For a Yahrzeit -- The Anniversary of a Loved One’s Death

Kindling the Yahrzeit Candle

At this moment, I pause for thought in memory of my beloved .........................I give thanks for the blessing of life, of companionship and of memory. I am grateful for the strength and faith that sustained me in the hour of my bereavement. Though sorrow lingers, I have learned that love is stronger than death. Though my loved one is beyond my sight, I do not despair for I sense my beloved in my heart as a living presence.

Sustained by words of faith, comforted by precious memories, I kindle the Yahrzeit light in remembrance. As this light burns purely and clearly, so may the blessed memory of the goodness of my dear....................... illumine my soul.

Psalm 23
God is my shepherd; I shall not want. You make me lie down in green pastures; You lead me beside the still waters. You restore my soul, and guide me in straight paths for Your name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no harm, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint 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 Your house forever.

Psalm 121
I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? My help comes from God, the Creator of heaven and earth. You will not let my foot give way; my Guardian does not slumber. For indeed, the Guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps! You are my Guardian, You are the protection at my right hand. By day the sun will not smite me, nor the moon by night. You keep me from all harm; You protect my soul. You will guard my going out and my coming in, from this time forth and forever.

ashu teive al-herim maakim yiva zehav:
 turbulence al-ma' mekmot yinhale: mishiy
 yeshuv yinhale bemotzayik lematz
 shmor: yis cir al-kh bira zelmat
 la-aviyar ruv cir-ahat zemiy shenak
 omeusenu yeh: yivra lefei
 shelach nog cir-ahat yeshiy meshem ravish
 kovis ruva: akip miskel yiraphni
 seliyim yi'im resh shavi birit yishova lavo:
 zim:
The Light is Kindled

For a male

זיכרון לברכה
Zichrono livrachah
His memory is a blessing.

For a female

זיכרון לברכה
Zichronah livrachah
Her memory is a blessing.

It is traditional to perform an act of tzedakah in memory of your loved one around the time of their Yahrtzeit. It is also traditional to recite Kaddish on a shabbat service closest to the yahrzeit. Feel free to contact Rabbi Greene or Holli Berman if you have any questions or concerns.

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