

UNVEILING CEREMONY

Introductory Prayers

Reader: To this sacred place we come, drawn by the eternal ties that bind our souls to the soul of our beloved.

Death has separated us. We no longer share the beauty of each passing moment. And yet we still belong to each other. Happiness that was, the memories of joy and love, are a gift that cannot be lost.

Together: All things pass. All that lives must die. All that we prize is but lent to us. And the time comes when we must surrender it. We raise our voices together in prayer to The source of Life, asking for comfort and strength.

Reader:

From Psalm 8

יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
מִהֲאֲדִיר שְׁמֶךָ בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ!
אֲשֶׁר תָּנָה הַדּוֹרָה עַל־הַשָּׁמַיִם.
כִּי אֲרָאָה שָׁמַיָּה, מַעֲשֵׂה זַאֲבָעֹתַיִךְ,
יָרַח וְכּוֹכָבִים אֲשֶׁר כּוֹנְנָתָה,
מִהֲאֲנוֹשׁ כִּי־תִזְכְּרֵנוּ,
וְכֵן אָדָם כִּי תִפְקְדֵנוּ?
וְתַחֲסַדְהוּ מַעַט מֵאֱלֹהִים, וְכְבוֹד וְתָהָר תַּעֲטֶרְהוּ!
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
מִהֲאֲדִיר שְׁמֶךָ בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ!

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Sovereign Lord, how majestic is Your presence
in all the earth!
You have stamped Your glory upon the heavens!
When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your
fingers,
the moon and the stars that You have
established:
what are we, that You are mindful of us?
What are we mortals, that You care for us?
Yet You have made us little less than divine,
and crowned us with glory and honor.

*O Sovereign Lord, how majestic is Your
presence in all the earth!*

II

שִׁיר לְמַעְלוֹת: אֵשׁא עֵינַי אֶל־הַהַרִים, מֵאֵן יָבֵא עֲזָרִי. עֲזָרִי
 מֵעַם יְיָ. עָשָׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ. אֱלֹהֵימֶן לְמוֹט רִנְלֶךָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּם
 שֹׁמֵרְךָ. הֵנָּה לֹא־יָנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל. יְיָ שֹׁמֵרְךָ. יְיָ
 צִלְךָ עַל־יָד יִסְבֵּךָ. יוֹסֵם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא־יִכְבֶּה, וְיָרֵחַ בְּלִילָה.
 יְיָ יִשְׁמְרֶךָ מִכָּל־דָּעַ, יִשְׁמַר אֶת־נַפְשְׁךָ. יְיָ יִשְׁמַר־צִאֲתוֹךָ וּבֹאֲךָ
 מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם.

I will lift my eyes to the mountains. What is the source of my help? The source of my help is the Lord, Creator of heaven and earth. He will not let you falter; your Guardian does not slumber. Surely the Guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. He is at your right hand to protect you; the Lord, your Keeper, gives shelter. The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will guard you from all harm. The Lord will preserve your soul; He will guard your going and coming from this time forth and forever.

Psalms 121

III

הַלְלוּהוּ, אֲשֶׁר־אֵיֵשׁ יָרָא אֶת־יְיָ, בְּמִצְוֹתָיו תִּפְעַץ מְאֹד. וְבוֹרַךְ
 בְּאַרְצָא יְהוָה זָרְעוֹ, דוֹר יְשָׁרִים יִבְרַךְ. הוֹרְנוֹעֶשֶׁר בְּבֵיתוֹ,
 וְצַדִּיקוֹ עֹמֵד לְעַד. זָרַח בְּחֹשֶׁךְ אֹר לְיִשְׂרָאֵל, תַּנּוּן וְרַחוּם
 וְצַדִּיק. טוֹב־אֵיֵשׁ חוֹנֵן וּמְלַנָּה, יִבְלֹכַל דְּבָרָיו בְּמִשְׁפָּט. כִּי
 לְעוֹלָם לֹא יִמוּט, לְגֹבֵר עוֹלָם יְהוָה צַדִּיק.

Blessed is he who reveres the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. His descendants shall be mighty in the land, a generation that is upright and blessed. Prosperity and riches are in his home; his righteousness stands firm forever. Even in the darkest night God's light shines for the just, the gracious and the merciful. It is well with him who lends graciously, whose dealings are conducted with justice. Such a man will remain unshaken, and be remembered for his righteousness always.

Psalms 112:1-6.

IV

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד: יי, מִיִּיגוֹר בְּאַהֲלֶיךָ, מִיִּישָׁכֵן בְּהַר קֹדֶשְׁךָ.
 הוֹלֵךְ תְּמִים וּפְעַל צְדָקָה, וְדֹבֵר אֱמֶת בְּלִבּוֹ. לֹא־רִנָּל עַל־
 לְשׁוֹנוֹ, לֹא־עָשָׂה לְרֵעֵהוּ רָעָה, וְחִרְפָּה לֹא־נָשָׂא עַל־קַרְבּוֹ.
 גִּבּוֹהַּ בְּעֵינָיו גִּמְאָס וְאֶת־יְרֵאֵי יי יִכְבֵּד, וְשָׁבַע לְהִרְעוֹ וְלֹא
 יִמִּיר. כִּסְפוֹ לֹא־נָתַן בְּגִשְׁדָּךְ וְשֹׁחַד עַל־נַפְקֵי לֹא לָקַח, עָשָׂה
 אֱלֹהִים לֹא יָמוּט לְעוֹלָם.

