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*The memory of the righteous is a blessing.*

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זְכוֹרוֹנוֹ (זְכוֹרוֹנָה) לְבִרְכָה.

Zich-ro-no (Zich-ro-na) liv-ra-cha.

His (her) memory is a blessing.

PSALM 23..... תהילים כ"ג

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד.  
יְיָ רַעִי, לֹא אֶחְסָר.  
בְּנֵאוֹת דְּשָׂא יִרְבִּיצֵנִי, עַל-מֵי מְנַחוֹת יְנַהֲלֵנִי.  
נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבָב. יְנַחֲנֵי בְּמַעְגְלֵי-צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ.  
גַּם כִּי-אֵלֶּךְ בְּגִיא צְלֻמוֹת לֹא-אֵירָא רָע, כִּי-אַתָּה עִמָּדִי ;  
שִׁבְטֶךָ וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ הִפָּהּ יְנַחֲמֵנִי.  
תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי שְׁלַחוֹ נֶגֶד צָרָרִי.  
דִּשְׁנַתָּ בְּשֶׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי כוֹסֵי רְוִיחַ.  
אֵךְ טוֹב וְחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל-יְמֵי חַיִּי,  
וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבַיִת-יְיָ לְאָרְךָ יָמִים.

*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 in 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 of the days of my  
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Eternal God for ever.*

יזכור אלהים נשמות יקירי... שְהִלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם. אָנָּה  
תְּהַיְינָה נַפְשׁוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתֵהִי מְנוּחָתָם  
כְּבוֹד. שְׁבַע שְׁמַחוֹת אֶת-פְּנֵיךָ, נְעִימוֹת בִּימִינְךָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember forever my dear ones...who have gone to their eternal rest. May they be at one with the One who is life eternal. May the beauty of their lives shine for evermore, and may my life always bring honor to their memory.

יזכור אלהים נשמות כל-אחינו בני ישראל שְמָסְרוּ אֶת-  
נַפְשׁוֹתֵיהֶם עַל קְדוּשַׁת הַשֵּׁם. אָנָּה תְּהַיְינָה נַפְשׁוֹתֵיהֶם  
צְרוּרוֹת בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתֵהִי מְנוּחָתָם כְּבוֹד. שְׁבַע שְׁמַחוֹת  
אֶת-פְּנֵיךָ, נְעִימוֹת בִּימִינְךָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember forever our brothers and sisters of the House of Israel who gave their lives for the sanctification of the Holy Name. May they be at one with the One who is life eternal. May the beauty of their lives shine for evermore, and may my life always bring honor to their memory.

אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים, שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים, הַמָּצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה  
תַּחַת פְּנֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה עִם קְדוּשִׁים וְטְהוֹרִים כְּזֹהַר הַרְקִיעַ  
מִזְהִירִים לְנַשְׁמוֹת יְקִירָנוּ שְׁהִלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם. בְּעַל הַרְחָמִים  
יִסְתַּיֵּר בְּסִתְרֵךָ כְּנַפְיָנוּ לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת-  
נַשְׁמָתָם. יְיָ הוּא נִחְלָתָם. וְיִנּוּחוּ בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מִשְׁכְּבָם,  
וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

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

**MOURNER'S KADDISH** ..... קדיש יתום

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ,  
Yitgadal veyit'kadash sh'mei raba be'alma di'vera chir'utei,

וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל  
veyamlich malchutei be'chayeichon uv'yomeichon u'vechayei  
dechol beit Yisra'el

בְּעֻלְמָא וּבְזַמַּן קָרִיב, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
Ba'agala u'viz'man kariv, ve'imru: amen.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.  
Yehei sh'mei raba me'varach le'alam ul'almei almaya.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר  
Yit'barach ve'yishtabach, ve'yitp'ar ve'yitromam ve'yit'nasei,  
ve'yit'hadar

וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא,  
Ve'yit'aleh ve'yit'halal shemei de'kudasha, berich hu,

לְעֵלָא מִן כּוֹל בִּרְחַתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא וְתִשְׁבְּחַתָּא וְנִחְמַתָּא, דְאִמְרִין בְּעֻלְמָא,  
Le'eila min kol birchata ve'shirata, tush'bechata ve'nechemata,  
da'amiran be'alma,

וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
Ve'imru: amen.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,  
Yehei she'lama raba min shemaya ve'chayim aleinu va'al kol  
Yisra'el,

וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
Ve'imru: amen.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל  
Osheh shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu ve'al kol  
Yisra'el

וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
Ve'imru: amen.

