# **MEDITATIONS**

I

Among our many appetites There is a craving after God.

Among our many attributes
There is a talent for worshipping God.

Jews who wandered in deserts beneath the stars Knew their hearts were hungry for God.

Jews who studied in candle-lit ghetto rooms Thirsted longingly after God.

In tent or hut or slum Jewish women prayed to God.

But we who are smothered with comfort Sometimes forget to listen.

Help us, O God, to recognize our need, To hear the yearning whisper of our hearts.

Help us to seek the silence of the desert And the thoughtfulness of the house of study.

Bless us, like our ancestors in ancient days With that most precious gift: a sense of Your presence.

Brush us with the wind of the wings of Your being. Fill us with the awe of Your holiness. We, too, will praise, glorify, and exalt Your name.

Perhaps for the truly holy person, fully conscious prayer is an everyday thing. For the ordinary worshipper, the rewards of a lifetime of faithful praying come at unpredictable times, scattered through the years, when all at once the liturgy glows as with fire. Such an hour may come after a death, or after a birth; it may flood the soul at no marked time, for no marked reason. It comes, and we know why we have prayed all our lives.

### Ш

With regard to the matter of prayer, what else should we pray for, if not that life with all its vicissitudes, becomes more meaningful to us, and that we have the will and the courage to do our share toward making it more meaningful even when its burden crushes us.

### IV

Hope is part of our existence. To be faithful to the future, and to keep alive the beginning, by nursing the vision of the end. The love of Israel was born out of memory, out of ritual and prayer, out of faith in the promise, out of loyalty to the Biblical command never to forget our origin, our link, never to relinquish hope for Israel and Jerusalem. The duty of the Jew is to participate in the process of continuous redemption — to see that justice prevails over power, that awareness of God penetrates human understanding.

It is not God's part to spare us suffering but to help us bear it. When death touches our lives, we do right to ask for the strength that upholds us, for the insight that reveals the mystery of life, for the magic power that will transform our sorrow into blessing.

Someone precious has been taken from us, and we grieve. So often we think only of our loss instead of what we have had. We remember only how empty our lives are now; we forget how full and rich they were before. We forget all the many days and years of happiness we knew while our dear one was still with us. We praise God, by word or in silence, for our treasures while we have them. Often we cease to praise God when they have fled.

Grief is our lot at times such as this. Yet, we can also be grateful to God for having given us our loved one. Let us count the past happy days not as loss, but as gain. We have had them, and, now that they are ended. Let us turn the loss to blessing, the blessing that comes with new courage, with nobler tasks, with a wider outlook on life and duty.

VI

The purpose of life is not to be happy. The purpose of life is to matter, to be productive, to have it matter that you lived at all. Happiness, in the ancient, noble sense, means self-fulfillment and is given to those who use to the fullest whatever talents God or luck or fate bestowed upon them. Happiness lies in stretching to the farthest boundaries of which we are capable, the resources of the mind and heart.

# **DAILY SERVICE**

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Eternal One, we have come together to pray as a congregation; yet each of us is strangely solitary in Your presence.

Each of us comes before You with special hopes and dreams. Each of us has personal worries and concerns.

Each of us has a prayer no one else can utter. Each of us brings praise no one else can offer.

Each feels a joy no one else can share. Each of us has regrets which others cannot know.

And so we pray: If we are weary, give us strength. If we are discouraged, give us hope.

If we have forgotten how to pray, remind us. If we have been careless of time, forgive us.

If our hearts have been chilled by indifference, warm them with Your mercy and inspire us with the glowing spirit of Your bold presence.

May the door of this synagogue be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this synagogue be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness, and harshness.

May this synagogue be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

We have come together in a service of prayer, knowing little of prayer in our world, scarcely attuned to the prayerful mood. How then shall we pray? What shall we seek as we raise our voices together?

Let our prayers take us out of every day, opening for us the meaning of the universe. Let our prayers help us to see our lives in the broad expanse, as part of history and eternity.

And let our prayers also send us back to every day of our existence. Let us seek, each day, to find beauty and meaning in our lives, in the good night of a child, in the smile of a friend, in the understanding of a loved one.

Thus shall we sanctify our every moment, finding Your spark of Divinity in ourselves and bringing us closer to You, O God, The Source of our being and hope.

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#### IV

O God, how can we know You? Where can we find You? You are as close to us as breathing, yet You are farther than the furthermost star. You are as mysterious as the vast solitudes of night, yet as familiar to us as the light of the sun.

To Moses You said, "You cannot see My face, but I will make all My goodness pass before you." Even so does Your goodness pass before us in the realm of nature and in the varied experiences of our lives.

When justice burns like a flaming fire within us, when love evokes willing sacrifice from us, when, to the last full measure of selfless devotion, we demonstrate our belief in the ultimate triumph of truth and righteousness, then Your goodness enters our lives, and You live within our hearts.

Praised are You, Adonai, source of truth and love.

Hineh ma tov uma na'im Shevet achim gam yachad.

הְנֵה מַה טוֹב וּמַה נָעִים שֵבֵת אָחִים גַם יַחַד

How good and pleasant it is, For brothers and sisters to dwell together.

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### VI

### For a house of mourning

We are assembled with our friends in the shadow that has fallen on their home. We raise our voices together in prayer to the Eternal One, our God, asking for comfort and strength.

We need light when gloom darkens our home; to whom shall we look but to the Creator of light? We need fortitude and courage when pain and loss assail us; where shall we find them if not in our faith, in our families, and in the comfort of sympathizing friends?

Who among us has not passed through trials and bereavements? Some bear fresh wounds in their hearts, and therefore feel more keenly the kinship of sorrow. Others, whose days of mourning are more remote, still recall the comfort that sympathy brought to their sorrowing hearts. And those of us who have not tasted of the bitter cup cannot know how soon we may be called to drink of it. The loves that we have are but lent to us, and we must surrender them when their time has come.

Let us acknowledge our love and the truth of our frailty as we rise and turn to the Barchu.

#### VII

### Beginning of Shiva

"When will I be myself again?" Some Tuesday, perhaps, In the late afternoon. Sitting quietly with a cup of tea, And a cookie: Or Wednesday, same time or later, You will stir from a nap and see her; You will pick up the phone to call her; You will hear her voice unexpected advice — And maybe argue. And you will not be frightened,

And you will not be sad, And you will not be alone. Not alone at all. And your tears will warm you. But not today. And not tomorrow, And not tomorrow's tomorrow, But some day, Some Tuesday, late in the afternoon,

Sitting quietly with a cup of tea,

And a cookie:

And you will be yourself again.

continue with Barchu

#### Please rise

(Jewish tradition teaches us that we must take care of our bodies and our souls. Therefore, please rise only if you are easily and comfortably able.)

# Sh'ma and its Blessings

### Barchu

Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach

בַּרכו אֵת ייַ הַמִברָדְ

Praise The One to whom praise is due!

Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam-vaed!

בַרוּך ייַ הַמִּברַך לעוּלַם וַעֵד.