O Lord, who shall dwell in Your sanctuary? Who shall abide upon Your holy mountain? He who lives with integrity, does what is right, and speaks the truth in his heart; who has no slander upon his tongue, who does no evil to his fellow man, who does not reproach his neighbor. In his eyes, a vile person is despised, but he honors those who revere the Lord. He takes an oath, even to his own harm, and does not change. He does not lend money at usurious interest; he does not take a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall stand firm forever.

Psalm 15

Reader:

(Close relative)

These moments bind us in memory to

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A line has been broken in the chain of love and affection which has united us as a family. At times, the pain of separation seems more than we can bear, but if we dwell too long on our loss, we embitter our hearts and harm ourselves and those around us.

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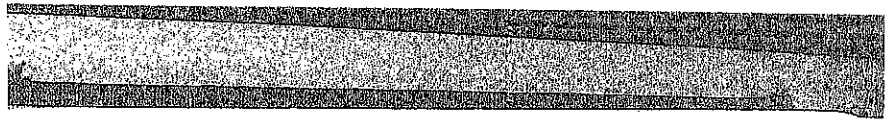
A thousand years, in the sight of our eternal and merciful Father, are but a day; the years of our life but a passing hour. He grants us life and life He has taken away; praised be His name.

..... has been taken from our midst. We are pained by the gap in our lives. Yet love is strong as death; the bonds love creates are eternal. And ours is the blessing of memory, through which the lives of our departed continue to be with us.

Almighty God, Master of mercy, whose compassion endures forever, let neither death nor sorrow have dominion over us. Grant us comfort, strength and consolation as it is written: "The Lord shall be your enduring light, and the days of our mourning shall come to an end."

תְּהִי נִשְׁמָתוֹ אֶרְוָה בְּצִרְוֹר הַחַיִּים.

May his soul be bound up in the bond of life. Amen.



CONCLUSION OF THE UNVEILING

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there; I did not die.

[Anonymous]



In memory of a male

אל מלא רחמים, שוכן במרומים, המצא
מנוחה נכונה תחת כנפי השכינה, במעלות
קדושים וטהורים כזהר הרקע מזהירים, את-
נשמת _____ בן _____ שקלך
לעולמו, בגן עדן תהא מנוחתו. אָנָּה, בעל
הרחמים, הסתיירהו בסתר כנפוף לעולמים,
וצרור בצרור החיים את נשמתו, יהוה הוא
נחלתו, וינח בשלום על משכבו, ונאמר אמן.

O God, exalted and full of compassion, grant perfect peace
in Your sheltering Presence, among the holy and pure, to
the soul of _____, who has gone to his

eternal home. Master of mercy, we beseech You, remember
all the worthy and righteous deeds that he performed
in the land of the living. May his soul be bound up
in the bond of life. The Lord is his portion. May he
rest in peace. Let us say: Amen.

קדיש יחום

(Recited only if a *minyan* is present.)

יְתוֹדֵל וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא, בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ,
וַיִּמְלִיד מַלְכוּתָהּ. בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן, וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֵזְלָא וּבְזַמַּן קָרִיב, וְאַמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא סַבְרָד, לְעַלְמָא וּלְעַלְמֵי עַלְמַיָּא.

יְתַבְרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח, וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹסֵם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא, וַיִּתְהַדָּר
וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא, בְּרִידָהּ הוּא. לְעֵלְא (בְּעֵשֶׂרֶת יְמֵי
חַסְדָּהּ: וּלְעֵלְא) סַךְ-כָּל-בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא, תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא (וְנַחֲמָתָא
דְאַמִּירוֹן בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאַמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא, וְחַיִּים, עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאַמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא: עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאַמְרוּ אָמֵן.

In the rising of the sun and in its going
down,
 we remember them;
In the blowing of the wind and in the
chill of winter,
 we remember them;
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth
of spring,
 we remember them;
In the rustling of leaves and in the
beauty of autumn,
 we remember them;
In the beginning of the year and when it
ends,
 we remember them;
When we are weary and in need of
strength,
 we remember them;
When we are lost and sick at heart,
 we remember them;
When we have joys we yearn to share,
 we remember them.
So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us, as we
remember them.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

As in the world around us, so too in human life, darkness is followed by light and sorrow by comfort. Life and death are twins; grief and hope walk hand in hand. May these moments bring us out of the valley of the shadow of death into the light of life.

THIS THEREFORE CONCLUDES OUR CEREMONY