Let the glory of God be extolled, let God's great name be hallowed in the world whose creation God willed. May God's rule soon prevail in our own day, our own lives, and the life of all Israel, and let us say: Amen.

Let God's great name be blessed for ever and ever.

Let the name of the Holy One, the Blessed One, be glorified, exalted, and honored, though God is beyond all praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter, and let us say: Amen.

For us and for all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true, and let us say: 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.

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May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort to all who are bereaved. Amen.

**We Remember Members of Temple Michah  
Who Are No Longer With Us**

Patty Abramson	Charnya Fisher	Irene Kadis
Meyer Reuben Achter	Harry Fox	Seth Joseph Kahn
Renee Achter	Eugene Frankel	Shirley Kallek
Aaron Mayer Altschul	Greta Frankenfeld	Alan Kaplan
Ruth Altschul	Miguel Frankenfeld	Eugene Kaplan
Morton Bahr	Eileen Friedman	Pearl R. Kaplan
Leonard Baker	Renee Friedman	Ed Kirby
James Banks	Robert Friedman	Philip Klass
Laurel Bergold	Sol Friedman	Lee Knepelkamp
Harold Berman	Richard Futrovsky	David Krooth
Rose Berman	Hyman Glass	Molly Krooth
Susan S. Blumenfeld	Isaac Green	Karen Kushinsky
Susan Blumenthal	Sam Gordon	Martin Kushinsky
Gloria Broide	Eileen Gozonsky	Raymond Lantos
Deborah Brudno	Moses Gozonsky	Richard Levenson
Rochelle Brunner	David H. Granof	Robert Lewis
Jaime Burrell-Sahl	Diana Granof	Richard Levi
Joseph Burstein	Kate Grausz	Robert N. Levin
Kirby S.W. Capen	Ernest Green	Eliot Levinson
Eugene Cogan	Isaac Green	Selma Levy
Abe Cohen	Manya Grossman	Robert Lewis
Herbert Abraham	Max Grossman	Gerald Liebenau
Cohen	Peter Gutterman	Vivian Liebenau
Jeffrey Cohn	Stephanie Hadley	Josie J. Lipman
Patricia Cohn	Dora Heilpern	Victor Margolin
Lee Cron	Jacqueline Heilpern	Carolyn Jane Margolis
Ted Cron	Samuel Heilpern	Gail Faber McDonald
Anne Elvigan	William Henoch	Ivan Meitus
Sara Ehrman	Alice Hersh	David Melendy
Dora Evers	Solis Horowitz	Julien Stehlik Paul
Isabel Field	Sam Iker	Mezey
Milton Field	Eva Jacob	Abner Mikva
James Finkelstein	Fred Jacob	Miriam Miller

Eileen Morgan	Gertrude Russi	Shana Greatman Swers
Robert S. Morgenstein	Simon Russi	Dan Thomas
Bernard Myers	Louise Harper Schuchat	Ellen Appelbaum
Florence Nelson	Theodor Schuchat	Trauben
Gil Nelson	Hanna Levine	William Usdane
Michael Nussbaum	Schussheim	Marcia Wagman
Minnie Odoroff	Morton J. Schussheim	Ted Wagman
Ellen Passel	Nancy Schwartz	Fred Wegner
Barbara Pastor	Stanton Pavian Sender	Norma Aronson
William Paul	Arnold Shafrin	Wegner
Ethel Quinn	Harold Sharlin	Anne Weinberg
Walter Quinn	Tiby Sharlin	Edward Weinberg
Anna Reiner-Charval	Dorothy Sheehan	Jane Weiner
Ben Rigberg	Margaret Siebel	Frank L. Weinstein
Bruce Rinaldi	Lorraine Smith	May Weinstein
Gruine Robinson	Mark Snyderman	Louise Werlin
Mervine Rosen	Jerome Spingarn	Richard Wolf
Judy Rosenblatt	Natalie Davis Spingarn	Henry Zapruder
Rose Rosofsky	Shirley Springer	
Donald M. Rothberg	Elliott Stonehill	

