Digital Book of Remembrance

Congregation Agudat Achim
2117 Union Street, Schenectady, New York 12309

5781 / 2020-2021
Members who passed away in 5780
May their memory be a blessing

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David Eisner
Norman Lipstein
Marilyn Soffer
Dr. Alvin Schwartz
Phyllis Friedson
Jerome Cohen

Murray Weissman
Joyce Rhubin
Stuart Cohen
Stephen Wasser
Sally Goldstein
These are the names inscribed upon the Memorial Tablets of Congregation Agudat Achim and in our hearts.
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- Leonard Drooz
- Ann Drooz Pearson
- Dorothy Bell
- Albert Bell
The Carpenter Family lovingly remembers

◦ Philip Hershenhorn  ◦ Charlotte Carpenter
◦ Annette Hershenhorn  ◦ Martin Hershenhorn
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- Herman Elson
- Libby Elson
Kathy & Carl Englebardt lovingly remember

◦ Our parents, Mickie & Martin Becker
◦ Our parents, Augusta & Sam Englebardt
◦ Saul Barry Schwartz
Rosalie Fadem lovingly remembers

- Richard J Fadem
- Rita Dunayew
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- Phyllis Friedson
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- Seymour Gavens
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- Ida Yanklowitz
- Boris Benjamin Yanklowitz
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- Barnet Jacob Sussman
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- Lewis Miller
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- Hana Leib Moise
- Frederick Stern
- Carrie Hirsch Stern
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- Solomon Siegel
- George Lipshultz
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Yizkor Memorial Service

Congregation Agudat Achim
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On this solemn day we each make judgments about the quality of our life. We re-examine our deeds and relationships with our community and with others. We express our yearnings for a new year, a new beginning, a year during which we commit ourselves to work toward bringing health and peace to all. We long for a year when individually and communally we shall strive to live in a way that is more reflective of the deals that we cherish. Now, in the midst of looking at our life and assessing its quality, we pause to reflect and to remember, and to dedicate ourselves anew.

The deaths of those we now remember left holes in our lives. But we are grateful for the gift of their lives and we are strengthened by the blessings that they left us and the precious memories that comfort and sustain us as we recall them this day.
We Recall

Some of us recall parents who watched over us, nursed us, guided us, and sacrificed for us.

Some of us lovingly call to mind a wife, husband, or partner with whom we were truly united—in our hopes and our pains, in our failures and our achievements, in our joys and our sorrows.

Some of us remember brothers and sisters, who grew up together with us, sharing in the play of childhood, in the youthful adventure of discovering life’s possibilities, bound to us by a heritage of family tradition and by years of togetherness and love.

Some of us call to mind children, entrusted to us too briefly, to whom we gave our loving care and from whom we received a trust that enriched our lives.

So many of us recall beloved relatives and friends whose affection and devotion enhanced our lives, and whose visible presence will never return to cheer, encourage, or support us.

Though they are gone, we are grateful for the blessings they brought to our lives. We are sustained and comforted by the thought that their presence in our lives remains an enduring blessing that we can bequeath to others.

We can show our devotion to them by our devotion to those ideas that they cherished.

O God of love, make us worthy of the love we have received by teaching us to love You with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our might, and to spread the light of Your divine love on all whose lives touch ours.

Give us strength to live faithfully, for we are cheered by our confidence that You will not permit our lives to be wasted, but will bring all our worthy strivings to live on, even as we may not see their fulfillment.

—Mordecai M. Kaplan, Eugene Kohn, and Ira Eisenstein
(adapted from Mahzor Hadash)
We each continue in private meditation, selecting from among the following and adding appropriate names as indicated. Personal prayers may be added.

We rise.

In memory of female relatives or friends:

[Blank lines for names]

May God remember the soul of my mother [name]
my wife [name]
my partner [name]
my sister [name]
my daughter [name]
my relative [name]
my friend [name]
(others) [name]

who has [have] gone to her [their] eternal home. In loving testimony to her life [their lives], I pledge tz'dakah to help perpetuate ideals important to her [them]. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, may her [their] soul[s] be bound up in the bond of life. May I prove myself worthy of the many gifts with which she [they] blessed me. May these moments of meditation strengthen the ties that link me to her [their] memory. May she [they] rest in peace forever in God's presence. Amen.

