



## CONGREGATION BETH AM

For kindling the *Yahrzeit* or *Yizkor* light

[Light is placed in a position of honor in the home.]

### PRAYER

I (we) give thanks for the blessing of life, for companionship, and for memory. Our tradition teaches us that we never lose those we love, for love is stronger than death.

So I (we) light this candle now, and as it burns, so may the memory of \_\_\_\_\_ continue to be an inspiration to me (to all of us).

[The candle is lit.]

זכרונו\זכרונה לברכה

*Zich-ro-no* (man) / *Zich-ro-na* (woman) *liv-ra-cha*.

May his/her memory be a source of blessing.

### HONORING THE MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES: YAHRZEIT IN JEWISH TRADITION

*Yahrzeit* is the annual anniversary of the death of a near relative and is observed on the date of the death (not the date of burial). It is customary to kindle a light on the eve preceding the date of the *yahrzeit*, and to keep it burning for twenty-four hours. It is also customary to attend services, to recite *Kaddish* at the synagogue on the closest Shabbat to the *yahrzeit* and to honor the memory of your loved one by giving *tzedakah*.

The Jewish calendar provides four occasions during the year when special memorial services are held: Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret (last day of Sukkot), the last day of Pesach and Shavuot. It is appropriate to honor the memory of our loved ones by attending these special memorial services.



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**THE MOURNER'S KADDISH**

קדיש יתום

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעָלְמָא דִּי־בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ,

Yit-ga-dal ve-yit-ka-dash she-mei ra-ba be-al-ma di-ve-ra chi-re-u-tei,

וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל־בֵּית

ve-yam-lich mal-chu-tei be-cha-yei-chon u-ve-yo-mei-chon u-ve-cha-yei de-chol beit

יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעִנְיָא וּבְזְמַן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la u-vi-ze-man ka-riv, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

Ye-hei she-mei ra-ba me-va-rach le-a-lam u-le-al-mei al-ma-ya.

יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא, וְיִתְהַדָּר

Yit-ba-rach ve-yish-ta-bach, ve-yit-pa-ar ve-yit-ro-mam ve-yit-na-sei, ve-yit-ha-dar

וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקוּדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעָלְמָא מְן־כָּל־

ve-yit-a-leh ve-yit-ha-lal she-mei de-ku-de-sha, be-rich hu, le-ei-la min kol

בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תּוֹשְׁבַחְתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא דְאֲמִירָן בְּעָלְמָא,

bi-re-cha-ta ve-shi-ra-ta, tush-be-cha-ta ve-ne-che-ma-ta, da-a-mi-ran be-al-ma,

וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מְשִׁמְיָא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל,

Ye-hei she-la-ma ra-ba min she-ma-ya ve-cha-yim a-lei-nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil,

וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמֵרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־

O-seh sha-lom bi-me-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu ve-al kol

יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name,  
 in the world which God created, according to plan.  
 May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime  
 and the life of all Israel -  
 speedily, imminently.  
 To which we say: Amen.

Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.

Blessed, praised, honored, exalted,  
 extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded  
 be the name of the Holy Blessed One,  
 beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing,  
 praise and comfort.

To which we say: Amen.