## **We Remember Those Who Died in the Past Year**

### ***Our Members***

Rochelle “Shelly” Brunner  
Robert “Bob” Friedman  
Gerald Liebenau

Victor Margolin  
David Melendy

### ***Our Friends and Family***

Tovey Barron  
Joseph Behar  
Anita Bernard  
John Bielenberg  
Shimon Brand  
Philip Braverman  
Benson Caplan  
William Cloyd  
Avi Dorot  
David J. Erlanger  
John and Sarah Ferreira  
Roy Fidler  
Melvin C. Garbow  
Donald Gardner  
Stuart Goldberg  
Samantha Goldsmith  
Barbara Gordon  
Donald Greenberg  
Joshua Harari  
Shirley Ingersoll  
Shirley Katz  
Charles Koppelman  
Linda Kriger  
Annie Lass  
Eileen Laxer  
Walter Lesnick  
Margaret Lichtenstein  
Lois Lurie

Jake McDonald  
Deborah Rosen McKerrow  
Wendy McLaughlin  
Carl Messinger  
Sue Ransohoff  
Matthew Rosenstein  
Vicki Rubenstein  
May Shulman Savage  
David Schooler  
Edward Schultz  
John Williamson Sewell  
Alice Sholler  
Shirley Simon  
Martin C. Sloan  
Marilyn Soffer  
Lillian Sokolow  
Donald Spector  
Roberta Spector  
Brynda Spencer  
Alan Stark  
Betsy Sterman  
Freddie Traum  
David Van Praagh  
Donna Walker  
Kenneth Wentworth  
Jonathan Winter  
Carolyn Wyatt  
Valentin Yamaykin



## **A**

### **Martha Ransohoff Adler and David Adler**

Emily Adler, Bill Ransohoff, Jerry Ransohoff, Sue Ransohoff, Joseph Weiss, Regine Weiss Ransohoff

### **Eric Albert and Lucy Newton**

Harry Albert, Joseph Newton

### **Charles and Jane Alexander**

Judy Cohen, Vera Cohen

### **Robin Allen**

Maxine Allen, Robert Allen

### **Susan Alpern-Fisch and Ricky Fisch**

Daniel Alpern, Sophie and Harry Alpern, Mitchell L. Dorf, Sara Ehrman, Anne and Jerome Fisch, Gary Fisch, Claire and Jerome Hahn, Tina Hahn Jacobson, Carolyn J. Jacobson, Lillian E. Jordan, Irma and Lavey Levine, Judith and Morton Lewis, Bernice Luxemburg, Frederick G. Marcham, Selma and Alvin Silverman, Irving Swire, Michael P. Swire, Linda Wolff

### **Mark and Cindy Aron**

Florence Aron, Samuel H. Aron, Leon Sondik, Ethel Sondik, Mirinda Foti

### **Roberta Aronson and Paul Goldberg**

Eva Blatt, Harold C. Blatt, Robert Blatt, Harold Goldstein, Esther Gould, Louis Gould, Rita G. Blatt

### **David and Lucy Asher**

Corrine Asher, Lester Asher

### **Diane August**

Burton August, Flora August

### **Lawrence Ausubel**

Hillel Ausubel, Lucille Ausubel

## **B**

### **Pearl Bailes**

Aaron M. Lefkovits, Leila Hand Lefkovits

### **Susan Ruth Bandler and Joel Barry Korn**

Gloria Jinx Bandler, Bernice Korn, Murray Korn

### **Peggy Banks**

James G. Banks, Charlotte Funston, Ira Funston

### **Scott Barash and Gayle Wald**

Louise F. Buck

### **David and Livia Bardin**

Ruth Jonas Bardin, Shlomo Haim Bardin, Alfred J. Goldeen, Miriam Goldeen

### **Iris and Philip Barnett**

Blake Barnett Clemetson, Cori Barnett Clemetson, Goldie Mintz, Irving Mintz, Lindsay Mintz, Nathan Mintz, Marvin J. Polonsky, Ida Small Sokolow, Julius Sokolow, Lillian Sokolow, Rose Sokolow, Helena M. Trust