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

# Maariv Aravim (Evening Creation Prayer)

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher bid'varo maariv aravim, b'chochmah potei-ach sh'arim, uvitvunah m'shaneh itim, umachalif et haz'manim, um'sadeir et hakochavim, b'mishm'roteihem barakia kirtzono.

Borei yom valailah, goleil or mipnei choshech, v'choshech mipnei or, umaavir yom umeivi lailah, umavdil bein yom uvein lailah, Adonai Tz'vaot sh'mo. El chai v'kayam, tamid yimloch aleinu l'olam va-ed.

Folam va-ed.
Baruch Atah, Adonai, hamaariv aravim.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֶלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בִּדְבָרוֹ מֵעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים, בְּחָכְמָה פּוֹתֵחַ שְׁעָרִים, וּבִתְבוּנָה מְשַׁנֶּה עִתִּים, וּמַחֲלִיף אֶת הַזְּמַנִּים, וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בָּרָקִיעַ כִּרְצוֹנוֹ. בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וָלְיֵלָה, גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְנֵי חְשֶׁדְ, וְחְשֶׁדְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר. וּמַעֲבִיר יוֹם וּמֵבִיא לְיֵלָה, וּמַבְדִּיל בִּין יוֹם וּבֵין לְיֵלָה, יִנְ צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ. אֵל חֵי וְקַיָּם, תָּמִיד יִמְלוֹדְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמַּעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים.

Adonai, our God, seldom do we stop in our daily activities to express our gratitude for so much that is ours, for each moment and its promise, for the joys that we know, for the majestic grandeur of creation. Wherever we look we see Your glory and wisdom. We feel the hope within our lives. We sense the power of Your will.

You have called us to life, O God, and set us in the midst of purposes we often cannot measure or understand. But there is much that we know and much for which we express our thanks. We are grateful for health and healing, for work and rest, for the ever renewed beauty of earth and sky. We are grateful for thoughts of truth and justice that stir our ease and move us to acts of righteousness. We are grateful for the loves that touch our lives.

### Ahavat Olam

Ahavat Olam beit Yisrael amcha ahavta,
Torah umitzvot, chukim umishpatim,
otanu limad'ta al kein, Adonai Eloheinu,
b'shochbeinu uv'kumeinu nasiach
b'chukecha, v'nismach b'divrei Torat'cha
uv'mitzvotecha l'olam vaed.
Ki hem chayeinu v'orech yameinu,
uvahem neh'geh yoman valailah.
V'ahavat'cha al tasir mimenu l'olalamim.
Baruch Atah Adonai, ohev amo Yisrael.

אַהַבַת עוֹלָם בֵּית יִשְׁרָאֵל עַפְּךּ אָהֶרְהָּ, תּוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת, חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים אוֹתֵנוּ לִמַּדְתָּ. עַל כֵּן יִיָּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּשָׁרְבֵנוּ וּבְקוּמֵנוּ נָשְׂיחַ בְּחֻקֶּיךּ, וּבְמָצְוֹתֶיךּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. וּבְהָם נֶהְגָּה יוֹמָם וָלְיֵלָה, וּאַהַבְתָּךְ אַל תָּסִיר מִמֶּנוּ לְעוֹלָמִים. וֹאַהַבְתָּדְ אַל תָּסִיר מִמֶּנוּ לְעוֹלָמִים. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אוֹהֵב עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Everlasting love You offered Your people Israel by teaching us Torah and mitzvot, laws and precepts. Therefore, Adonai our God, when we lie down and when we rise up, we will meditate on Your laws and Your commandments. We will rejoice in Your Torah for ever. Day and night we will reflect on them for they are our life and doing them lengthens our days. Never remove Your love from us. Praised are you Adonai who loves Your people Israel.

## Sh'ma

Sh'ma Yisraeil, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad.

Baruch shem k'vod malchu-to l'olam va-ed

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד

בַּרוּדְ שֵׁם כִּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלַם וַעֵד.

Hear O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One! Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever

## V'ahavta

V'ahavta eit Adonai Elohecha, b'chol l'vav'cha, uv'chol nafsh'cha, uv'chol m'odecha. V'hayu had'varim ha-eileh, asher anochi m'tsav'cha hayom, al l'vavecha. V'shinantam l'vanecha, v'dibarta bam b'shivt'cha b'veitecha, uv'lecht'cha vaderech, uv'shawchb'cha uvkumecha. Ukshartam l'ot al yadecha, v'hayu l'totafot bein einecha. Uchtavtam, al m'zuzot beitecha, uvish'arecha.

L'maan tizk'ru, vaasitem et kol mitsvotai vih'yitem k'doshim

Ani Adonai Eloheichem, asher hotseiti et-chem mei-erets Mitsrayim lih'yot lachem l'Eiloheem;

Ani Adonai Eloheichem.

l'Eiloheichem.

ְּלְאָהַבְתָּ אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיךּ, בְּכָל לְבָבְדּ, וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךּ, וּבְכָל מְאֹדֶךּ. וְהִיּוֹ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּדְּ הַיּוֹם, עַל לְבָבֶדְ. וְשִׁנַּוְתָּם לְבָנֶיךּ, וְדְבַּרְתָּ בָּם, בְּשִׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל יָדֶךְ, וּבְקוּמֶךְ. וּבְשְׁעְרֶיךְ. וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל וְהָיוּ לְטֹטָפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךְ. וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל מְזֻזוֹת בֵּיתֶךְ וּבִשְּעָרֶיךְ. לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ מְאָלוֹת בֵּיתֶךְ וּבִשְּעָרֶיךְ. לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ הְדְשִׁים לֵאלהֵיכֶם. אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי לְכָם לָאלהִים, אֲנִי יִיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם. לָכֶם לָאלהִים, אֲנִי יִיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and as a symbol on your forehead; inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Thus you shall remember to observe all My commandments and be holy to your God. I am Adonai, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am Adonai your God.

# Responsive Reading

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Our God and God of our ancestors, You have called us to Your service and we are grateful. You have set before us a vision of what is good and right. Help us as individuals and as a people to live by the teachings of our faith.

Where there is ignorance and superstition, let there be enlightenment and knowledge.

Where there is prejudice and hatred, let there be acceptance and love. Where there is fear and suspicion, let there be confidence and trust.

Where there is tyranny and oppression, let there be freedom and justice. Where there is poverty and disease, let there be prosperity and health.

Where there is strife and discord, let there be harmony and peace. *Where there is despair, let there be hope.* 

We raise our voices seeking Your guidance.

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We have come together to strengthen our bonds with our people Israel. Like Jews of generations past, we celebrate the grandeur of creation. Like Jews of every age, we echo our people's ancient call for justice.

Each of us is unique. We stand apart and alone, with differing feelings and insights. And yet we are not entirely alone and separate, for we are children of one people and one heritage.

And we are one in search of life's meaning. All of us know despair and exaltation. All bear burdens. All have moments of weakness and times of strength. All sing songs of sorrow and love.

In this circle of hope, in the presence of the sacred, may we come to know the best within us and find fresh impulse to love the good.

