum

Joanne Witz and Family

Bruce Witz
Estelle Garfinkel
Walter Garfinkel
Ruth Witz
Bernie Witz

The Yeomans Family

Lois Roberman
Ned Roberman



May the memories of our loved ones inspire us
To seek in our lives those qualities of mind and heart
Which we recall with special gratitude.
May we help to bring closer to fulfillment
Their highest ideals and noblest strivings.
May the memories of our loved ones deepen our loyalty
To that which cannot die—
Our faith, our love, and devotion to heritage.
As we ponder life's transience and frailty,
Help us, O God, to use each precious moment wisely,
To fill each day with all the compassion and kindness
Which You have placed within our reach.
Thus will the memories of our loved ones abide among us
As a source of undying inspiration and enduring blessing.

When All That's Left Is Love

When I die
If you need to weep
Cry for someone
Walking the street beside you.
You can love me most by letting
Hands touch hands, and
Souls touch souls.
You can love me most by
Sharing your Simchas (goodness) and
Multiplying your Mitzvot (acts of kindness).
You can love me most by
Letting me live in your eyes
And not on your mind.
And when you say
Kaddish for me
Remember what our
Torah teaches,
Love doesn't die
People do.
So when all that's left of me is love
Give me away.

– Rabbi Allen S. Maller

A Mother's Parable

The young mother set her foot on the path of Life. "Is the way long?" she asked. And her Guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the streams, and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then night came with the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle. And the children said, "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come." And the mother said, "This is better than the brightest of days, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary. And the mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of difficulty. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds that darkened the earth — clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled. And the mother said, "Look up! Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the months and the years, and the mother grew old, and she was small and bent. But her children were strong and tall and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their mother; and when the way was rough they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And the mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

– *Temple Bailey*

Meditations

Eternal God, Master of mercy, give me the gift of remembering. May my memories of the dead be tender and true, undiminished by time; let me recall them, and love them, as they were. Shelter me with the gift of tears. Let me express my sense of loss – my sorrow, my pain, as well as my love, and words unspoken. Bless me with the gift of prayer. May I face You with an open heart, with trusting faith, unembarrassed and unashamed. Strengthen me with the gift of hope. May I always believe in the beauty of life, the power of goodness, the right to joy. May I surrender my being, and the soul of the dead, to Your all-knowing compassion.

In the rising of the sun and its going down, we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.
In the opening 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 are sick of 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 now they are a part of us, as we remember them.

– Rabbis Sylvn Kamens and Jack Riemer

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 even in the darkest night and illumine our path.

–Hannah Senesh

Our memories are beyond the reach of death,
When our love transforms them into living influences.
Thus we continue to be guided by a light
Which transcends time and defies death.

–Morris Adler

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