### **Geoffrey Barron and Joanne Carter**

Louis Barron, Tovey Barron, Wilma Barron

### **Dana Bash**

Richard King, Joan King

### **Evelyn Beck**

L. Lee Knefelkamp

### **Susan and Elias Benda**

Eva S. Benda, Peter Martin Benda

### **Naftali Bendavid and Dara Corrigan**

Harry Val, Mina Val

### **Nani and Josh Beraha**

Rachel Abrams, Lorraine Beraha

### **Debra Berke**

Daniel Berke

**Jill and Howard Berman**

Harold Berman, Rose Berman, Harriet Goldstein, Sarah Feller, Mame Berman, Israel Berman, Carl Zimmerman, Eva Zimmerman, Frances W. Oppenheimer, Edward J. Oppenheimer, Edward S. Oppenheimer, Eleanor Gottschalk, Pauline Bernstein, Joseph Bernstein, Barbara Cantor, George Cantor, Robert M. Oppenheimer, Richard A. Oppenheimer, Suzanne Oppenheimer

**Carl and Pamela Bernstein**

Irving Bernstein, Hyman Bernstein, Edith Bernstein

**Malcolm Bernhardt**

Bella Bernhardt, Benjamin Bernhardt, Burton Bernhardt, May Bernhardt, Audrey Cohen, Sarah Graubard

**Eugene Bialek and Arlene Brown**

Betty Arkin, Fred Arkin, Anna Bialek, Ester Bialek, Fred Bialek, Stanley Bialek, George J. Brown, Meryl Klarin, Samuel Klarin

**Beatrice Birman and Mary Malgoire**

Marc B. Birman, Tessie Birman, Moshe Fajner, Sura Fajner, Bayla Hershman, Marguerite Malgoire

**Michael, Sanda, Owen and Kieran Blank**

Ruth Meyrowitz

**Jeff and Lily Blattner**

Edith Blattner, Walter Blattner

**Peg Blechman and Paul Shapiro**

Eugenia Blechman, Milton Blechman, Joseph Gilpatrick, Michael D. Intriligator, DaJune Lu, Lillian S. Marion, Rolly Multz, Mary Elizabeth Peters, Abram Schumacher, Irwin Schumacher, Sally Schumacher, Shirley Schumacher, Carl L. Shapiro, Joseph Wagenheim, Olivia Wagenheim, Gus Blechman, Mary Blechman

**Evan, Amy, and Noah Bloom**

Martin Bloom, Karen Linett

**David Blotner and Sheri Zaitz-Blotner**

Suzanne Blotner, Susie Kaminsky, Herb Zaitz

**Jared, Eli and Gideon Blum and Katherine Kiggins**

Herbert Barchoff, Lilyan Barchoff, Philip I. Blum, Glen Gamble Kiggins, Mildred Ruth Kiggins

**Elizabeth and Lane Blumenfeld**

Adolph Blumenfeld, Sarah Blumenfeld, Susan Blumenfeld, Edward DeGrazia, Augustus DeGrazia, Chester Fienberg, Ralph Kartzman, Marcia Kartzman

**Norman Blumenfeld**

Susan Blumenfeld, Adolph Blumenfeld, Sarah Blumenfeld

**Mark Blumenthal and Helen Burstin**

Frank Burstin, Edward Blumenthal

**Marla Bobowick**

Morton Bobowick

**Lynn Bonde**

Harriet P. Stein, Harry J. Stein

**Elka and Sid Booth**

David Micah Booth, Elias Al Booth, Milton Booth, Ruth Friedman Booth, Paul Booth, Edward Fargotstein, Ethel Fargotstein, Melvin C. Garbow, Hallene Marks, Benjamin Rigberg, Allan Rosen, Diane Granat Yalowitz