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Judaism teaches the unity of the human race.

We all have one Creator; one God has created us.

Judaism commands, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," and declares this command to be a basic principle of our faith.

Judaism therefore forbids animosity, envy or unkindliness toward any person.

Judaism demands concern for the life, health and possessions of one's neighbor. *It therefore forbids injuring another by any means or manner.* 

Judaism commands respect for the religious convictions of others.

It therefore forbids disrespect for the customs and symbols of other faiths.

Judaism commands the practice of justice toward all, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, nursing the sick, comforting those that mourn.

It therefore forbids caring only for ourselves and our families and withholding help when our neighbors suffer.

Judaism tells us that life is good, that despite trial and defeat there is always a hope for tomorrow.

It therefore reminds us constantly that justice, righteousness and peace must prevail.

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## Mi Chamocha

Mi chamocha ba-eilim, Adonai? Mi kamocha, nedar bakodesh, nora t'hilot, oseh fele! מִי כָמְכָה בָּאֵלִם יְיָ, מִי כָּמְכָה נֶאְדָּר בַּקְּדֶשׁ נוֹרָא תְהִלֹּת, עְשֵׁה פֶּלֶא.

מַלְכוּתְדָּ רָאוּ בָנֶידָ, בּוֹקֵעַ יָם

Malchut'cha ra-u vanehcha, bokei-a yam lifnei Mosheh uMiriam zeh Eili, anu לְפְנֵי מֹשֶׁה ומִריָם , זֶה אֵלִי עָנוּ וְאָמְרוּ: יְיָ יִמְלֹדְּ לִעוֹלַם וַעֵד.

v'amru; Adonai yimloch l'olam va-ed!

ְוָנֶאֱמַר: כִּי פָּדָה יְיָ אֶת יַעֲקֹב, וּגָאַלוֹ מִיָּד חַזַּק מִמֵנוּ.

V'ne'emar: ki fadah Adonai et Yaakov,

בַרוּדְ אַתַּה יִיַ, גַאַל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Baruch Atah Adonai, gaal Yisrael.

ug'alo miyad chazak mimenu.

Who is like You, O God among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness awesome in splendor, working wonders? Your children witnessed Your sovereignty, the sea splitting before Moses and

"This is our God!" they cried.

Miriam.

"Adonai will reign forever and ever!"

Thus it is said, "Adonai redeemed Jacob from a hand stronger than his own."

Baruch Atah Adonai, gaal Yisrael.

בַּרוּךְ אַתַּה יִיַ, גַּאַל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Praised are You, Adonai, for redeeming Israel.

#### Please rise

### T'fillah

Adonai, s'fatai tiftach, ufi yagid t'hilatecha אָדנָי שְׁפַתַי תִּפְתָּח וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתֶךְ

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

Baruch Atah Adonai, Ehloheinu v'Ehlohei avoteinu v'imoteinu: Ehlohei Avraham, Ehlohei Yitzchak, v'Eilohei Yaakov.
Ehlohei Sarah, Ehlohei Rivkah, Ehlohei Racheil v'Ehlohei Leiah. HaEil hagadol hagibor v'hanora, Eil elyon, gomeil chasadim tovim, v'konei hakol, v'zocheir chasdei avot v'imahot, umeivi g'ula liv'nei v'neihem, l'maan sh'mo, b'ahava.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ ואִמוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וֵאלֹהֵי יַצְקֹב, אֱלֹהֵי שָרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה, אֱלֹהֵי רָחֵל, וֵאלֹהֵי לֵאָה. הָאֵל הַנְּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֶלְיוֹן, גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אָבוֹת וְאִמְהוֹת, וֹמֵבִיא גְאֻלָה לִבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם, לִמֵּצֵן שִׁמוֹ בָּאָהַבָּה.

### Between Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur add:

Zoch'reinu l'chayim, Melech chafeitz bachayim,v'chotveinu ba-seifer hachayim, l'maancha Ehlohim chayim זָכְרֵנו לְחַיִּים, מֶלֶדְ חָפֵץ בַּחַיִּים וְכָתְבֵנו בְּסֵפֶּר הַחַיִּים, לְמַעַנְדְּ אֶלֹהִים חַיִּים

Melech ozeir umoshia umagein. Baruch Atah Adonai, magein Avraham v'ezrat Sarah. מֶלֶדְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמָגֵן. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מָגֵן אַבָרָהָם וְעֶזַרַת שָּרָה. Praised are You, Adonai, the God of our fathers and of 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 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:

Remember us unto life, Sovereign who delights in life, and inscribes us in the Book of Life, that Your Will may prevail, O God of life. You are our Sovereign and our Help, our Redeemer and our Shield.

We praise You, Eternal One, Shield of Abraham, Protector of Sarah.

### Gevurot

Atah gibor l'olam, Adonai, m'chayeih hakol (meitim) Atah, rav l'hoshia.

M'chalkeil chayim b'chesed, m'chayeih hakol (meitim) b'rachamim rabim, someich noflim, v'rofei cholim, umatir asurim, um'kayeim emunato lisheinei afar. Mi chamochah baal g'vurot umi domeh lach, melech meimit um'chayeh umatzmiach y'shuah. V'ne-eman Atah l'hachayot hakol (meitim). Baruch Atah, Adonai, m'chayeih hakol (meitim).

אַתָּה גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנָי, מְחַיֵּה הַכּּל (מַתִּים) אַתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ. מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֱסֶד, מְחַיֵּה סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אַסוּרִים, וּמְקַיֵּם אֱמוּנָתוֹ לִישֵׁנֵי עָפָּר, מִי בְמִוֹךְ בְּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת וּמִי דְּוֹמֶה לָךְ, מֶלֶךְ מַמִית וּמְחַיֶּה וּמַצְמְיחַ יְשׁוּעָה. וְנֶאֶמָן אַתָּה לְהַחֲיוֹת הַכֹּל (מַתִים). בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ,

You are forever mighty, Adonai; You give life to all (reviving the dead). You sustain life through love, giving life to all (reviving the dead) through great compassion, supporting the fallen, healing the sick, freeing the captive. Who is like You, Source of mighty acts? Who resembles You, a Sovereign who takes and gives life? Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives life to all.

### Kedusha

Atah kadosh v'shimcha kadosh uk'doshim b'chol yom y'hal'lucha, selah. Baruch Atah, Adonai, Ha-El hakadosh. אַתָּה קָדוֹשׁ וְשִׁמְךּ קַדוֹשׁ, וּקְדוֹשִׁים בְּכָל יוֹם יְהַלְלְוּךּ פֶּלָה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הָאֵל הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

You are holy, Your name is holy, and those who are holy praise You every day. Blessed are You, Adonai, the Holy God.

Please be seated

# Worship

R'tzei Adonai Eloheinu, b'amcha Yisrael, ut'filatam b'ahavah t'kabeil, ut'hi l'ratzon tamid avodat Yisrael amecha. Baruch Atah, Adonai, sheot'cha l'vad'cha b'yirah naavod. ְרְצֵה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּעַמְּךּ יִשְׂרָאֵל וּתְפִלֶּתָם בְּאַהֲבָה תְקַבֵּל, וּתְהִי לְרָצוֹן תָּמִיד עֲבוֹדַת יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמֶּךְּ. בָּרודְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, שֶאוֹתְךָ לְבַדְּךְ בִּיִרְאָה נַעֲבֹד.

