

ISJL Graveside Service High Holiday Season 2020/5781

We gather today to remember and pay tribute to the lives of loved ones, recently or in years past. May their memories always be for a blessing.

Psalm 16 (adapted)

I have set the Eternal always before me.
Even with God at our sides,
we are moved today in ways we never imagined.
Our hearts have known exultation and our souls have rejoiced,
but these are distant memories today.
Our beings are shaken and rattled.
May God's promise be true —
that God does not abandon us in death
or allow the Eternal's faithful to see destruction.
Eternal One, may You reveal the path of life,
and may Your presence remind us that joy still exists.



Psalm 23

Adonai is my shepherd, I shall not want.
God makes me lie down in green
pastures,
leads me beside still waters, and restores
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.

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You have set a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil; my
cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the House of God
forever.

There Are Stars

There are stars up above,
so far away we only see their light
long, long after the star itself is gone.
And so it is with people that we loved —
their memories keep shining every brightly
though their time with us is done.
But the stars that light up the darkest night,
these are the lights that guide us.
As we live our days, these are the ways we remember.

~Hannah Senesh

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Our thoughts now turn to those who have departed this earth: our own loved ones, those whom our friends and neighbors have lost, the martyrs of our people whose graves are unmarked, and those of every race and nation whose lives have been a blessing to humanity. As we remember them, we meditate on the meaning of love and loss, of life and death.

Mourner's Kaddish

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba.

B'alma di v'ra chirutei,

v'yamlich malchutei,

b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon

uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael,

baagala uvizman kariv. V'im'ru: Amen.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'vorach

l'alam ul'almei almay.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar

v'yitromam v'yitnasei,

v'yit'hadar v'yitaleh v'yit'halal

sh'mei d'kudsha b'rich Hu,

l'eila min kol birchata v'shirata,

tushb'chata v'nechemata,

daamiran 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 yaaseh shalom aleinu,

v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru: Amen.

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדָּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.

בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ,

וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ,

בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ

וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,

בְּעֻגְלָא וּבְזֶמַן קָרִיב. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ

לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר

וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא

וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל

שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא

לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא

תְּשֻׁבָּתָא וְנִחְמָתָא,

דְאָמִירוּ בְּעָלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא,

וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמוֹ,

הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ,

וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.