**Marcia Bordman**

Rose Bordman, Sam Bordman, Jeanette Gilberg, Lena Sherman, Hyman Skoler, Minna Skoler, Rose Denowitz, Rabbi Gershon Hadas, Cantor Jacob Rothblatt

**Ted Bornstein and Lesley Weiss**

Beatrice Bornstein, Benjamin Bornstein, Johann Bornstein, Ana De La Torre, Martin Weiss, Edit Fogel, Leah Fogel, Meyer Fogel, Reuven Fogel, Moshe Fogel, Gershon Fogel, Sam Levin, Rose Dolnick Levin, Rachel Sherman Bornstein, Herschel Bornstein

**Ellen and Stanley Brand**

Robert Salzberg, Herbert Brand, Agnes Brand, Phyllis Schotz Salzberg, Ida Weinstein Schotz, Louis Schotz, Edward M. Schotz

**Randi and David Braverman**

Philip Braverman, Gloria Schneider, Irving Schneider

**Scottie Brawer**

Virginia Alberts, Milton Alberts, Irving Baum, Muriel Baum, Andrew Brawer, Jerome Brawer, Lillian Brawer, Milton Brawer, Samuel Brawer, Milton Davis, Doris Denker, Mortimer Denker, Minnie Brawer Kalmens, Philip Kalmens

**Bryna Brennan**

Eliot Levinson, Hannah Quint, Elly Lewis, Marc Lublin, Paul Lubin, Sara Lublin

**Dean Brenner, Robin Shaffert, Michael Brenner,**

**Steve Brenner**

Marilyn and Norman Brenner, Judith and Kurt Shaffert, Elona Shaffert

**Andy, Shellie, Adam, and Casey Bressler**

Marci Levine Berlin, Ronald Bressler, Carey Fitzmaurice, Alex Kovalsky

**Betsy Broder and David Wentworth**

Marvin K. Broder, Gloria Waldman Appel, Carley Broder, Celia Kommel Broder, Chip Broder, Gabriel Milanese, Beatrice Waldman, Jean Wentworth, Jonathan Wentworth, Kenneth Wentworth

**Michelle and Robert Brotzman**

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**Arthur and Sandra Brown**

Morton John Brown, Rose Feinstein Brown, Abraham Komisar, Henrietta Streit Komisar

**Elaine Brown**

Marvin Brown

**Thomas Brunner**

Shelly Brunner, Louise Brunner, Robert Brunner, Leo Leifer, Irene Leifer, Ricky Leifer

**Alan Burch and Andrea Levine**

George Howard Burch, Sol Levine

## C

### **Judith Capen and Robert Weinstein**

Frank L. Weinstein, May Weinstein, Kirby S.W. Capen

### **Rita and Gary Carleton**

Henry Carleton, Jerry Josen

### **Alan H. and Jannet S. Carpien**

Jack Carpien, Morris Carpien, Nettie Carpien

### **Kathryn Ceja**

Arthur Stern, Belia Ceja

### **Michael and Meryl Chertoff**

Rabbi Gershon Chertoff, Livia Chertoff, Joshua Justin

### **Rebecca Claster and Stephen Leroy**

Elizabeth Claster, Harold Claster, Mildred Claster

### **Betsi and Harold Closter**

Rose May Closter, Sidney H. Closter, Anna Wise  
Goldstein, Isador Asher Goldstein, Gerald Liebenau,  
Vivian S. Liebenau, Helene Liebenau, Kurt Liebenau,  
Stephanie Weinschel Miner, Gale Hilary Nigrosh, Eva  
Shepatin, Joseph Shepatin, Joseph Yavit

### **Stacy and Emily Cloyd**

Philip Braverman, Gloria Schneider, William Cloyd

### **Robert Coffman**

Richard Coffman, Charles Koppelman

### **Ann Cohen and Sarah and Rachel Cohen Strum**

Sophie Elana Dorot, Eugene S. Cohen, Marion Weis  
Cohen, Elizabeth Sarah Cohen, Stephanie Cohen, Louise  
“Wezzie” Mattress, William “Billy” Strum, Yemmy Strum,  
Avi Dorot