Find favor, Adonai our God, with Your people Israel and accept their prayer in love. May the worship of Your people Israel always be acceptable. God who is near to all who call, turn lovingly to Your servants. Pour out your spirit upon us.

Baruch Atah, Adonai, sheot'cha l'vad'cha b'yirah naavod בָּרודְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, שֶאוֹתְדְּ לְבַדְּדָּ בְּיִרְאָה נַעֲבֹד.

You are our God, whom alone we serve in reverence.

# Thanksgiving

Modim anachnu lach, shaAtah hu Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avotainu v'imoteinu l'olam vaed. Tzur chayeinu, magen yisheinu, Atah hu l'dor vador. מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ לָדָּ, שָׁאַתָּה הוּא, יְיָ אֶלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמוֹתֵינוּ, לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד, צוּר חַיֵּינוּ, מָגֵן יִשְׁצֵנוּ, אַתָּה הוּא לְדוֹר וָדוֹר.

We acknowledge with thanks that You are Adonai, our God and the God of our ancestors forever. You are the Rock of our lives, and the Shield of our salvation in every generation. Let us thank You and praise You — for our lives which are in Your hand, for our souls which are in Your care, for Your miracles that we experience every day and for Your wondrous deeds and favors at every time of day: evening, morning and noon.

Baruch Atah, Adonai, hatov shimcha ul'cha naeh l'hodot.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַטּוֹב שִׁמְדְּ וּלְדְּ נָאֵה לִהוֹדוֹת.

Blessed are You, Adonai, Your name is Goodness, and You are worthy of thanksgiving.

# Responsive Reading

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For all these things, O God, we offer You our praise. For creating us in Your image. For the power to make life sweet and beautiful.

For the orderly universe in which we live. For the freedom we enjoy in this land. *For families and friendships. For the understanding of right and wrong.* 

For our intellect and inner resources. For the fortitude to withstand our burdens. For health of body and mind. For the skills that are ours. For the talent we possess.

For those we love and who love us. For life itself.

For all these we thank You, O God. They glorify Your name.

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I, Adonai, have called you in righteousness and have taken your hand. I formed you and set you as a covenant people: a light unto the nations.

We are Israel, witness to God's covenant.

This is the covenant I will make with Israel. I will place My Torah in your midst, and inscribe it upon your hearts. I will be your God, and you will be My people.

We are Israel. Our covenant forbids the worship of race or nation, of possession or power.

Hate evil and love what is good. Let justice well up as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream.

We are Israel, schooled in the suffering of those tyrannized by oppression. Their anguish is ours; their poverty and humiliation diminish us.

You shall not oppress your neighbors, nor stand idly by when their lives are in danger. You know the heart of the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

We are Israel, taught to beat swords into plowshares, commanded to pursue peace.

You are My witnesses says God, My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and have faith in Me.

We are Israel, O God, when we are witnesses to Your will and stirred by Your summons. We are Israel when we proclaim Your praise to the ends of the earth.

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# Peace

I

### Shalom Rav

Shalom rav al Yisrael amcha tasim l'olam, ki Atah hu Melech Adon l'chol hashalom. V'tov b'einecha l'vareich et amcha Yisrael, b'chol eit uv'chol shaah bish'lomecha.

שָׁלוֹם רָב עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמְּךְ תָּשִּׁים לְעוֹלָם, כִּי אַתָּה הוּא מֶלֶךְ אָדוֹן לְכָל הַשָּׁלוֹם. וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךְ לְבָרִךְ אֶת עַמְךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל עֵת וּבְכָל שָׁעָה בִּשְׁלוֹמֶךְ

II

Grant us peace, Your most precious gift, O Eternal Source of peace, and enable us to declare its message to all the peoples of the earth. Bless our country, that it may always 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 among the inhabitants of all lands. Plant virtue within us, and may the love of Your name hallow every home and every heart.

Baruch Atah, Adonai, ham'vareich et amo Yisrael bashalom.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמִבַּרִדְ אֵת עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּשְלוֹם.

Praised are You, O God, Giver of peace.

# Healing

#### Reader

The *Mi Shebeirach* is offered by individuals and by communities, asking for God to bring healing to all of those in need; asking for healing of both body and spirit.

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Mi Shebeirach avoteinu

M'kor habrachah l'imoteinu.

מִי שֶבֵרְדְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ

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

M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu.

מִי שֶבֵרְדְ אִמּוֹתֵינוּ מִקור הַבְרַכָּה לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ.

Bless those in need of healing with r'fuah sh'leimah,

the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit, and let us say, Amen

Mi Shebeirach avoteinu v'imoteinu,
Elohei Avraham, Yitzchak v'Yaakov,
Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel v'Lei-ah, hu
y'vareich et hacholim.
HaKadosh Baruch Hu yimalei rachamim
aleihem, l'hachalimam ul'rapotam
ul'hachazikam, v'yishlach lahem
m'heirah r'fuah, shleimah min
hashamayim, r'fuat hanefesh ur'fuat
haguf, hashta
baagala uviz'man kariv. V'nomar: Amen.

מִי שֶׁבֵּרְדִּי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, יִצְחָק, וַיַּצְקֹב, שָּרָה, רְבְקָה, רָחֵל, וְלֵאָה. הוּא יְבָרֵדְ אֶת הַחוֹלִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּדְ הוּא יִפָּלֵא רַחֲמִים עְלֵיהֶם, לְהַחֲלִימָם וּלְרַפּאתָם וּלְהַחֲזִיקָם וְיִשְׁלַח לָהֶם מְהֵרָה רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה מִן הַשָּׁמֵיִם, רְפוּאַת הַנֶּפֶשׁ וּרְפוּאַת הַגוּף הַשְׁתָּא בַּעֵנֶלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב. וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

May the One who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless and heal those who are ill. May the blessed Holy One be filled with compassion for their health to be restored and their strength to be revived. May God swiftly send them a complete renewal of body and spirit, and let us say, Amen.

# Silent Prayer

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## **Embracing Shattered Hearts**

In the Talmud,
we are taught that the Ark held
both the shattered fragments of the first set of tablets
and the whole, unbroken second set.
While we never lose our brokenness,
we can become whole again —
we can embrace our shattered hearts.
We can become more compassionate, caring, and forgiving
because we feel our brokenness when we share the pain of others.
In our souls,
we carry both sets of tablets.

H

# Prayer for Silence

Be not afraid of silence.
It is more powerful than the awkward word; it allows God's voice to be heard.
It allows the tears and the terror, the disbelief and the doubt to tumble out.
Be there with quiet compassion that flows from the depths of your being through your eyes, your touch, your sighs into your very soul.
Stir not from the hush until you sense that hesitant blush of hope and understanding.
Be not afraid of silence.

### Tell Me of Life

And the child asked, "Tell me of life."

And the sage answered:

Life, my child, is a mystery.

We do not ask to be born,

nor do we even understand the meaning of birth —

of creation.

We grow and we experience life's pleasures and pains.

we love, and slowly, oh so slowly,

we come to realize that we have become —

that we are.

At that moment

we humble ourselves before the mystery of life and quietly say:

though I knew not,

I have been granted the most precious gift of all,

the gift of life.

And the child asked. "Tell me of death."

And the sage answered:

Death, my child, is a mystery.

It is the inevitable return of the gift of life,

the gift which came free to us.

We live as the trustee of that mysterious being,

of that unexplainable becoming.

Yes, you and I are but the trustees of life.

We nurture it, we delight in it, we give of it to others.

And at the appointed time we sadly,

yet with pride, return it from whence it came.

The beauty, my child, is that what we are,

what we have become,

remains long after the gift has been returned.

It remains as a precious keepsake with our loved ones who live on.

## For a House of Mourning

Remember, O God, my dear one whose love and presence I still cherish. Strengthen me in my loss. Help me to honor his/her memory by the way I live, by the love I have for dear ones still with me, by my goodness to those who need me, by the helping hand I offer to all. May I continue the noble tasks that had such meaning to him/her thereby continuing to link our lives together. Thank You, O God, for the blessing of memory.

V

Reader

Yih'yu l'ratzon imrei fi v'hegyon libi l'fanecha, Adonai tzuri v'go-ali. יִהְיוּ לְרָצוֹן אִמְרֵי פִּי וְהֶגְיוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךּ, יָיָ צוּרִי וְגוֹאֱלִי.

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

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu yaaseh אַשֶּׁה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַצְשֶּׁה שָׁלוֹם בּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַצְשֶּׁה שָׁלוֹם shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisraeil, v'imru: עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן

Amen.

May The One who brings peace to the heavens above bring peace upon us and upon all Israel, and let us say, Amen.

## Aleinu

Aleinu l'shabei-ach laadon hakol, lateit g'dulah l'yotzeir b'reishit, shelo asanu k'goyei haaratzot, v'lo samanu k'mishp'chot haadamah. Shelo sam chelkeinu kahem, v'goraleinu k'chol hamonam

עָלֵינוּ לְשַׁבֵּחַ לַאֲדוֹן הַכּּל, לָתֵת גֵּדַלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית, שָׁלֹא עָשְׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאֲרָצוֹת, וְלֹא שָׁמֵנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה, שֶׁלֹא שָׂם חֶלְקֵנוּ כָּהֶם, וְגֹרָלֵנִוּ כְּכָל הַמוֹנָם,

Let us adore the ever-living God, and render praise unto The One who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose glory is revealed in the heavens above and whose greatness is manifest throughout the world. Adonai is our God; there is none else.

Vaanachnu kor'im umishtachavim umodim, lifneh Melech, mal'chei hamlachim HaKadosh Baruch Hu. וַאֲנֵחְנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים, לפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים, הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.

We bow our heads in reverence and worship the Holy One, praised be God.

V'ne-emar, v'hayah Adonai l'Melech al kol haaretz. Bayom ha hu yih'yeh Adonai echad ush'mo echad. וְנֶאֱמֵר, וְהָיָה יִיָּ לְמֶלֶךְּ עַל כָּל הָאֶרֶץ, בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְנֶה יִיָ אֶחָד, וּשְמוֹ אֶחָד.

And it has been said, "The Eternal God shall rule over all the earth. On that day You shall be One and Your name shall be one."

## Reflections Before the Kaddish

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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 in your eyes and not in your mind.

You can love me best by letting hands touch hands, 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.

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II

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 ever 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.

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It is a fearful thing to love what death can touch.

A fearful thing to love, hope, dream: to be — to be, and oh! 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 a painful joy. This a human thing, love, a holy thing, to love what death has touched.

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IV

In spring we are born, new life begins, so much to learn and see.
In summer we are strong, our mind is set, on the things we want to be.
In autumn we are fading, our focus changing, still to youth we try to cling.
In winter we are dying, our lessons learned, love is the important thing.
In love we are remembered, our life spent, the body laid to rest.
When family thinks of us, sighs and smiles, we know we passed the test.

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V

Eternal God, the generations come and go before You; brief is their existence. Many are the tasks unfinished, the plans unfulfilled, the dreams unrealized when we must leave this earthly home. It would be more than we could bear, but for the faith that our passing days find their permanence in Your eternity, and our work its completion in the unfolding of Your purpose.

At this sacred moment we turn our thoughts to our loved ones who have now gone from life. We recall the joy of their companionship. We feel the pain of our loss. We know the tears that have filled our eyes. But we also know that our dear ones will never truly leave us as long as they are in our hearts and thoughts. By love are they are remembered, and in memory they live.

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#### VI

Our departed whom we now remember have entered into the peace of life eternal. They still live on earth in the acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory. May the beauty of their lives abide among us all as a loving benediction as we now read the names of those who have died in this month of shlosheim or at this time in years past.

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### Mourner's Kaddish

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'alma div'ra chirutei, v'yamlich malchutei b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chyei d'chol beit Yisraeil, baagala uviz'man kariv, v'imru: Amein.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar v'yitromam, v'yitnasei, v'yithadar, v'yitaleh, v'yithalal sh'mei d'Kud'sha, B'rich Hu, L'eila min kol birchata v'shirata, tushb'chata v'nehchehmata daamiran b'alma, v'im'ru: Amein. Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya v'chayim, aleinu v'al kol Yisraeil, v'imru: Amein.

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu

yaaseh shalom aleinu v'al kol

Yisraeil, v'imru: Amen.

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כִּרְעוּתֵהּ ,וְיַמְלִידְּ מַלְכוּתֵהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בַּעֲגָלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב, וְאִמְרוּ אַמֵן.

> יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַדְּ לְעָלַם וּלְעַלְמֵי עַלְמַיָּא.

יִתְבָּרַדְּ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאַר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעֵלֶּה וְיִתְהַלֶּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקַדְשָׁא בְּרִידְ הוּא, לְעֵלֶּא מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא תִּשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנֶחֱמָתָא, דַּאֲמִירָן בְּעָלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן. יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלִינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ

אָמֵן

Let the glory of God be extolled, and may God's great name be hallowed in the world whose creation God willed. May God rule in our own day, in our own lives, and in the life of all Israel, and let us say: *Amen.* Beyond all the praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter is the Holy One, the Blessed One, whom yet we glorify, honor, and exalt. 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.* 

#### Reader

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort all the bereaved among us. *Amen.* 

#### Reader

We now take a moment to link the names of all of those whom we have loved and lost to those we remembered and named in this service.

At the rising of the sun and at its going down, we remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and the warmth of summer, we remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

At 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 crave to share, we remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make, we remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs, we remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are a part of us, our thoughts, our deeds.