### **Larry Cooley and Marina Fanning**

Edward Cooley, Moses Cooley, Sidney M. Cooley, Anne  
V. Cooley, Sadie Cooley Schreck, Maurice Sachse, Debora  
Sachse, Juan Francisco Fournier, Raul Fournier

### **Matthew Cooper**

Bette Gelula Cooper, Daniel Cooper

**Tina and Michael Coplan**

Barnett Coplan, Esther Coplan, Joyce Coplan, Samuel Laver, Sara Laver

**Eleanor and Benjamin Correa**

Barry Pessin

**Stephanie Crawley**

Margaret Ruth Alexander, Cleo Crawley, Morton Thal, Martha Thal

**Matt Cutler**

Lucy Cutler

**D**

**Jeffrey and Sharon Davis**

Myrna Davis Brady

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Murray Dick, Thelma Dick

**Gary Dickelman and Jan Greenberg**

Jeanne Bernstein, Henrietta Bruckheim, Harry Bruckheim, Florence Dickelman, Lloyd Dickelman, Anna Greenberg, Sidney Greenberg, Bill Kupferberg, Frederick Dickelman

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Ben R. Diskin, Diane Diskin, Zelda Diskin

**Robert Dorfman and Celia Shapiro**

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# Remembering Our Summers in the Autumns of Our Years

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FROM: *May God Remember: Memory and Memorializing in Judaism – Yizkor*. Edited by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, PhD

Yom Kippur. It is late in the afternoon and I get a sense that the sun is beginning to fade. The haunting chant of *Kol Nidre* from yesterday evening still seems to haunt the sanctuary. This morning's service is long over. We have confessed and atoned and pleaded for mercy. Torah has been read, twice. Jonah has been swallowed by the great fish and then set out for Nineveh. He has succeeded in the mission that he does not understand. *N'ilah* still feels far away—many pages in my *machzor* yet to turn. But *Yizkor* comes to refocus my attention. I am reawakened, called back to duty, called to be my truest self.

My truest self, not my usual self—for *Yizkor* comes to save us from our usual selves, the part of the self that is so fully modern that it cannot avoid the trap of undue skepticism brought on by our modern preference for history over memory, study over experience, analysis over being. Judaism, however, cherishes remembering, experiencing, and retelling—this is how we discover who we truly (if not usually) are.

Literary critic Hans Meyerhoff calls our situation “paradoxical”:

A situation has developed which is quite paradoxical in human terms: The barriers of the past have been pushed back as never before; our knowledge of the history of man and the universe has been enlarged on a scale and to a degree not dreamed of by previous generations. At the same time, the sense of identity and continuity with the past ... has ... steadily declined. Previous generations knew much less about the past than we do, but felt a much greater sense of identity and continuity with it.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Hans Meyerhoff, *Time in Literature* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1955), 109.

We need *Yizkor* because it connects us to personal memory in a way that history cannot grasp. Memory defines who we have been and creates who we will become. Through memory, that is, we revisit the loves, the passions, and the pivotal moments of our lives; and in doing so, we both discover and create ourselves. We relearn that we are what we remember. The attachments we have with the world around us arrive through memory. That which is forgotten loses its claim on us.

History gives us a museum to visit. Memory gives us a soul that animates and defines us.

In his poignant essay, “The Green Fields of the Mind,” onetime president of Yale University and then Major League Baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti reflects on the power of baseball: “It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart.”<sup>2</sup> He is writing about baseball, but isn’t this the human experience as well? Giamatti continues, “Somehow, the summer seemed to slip by faster this time. Maybe it wasn’t this summer, but all the summers that, in this my fortieth summer, slipped by so fast. There comes a time when even summer will have something of autumn about it.”<sup>3</sup>

Yom Kippur has this “something of autumn” about it; it arrives in autumn and demands we consider the autumn of our lives. With *Yizkor*, this autumnal reflectivity reaches its climax.