May their memories always be a blessing. Amen

# Closing Benediction

Baruch Atah b'voecha

U'varuch Atah b'tzetecha

יַבָרוּךְ אַתָּה בְּבֹאֶךְ וּבָרוּךְ אַתָּה בְּצֵאתֶךְ

As you were blessed in your coming into this place May you be blessed in your going out.

# **FESTIVAL PRAYERS**

### Passover

We are slaves because freedom means more than broken chains. Where there is poverty and hunger and homelessness, there is no freedom; where there is violence and torture and war, there is no freedom. And where each of us is less than he or she might be, we are not free.

We remember on this day our crossing of the sea so long ago when Miriam, Moses, and all the Israelites sang this song to God: "Adonai is my strength, the source of my deliverance.

This is my God whom I will enshrine." So, too, do we sing out in praise, on this day of our redemption.

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## Shavuot

Now summer's prospect, the world ripening and growing softer, the promise of harvest fulfilled, the warming sun lies before us.

Now the vision of Torah. The world at peace and growing gentler, the promise of goodness fulfilled, the loving heart lies open to the mind.

## Sukkot

Tonight let our shelters be strung with the finest fruits of creation: love, fertility, prosperity, wisdom.
Let us promise to feed the hungry, and house the homeless.
And may our harvest bring peace to all.

Baruch Atah Adonai, m'kadeish Yisrael בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְקָדֵשׁ ישְׂרָאֵל וְהַזְּמַנִים. v'haz'manim

Praised are You Adonai who sanctifies Israel and the festivals.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tziyanu al n'tilat lulay.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶדְ הַעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת לוּלָב.

Praised are You Adonai, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to take up the lulav.

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# Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

May our eyes sparkle with the light of Torah, and our ears hear the music of its words. May the space between each letter of the scrolls bring warmth and comfort to our souls. May the syllables draw holiness from our heart, and may this holiness be gentle and soothing to us and all God's creatures.

## Chanukah

During Chanukah, light the Chanukiah (Menorah) prior to the beginning of services. Place the candles in the Chanukiah from right to left and light them from left to right.

## Lighting the Chanukiah

Baruch Atah Adonai eloheinu Melech haolam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשֲנו בָּמִצִּוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶל חֲנֶבָּה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam sheasa nissim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ ואִמוֹתֵינו בַּיָמִים הָהֵם בַּיְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

First Night Only

Baruch Atah Adonai Elohenu Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu lazman hazeh. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְּמֲנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

We thank You, O God, for the wonders and the mighty deeds this season by which our people was saved in days of old. In those times, a tyrant arose against them, determined to make them forget Your Torah. But You were at their side in time of trouble. You gave them strength to struggle and to triumph.

May the heroism of the Maccabees inspire us always to be faithful to our heritage and valiant for truth. May Your spirit help us to overcome the darkness of prejudice and hatred. May we, each in our own way, serve as an example for all people everywhere.

## Purim

Today we remember how often our people have had to face prejudice and slander, hatred and oppression. In many lands and ages Hamans have risen up against us and untold suffering has been our lot. For our loyalty to God and to our ancestral heritage we have paid a high price.

But the same heritage has given us strength to bear our suffering with dignity and fortitude, and to remain unshaken in our conviction that good must triumph over evil, truth over falsehood, and love over hate.

We have survived all our oppressors. On this Purim we can look back not only with sorrow for the tragedies we have known, but with joy at the deliverances, and with pride in our great achievements. We thank You, O God, for every blessing that is ours. *Amen.* 

## **HAVDALAH**

As Shabbat ends, the Havdalah candle is lit.

## The Wine or Grape Juice

The blessing is said as the goblet is lifted but do not drink until after the Blessing of Separation.

Baruch Atah Adonai

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ,

Eloheinu Melech haolam,

אַלהֵינוּ מֵלֶדְ הַעוֹלָם,

borei p'ri hagafen.

בורא פרי הגפן.

Praise to you Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

## The Spices

Lift the spice box.

Baruch Atah, Adonai

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ,

Eloheinu Melech haolam,

אֱלהֵינוּ מֱלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם,

borei minei v'samim.

בּוֹרֵא מִינֵי בִשַּׂמִים

Praise to you Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of varied spices.

Circulate the spice box.

## The Light

Raise the Havdalah candle.

Baruch Atah, Adonai

ַבָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ,

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

אֶלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְּ הָעוֹלָם,

borei m'orei ha-eish.

בּוֹרֵא מְאוֹרֵי הָאֵשׁ

Praise to you Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the lights of fire.

## The Blessing of Separation

בַּרוּדְ אַתַּה יִיַ, Baruch Atah, Adonai אלהינו מלד העולם, Eloheinu Melech haolam, הַמַּבְדִיל בֵּין קֹדֵשׁ לְחוֹל, hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol. בֵּין אוֹר לַחֲשֶׁדְּ, bein or l'choshech. בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לַעֲמִים, bein Yisrael laamim, בין יום השביעי bein yom hash'vi-i לִשֲשֶׁת יִמֵי הַמַּעֲשֵׂה. בַרוד אַתַּה יִיַ, l'sheishet y'mei hamaaseh. המבדיל בין קדש לחול. Baruch Atah, Adonai,

Praise to You Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe: who distinguishes between the holy and ordinary, between light and dark, between Israel and the nations, between the seventh day and the six days of work. Praise to You, Adonai who distinguishes between the holy and ordinary.

Sip the wine or grape juice.
Extinguish the Havdalah candle in the remaining wine or grape juice,
while the following passages are sung or said:

Hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol, chatoteinu hu yimchol, zareinu u'shlomeinu yarbeh kachol, v'chakochavim balailah.

hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol.

הַמַּבְדִיל בֵּין קְדֶשׁ לְחוֹל, חַטוֹתֵינוּ הוּא יִמְחֹל, זַרְעֵנוּ וּשְׁלוֹמֵינוּ, יַרְבֶּה כַּחוֹל, וְכַכּוֹכַבִים בַּלַּילָה.

שבוע טוב ....

Shavua tov ...

May the one who distinguishes between the holy and the ordinary, pardon our sins; multiply our offspring and our possessions as grains of sand and as the stars at night.

A good week, a week of peace, may gladness reign and joy increase.

Eliyahu hanavi,	אֵלִיָּהוּ הַנָּבִיא
Eliyahu hatishbi,	אֵליָהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי
Eliyahu hagiladi.	אֵלִיָּהוּ הַגִּלְעַדִי

	בִּמְהֵרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ
Bimheirah b'yameinu,	יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ
yavo eileinu,	עָם מָשִׁיחַ בֶּן־דָּוִד.
im Mashiach ben David.	

quickly in our day come to us heralding redemption.

May Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite, Elijah of Gilead,

Miryam hanaviah oz v'simrah b'yadah.	מִריָם הַנָּבִיאָה עֹז וְזִמְרָה בְּיָדָה
Miryam tirkod itanu	מִרנָם תִּרְקֹד אִתָּנוּ
l'hagdil zimrat olam. Miryam tirkod	לְהַגְדִּיל זִמְרַת עוֹלָם
·	מִרנָם תִּרְקֹד אִתָּנוּ
itanu	לְתַקֵּן אֵת הָעוֹלָם
l'takein et haolam.	בִּמְהֶרָה בִּיָמֵינוּ הִיא תִּבִיאֵנוּ
Bimheira b'yameinu hi t'vi-einu	אֶל מֵי הַיְשׁוּעָה
El mei ha-y'shuah.	

Miriam the prophet, strength and song are in her hand.

Miriam will dance with us to swell earth's song.

Miriam will dance with us to redeem the world.

Soon, in our days, she will bring us to the waters of redemption.

## **ADDITIONAL READINGS**

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#### Each of Us Has a Name

Each of us has a name given by God and given by our parents

Each of us has a name given by our stature and our smile and given by what

we wear

Each of us has a name given by the mountains and given by our walls
Each of us has a name given by the stars and given by our neighbors
Each of us has a name given by our sins and given by our longing
Each of us has a name given by our enemies and given by our love
Each of us has a name given by our celebrations and given by our work
Each of us has a name given by the seasons and given by our blindness
Each of us has a name given by the sea and given by our death.

## Our Angels

(for Yehuda Amichai)

Our angels
Spend much of their time sleeping
In their dreams
They tear down the new houses by the sea
And build old ones
In their place.

No matter how long they may sleep One hundred, two hundred years Ten centuries is not too much.

The first to wake up
Takes the torch that has been handed down
Adds a drop of oil to the lamp
Blesses the eternal light
And then recalls the name
Of every other angel
And one by one as they are remembered
They wake up.

For them as for us There is nothing more beautiful Than memory. Birth is a beginning and death a destination, but life is a journey, a going — a growing from stage to stage.

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, from grief to understanding - from fear to faith.

From 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, but life is a journey, a sacred pilgramage — made stage by stage — to life everlasting.

## **UNVEILING SERVICE**

I

It is customary for Jews to place a stone by the gravesite of one they respect and love. Some say that this is just a marker to commemorate the visit. Some say that it is to weigh down the spirits of grief that haunt us, anchoring our pain so that we do not dismiss our destiny and walk the path of a mourner forever. I like to believe that the stone has more to do with "foundation," the first brick, laid in building a future that at one time seemed inconceivable: a future where is not at the table — at our side, a phone call away — a world without {his/her} radiance. That future once seemed inconceivable but here we are, and these stones say: Today we begin to build a new future, a future where our spirits are clothed in {his/her} love, our hearts are branded with {his/her} goodness, a future in which is woven into us, wrapped around us, lighting our way, where we know that every joy we encounter

is celebrated from on high as well.

To this sacred place we come,

drawn by the eternal ties that bind our souls to yours.

Death has separated us.

You are no longer at our side

to share the beauty of the passing moment.

We cannot look to you to lighten our burdens,

to lend us your strength, your counsel, your faith.

And yet what you mean to us neither withers nor fades.

For a time we touched hands and heart;

still your voice abides within us,

still your tender glance remains a joy to us.

For you are part of us forever;

something of you has become a deathless song upon our lips.

And so beyond the ache that tells us how much we miss you,

a deeper thought compels — we were together.

We hold you still in our minds,

and give thanks for life and love.

The happiness that was,

the memories that do not fade,

are a gift that cannot be lost.

You continue to bless our days and years.

We will always give thanks to you.

#### A Man in His Life

A man doesn't have time in his life to have time for everything. He doesn't have seasons enough to have a season for every purpose. Ecclesiastes was wrong about that.

A man needs to love and to hate at the same moment, to laugh and cry with the same eyes, with the same hands to throw stones and to gather them, to make love in war and war in love.

And to hate and forgive and remember and forget, to arrange and confuse, to eat and to digest what history takes years and years to do.

A man doesn't have time.
When he loses he seeks, when he finds he forgets, when he forgets he loves, when he loves he begins to forget.

And his soul is seasoned, his soul is very professional. Only his body remains forever an amateur. It tries and it misses, gets muddled, doesn't learn a thing, drunk and blind in its pleasures and its pains.

He will die as figs die in autumn, Shriveled and full of himself and sweet, the leaves growing dry on the ground, the bare branches pointing to the place where there's time for everything.

#### Woman of Valor

A mother of generations, a woman of valor, she is precious in the gifts that she gave to our family. Her children have found trust and truth in these gifts. We follow in patterns that she taught. She is robed in strength and dignity, and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. We benefit and learn from her wisdom. May she always be credited for the fruit of her labor and her achievements. May she live on in glory.

#### Psalm 16

I have set the Eternal always before me. God is at my side; I shall not be moved.

Therefore does my heart exult and my soul rejoice; my being is secure. For You will not abandon me to death nor let Your faithful ones see destruction. You show me the path of life; Your presence brings fullness of joy; enduring happiness is Your gift.

שׁוִּיתִי יְהוָה לְנֶגְדִּי תָמִיד: פִּי מִימִינִי, בַּל-אֶמּוֹט. לָכֵן, שַׁמַח לִבִּי וַיָּגֶל כְּבוֹדִי; אַף-בְּשַׂרִי, יִשְׁכֹּן לָבֶטַח. כִּי לֹא-תַעֲזֹב נַפְשִׁי לִשְׁאוֹל; לֹא-תִּתֵּן חֲסִידְדְּ, לִרְאוֹת שְׁחַת. תּוֹדִיעֵנִי, אֹרַח חַיִּים: שֹבַע שְׂמָחוֹת, אֶת-פָּנֶיךְ; נְעִמוֹת בִּימִינְךְּ נָצַח.

### Psalm 23

God is my shepherd; I shall not want. God makes me to lie down in green pastures, leads me beside the still waters. God restores my soul: You guide me in straight paths for the sake of Your name. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare 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.

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד: יְהוָה רֹעִי, לֹא אֶחְסָר. בִּנְאוֹת דָּשָׁא, יַרְבִּיצֵנִי; עַל-מֵי מְנָחוֹת יְנַהַלֵנִי.

נַפְשָׁי יְשׁוֹבֵב; יַנְחֵנִי בְמַעְגְּלֵי-צֶדֶק, לְמַעַן שׁמוֹ.

גַּם כִּי-אֵלֵדְ בְּגֵיא צַלְמָוֶת, לֹא-אִירָא רָע- כִּי-אַתָּה עִמְדִי; שִׁבְטְדְּ וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּדְ, הַמָּה יְנַחֲמֵנִי. תַּעֲרֹדְ לְפָנַי, שֻׁלְחָן נֶגֶד צֹרְרָי; דִּשַׁנְתָּ בַשָּׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי, כּוֹסִי רְוָיָה. אַדְ, טוֹב וָחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל-יְמֵי חַיָּי וְשַׁבְתִּי בָּבִית-יָיָ לְאֹרֶדְ יָמִים.

### Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
Where will I find my help?
My help is the Eternal One,
Maker of heaven and earth.
God will keep your foot from slipping,
Your Guardian does not slumber.
Behold, the Guardian of Israel neither
slumbers nor sleeps.
The Eternal One is your shield.