Giamatti is on to something when he compares “this summer” to “all the summers,” which pass by unequally. The summers of our youth lasted forever. As we age, they speed up: this summer, next summer, all summers—they elide together into memories of days that were not yet autumn. Memory thus merges with memory as days, summers, and years accumulate into sedimented personal pasts. With the passing of time, each *Yizkor* becomes more weighty than the last, because there is more to try to hold on to; more to consider; more to incorporate. Who can possibly remember it all? There is something in this *Yizkor* business that reveals our fragility, reminding us of the time piling up as we hurtle

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2 A. Bartlett Giamatti, “The Green Fields of the Mind,” in *A Great and Glorious Game: Baseball Writings of A. Bartlett Giamatti*, ed. Kenneth S. Robson (Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Books, 1998), 7.

3 *Ibid.*, 7-8.

forward, quintessentially human and destined eventually to run out of time.

Someone passes me a booklet with the word *Yizkor* and the year printed on the cover. The pages within are a listing of names—just pages and pages of names. *Yizkor* asks God to remember all these names, and it leaves me a space to say the names of my own summers gone by.

I am reminded of Avishai Margalit, who relates the outline of a play about the Shoah by David Edgar—a story of children incarcerated in a train bound for a concentration camp: they are starving and eat the cardboard name tags around their necks. “It is clear,” says Margalit, “that no trace of the children and no trace of their names will be left after they perish.”<sup>4</sup> Without memories of who they were, the children will be murdered twice, first in body, then in name. A person’s name is their memory—their *zecher*. *Zecher*, teaches Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, has the sense of “pointing the way.”<sup>5</sup> Without a *zecher*, they have lost that which points them out. Forget the names and they are more than dead: they are extinguished—blotted out.

This booklet in my hand is a burden—a responsibility. By this reckoning, it calls on me to save my own memories alongside the others already here. Remembering them all, I point the way to existence at least in name, in memory, and in some kind of life that is beyond the total amnesia of utter extinction.

Traditional *machzorim* don’t officially include the Mourner’s *Kaddish* in the *Yizkor* service. But Reform liturgies do, so my *Gates of Repentance* follows the traditional *El Malei Rachamim* with a *Kaddish*, which reinforces remembering the name. There may be no actual etymological connection between the Hebrew words for name (*shem*) and soul (*n’shamah*), but we remember by name, and *Yizkor* invokes memory of the soul. *El Malei* repeats this plea: “Bind the *n’shamah* with you—dear God!” The *n’shamah* (soul) with the *shem* (name) wrapped inside.

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4 Avishai Margalit, *The Ethics of Memory* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2002), 20.

5 Lawrence A. Hoffman, “*Zecher* and *Zikaron*: A Liturgical Theology of Memory,” in *Memory in Jewish and Christian Traditions*, ed. Micahel A. Signer (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2001).

*Kaddish* follows immediately, asking God to magnify and make great God's own name in the world. All of *Yizkor* is a plea for God to remember. In our remembering, we are asking God to remember, and finally, we are in a sense also asking God to remember God. This is all we have. We who are dust are seeking to preserve ourselves in God's eternal memory.

Giamatti knows of what he writes when he says that "it breaks your heart":

It breaks my heart because it was meant to, because it was meant to foster in me again the illusion that there was something abiding, some pattern and some impulse that could come together to make a reality that would resist corrosion.... Of course there are those who learn ... and there are others who were born with the wisdom to know that nothing lasts. These are the truly tough among us, the ones who can live without illusion, or without even hope of illusion. I am not that grown-up or up-to-date. I am a simpler creature, tied to more primitive patterns and cycles. I need to think something lasts forever.<sup>6</sup>

This is our *Yizkor* prayer. *Yizkor* tells its own tale. It weaves its own web. We step into a world of memory and in doing so we realize that we are our memories. That is who we are—each one of us. With each passing year, these memories become more precious, important, defining, and fleeting. They rush through us. There are so many—too many—but really never too many – never enough. We need to preserve them. The mere notion of losing them terrifies us beyond our ability to comprehend. We preserve the names in a book and, through *Yizkor*, connect them with the eternity that is God. We pray for God to remember. We pray for God to be great. What could be greater than the certainty of remembering forever?

All of this makes us human. This is *Yizkor*'s story. This is how we prepare to close the gates.

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<sup>6</sup> Giamatti, "Green Fields," 13.