The Eternal One is your shield, The Eternal One is your shade at your side.

The sun will not strike you by day,
Nor the moon by night.
The Eternal One is your shield against
evil, the Guardian of your spirit.
The Eternal One is your shield, when you
come in and when you go out,
now and forever.

אֶשָּׂא עִינֵי אֶל הָהָרִים, מֵאַיִן יָבֹא עֶזְרִי,עֶזְרִי מֵעִם יְיָ, עשׁה שָׁמִיִם וָאֶרֶך. אַל יִתִּן לַמוֹט רַגְלֶךְ, אַל יָנוּם שֹׁמְרֶךְ. הַנֵּה לֹא יָנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן, שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל. יְיָ שֹׁמְרֶךְ, יְיָ צִלְךְ עַל יַד יְמִינֶךְ. יוֹמָם הַשְּׁמֶשׁ לֹא יַכֶּכָּה, וְיָרֵחַ בַּלְּיֵלָה. יְיָ יִשְׁמְרְךְ מִכָּל רָע, יִשְׁמֹר אֶת נַפְשֶׁךְ. יְיִ יִשְׁמְרְ צֵאתְךְ וּבוֹאֶךְ, מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.

## Before Uncovering the Stone or Marker

I We read in the Torah that "Jacob set up a pillar on Rachel's grave." (Genesis 35:20) And so, we who are still in mourning come here to express our undying attachment to \_\_\_\_\_\_, as we return to this place to dedicate this memorial. We remember the moments shared. the times of celebration and the times of difficulty. We also remember the times of warmth and closeness, and the times of love and companionship. We will continue to treasure all that was good in \_\_\_\_\_\_'s life, and we will retain that good in the fabric of our lives. As we dedicate this memorial. may we recognize that it is but a symbol of our enduring affection for \_\_\_\_\_. Help us O God to do {him/her} honor by our actions and our aspirations. May {his/her} memory lead us to live lives of which {he/she} would be proud. Remove the cover from the memorial. H On behalf of the family of \_\_\_\_\_, and in the presence of his/her relatives and friends, we consecrate this memorial as a sign of undying love. Remove the cover from the memorial. Ш God of infinite love, in whose hands are the souls of all the living and the spirits of all flesh, standing at the grave of \_\_\_\_\_ we gratefully recall the goodness in him/her and we give thanks for the consolation of memory. Remove the cover from the memorial.

#### Reader

Strengthen us, that, walking through the valley of the shadow of death, we may be guided by Your light. May our actions and aspirations honor our loved one as surely as does this monument, which will ever be a symbol of abiding devotion. So will he/she live on for blessing among us.

#### אל מלא רחמים

#### For a female

אֵל מָלֵא רַחֲמִים, שׁוֹכֵן בַּמְּרוֹמִים, הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה, עם קְדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים כְּזְהַר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים, אֶת נִשְׁמֵת \_\_\_\_ בַּת\_\_\_\_ שְׁהָלְכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ. בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירֶהָ בְּסֵתֶר כְּנָפִיו לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נִשְׁמָתָהּ, יְיָ הוּא נַחֲלָתָהּ, וְתָנְוּחַ בּשׁלוֹם על מִשׁכִּבַהּ. וַנֹאמֵר אִמֵן.

#### For a male

אֵל מָלֵא רַחֲמִים, שׁוֹכֵן בַּמְרוֹמִים, הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵּי הַשְּׁכִינָה, עם קְדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים כְּזְהַר הָרָקִיע מַזְהִירִים, אֶת נִשְׁמַת \_\_\_\_בֶּן \_\_\_ שְׁהָלַדְּ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. בַּעַל לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת עַל מִשְׁכַּבוֹ. וְנֹאמֵר אַמֵן.

#### El Malei Rachamim

El malei rachamim, Shochein bamromim. ham'tzei m'nuchah n'chonah tachat kanfei haShechinah, im k'doshim ut'horim, k'zohar harakia mazhirim, l'nishmat yakireinu shehalchu l'olamam. Baal harachamim, yastireim b'seter k'nafav l'olamim, V'yitz'ror bitz'ror hachayim et nishmatam. Adonai hu nachalatam, vayanuchu b'shalom al mishkavam. V'nomar: Amen.

Compassionate God, eternal Spirit of the universe, grant perfect rest in Your sheltering presence to \_\_\_\_\_\_ who has entered eternity. Oh God of mercy, let him/her find refuge in Your eternal presence, and let his/her soul be bound up in the bond of everlasting life. God is his/her inheritance. May he/she rest in peace, and let us say: Amen

#### Mourner's Kaddish

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'alma div'ra chirutei, v'yamlich malchutei b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chyei d'chol beit Yisraeil, baagala uviz'man kariv, v'imru: Amein.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar v'yitromam, v'yitnasei, v'yithadar, v'yitaleh, v'yithalal sh'mei d'Kud'sha, B'rich Hu, L'eila min kol birchata v'shirata, tushb'chata v'nehchehmata daamiran b'alma, v'im'ru: Amein. Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya v'chayim, aleinu v'al kol Yisraeil, v'imru: Amein.

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu yaaseh shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisraeil. v'imru: Amein. יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כִּרְעוּתֵהּ ,וְיַמְלִידְ מַלְכוּתֵהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בִּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בַּעֲגָלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַדְּ לְעָלַם וּלעלמִי עלמִיּא.

יִתְבָּרֵדְ וְיִשְׁתַבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֵדְשָׁא בְּרִידְ הוּא, לְעֵלָּא מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא תֻּשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנֶחֱמָתָא, דַּאֲמִירָן בְּעָלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן. יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עשֶׁה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלִינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אמו

Let the glory of God be extolled, and may God's great name be hallowed in the world whose creation God willed. May God rule in our own day, in our own lives, and in the life of all Israel, and let us say: *Amen*. Beyond all the praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter is the Holy One, the Blessed One, whom yet we glorify, honor, and exalt. 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*.

#### Reader

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort all the bereaved among us. *Amen*.

## LIGHTING A YAHRZEIT CANDLE

Sustained by words of faith, comforted by precious memories, we (I) kindle the Yahrzeit light in remembrance.

As this light burns pure and clear, so may the blessed memory of the goodness of our (my) dear \_\_\_\_\_\_ illumine our souls (my soul).

For a female Zichronah liv'racha אָבְרָכָּה May her memory be for blessing

For a male

Zichrono liv'racha אָבְרָכָה May his memory be for blessing

## **VISTING THE CEMETERY**

Unveiling Service, pages 44-52, contains suggested choices for meditation at the grave of a loved one. It is customary to conclude with El Malei Rachamim (page 51) and/or the Mourners Kaddish (page 52). Other customs include placing a stone on the grave marker just as Jacob set up a pillar for Rachel and grooming the grave site.

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"A worship Service For Use in a House of Mourning"
"In loving memory of Bill Hodroff by his wife Fritzie and their children"

"Daily Evening Worship"

"In memory of Coleman and Ethel Gill and Ann and Abe Hork In honor of Florence Kunin Schoff"

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