In memory of male relatives or friends:

[Blank lines for names]

May God remember the soul of my father [name]
my husband [name]
my partner [name]
my brother [name]
my son [name]
my relative [name]
my friend [name]
(others) [name]

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A Yizkor Mediation in Memory of a Parent who was Hurtful

Dear God,

You know my heart. Indeed, You know me better than I know myself, so I turn to You before I rise for Kaddish.

My emotions swirl as I say this prayer. The parent I remember was not kind to me. Their death left me with a legacy of unhealed wounds, of anger and of dismay that a parent could hurt a child as I was hurt.

I do not want to pretend to love, or to grief that I do not feel, but I do want to do what is right as a Jew and as a child.

Help me, O God, to subdue my bitter emotions that do me no good, and to find what place in myself where happier memories may lie hidden and where grief for all that could have been, all that should have been, may be calmed by forgiveness, or at least soothe by the passage of time.

I pray that You, who raised up slaves to freedom, will liberate me from the oppression of my hurt and anger, and that You will lead me from this desert to Your holy place.

-Robert Saks

A Prayer for Those Blessed with Living Parents

The following prayer may be recited by worshippers who are blessed by having their parents still living while others are reciting Yizkor.

Almighty God, while those who have lost their parents and their dear ones call to mind those who have gone to their eternal rest, I at this solemn moment raise my eyes to You, the Giver of Life, and from a heart, thank You for Your mercy in having preserved the life of my beloved parents.

May it be Your will, O Lord my God and God of my ancestors, to bless them with health and strength, so that they may be with me for many years to come. Bless them even as they have blessed me, and guard them even as they have guarded me.

In return for all their love, affection, and sacrifices which they have made for me, may I bring them joy and lighten their cares. May it be my privilege to help them in every way that lies within my power; may I learn to understand and recognize the duty I owe to them, that I may never have cause to reproach myself when it is too late.

Shield my home from all sorrow. May peace and harmony and Your divine spirit ever reign within its walls. Keep me true to You and to all with whom I come in contact so that I may do Your will with a perfect heart.

Amen.
IN MEMORY OF CONGREGANTS:
May God remember the souls of our friends, members of this holy congregation, who have gone to their eternal home. May their souls be bound up in the bond of life. May these moments of meditation strengthen the ties that link us to their memory. May they rest in peace forever in God’s presence. Amen.

Exalted, compassionate God, comfort the bereaved families of this congregation. Help us to perpetuate everything that was worthy in the lives of those no longer with us, whom we remember this day. May their memory endure as a blessing. And let us say: Amen.

IN MEMORY OF THE SIX MILLION:
Exalted, compassionate God, grant perfect peace in Your sheltering presence, among the holy and the pure, whose radiance is like the heavens, to the souls of all the men, women, and children of the House of Israel who were slaughtered, strangled, and burned in the Shoah. May they rest in paradise. Master of mercy, may they find eternal shelter beneath Your sheltering wings, and may their souls be bound up in the bond of life. ADONAI is their portion. May they rest in peace. And let us say: Amen.
In memory of martyrs:
May God remember the souls of the martyrs of our people, who gave their lives for the sanctification of God’s name. In their memory do I pledge tz’dakah. May their bravery, their dedication, and their purity be reflected in our lives. May their souls be bound up in the bond of life. May they rest in peace. Forever in God’s presence. Amen.

In memory of those who served in the US Armed Services:
Eternal and Compassionate God whose mercies fill the earth, at this sacred time of remembrance our thoughts turn to all the brave members of the Armed Forces of the United Forces who have given their lives in the defense of freedom for all people. Keep these pure souls, who shine brightly throughout Your creation, sheltered firmly beneath Your wings. May the memory of their lives serve as an inspiration to us and as a comfort to all their loved ones. May they rest in peace among all the righteous of our people. And let us say, Amen.

In memory of fallen Israeli soldiers and martyrs:
May God remember the children who endangered their lives in the days of struggle prior to the establishment of the State of Israel and may Adonai remember the soldiers of the TzaHaL (the Israeli Defense Force) who fell in the defense of Israel. May the memory of these heroes of Israel’s freedom and independence, their lost youth; their bravery and valor; their devotion and self-sacrifice, be sealed forever in the heart of all Israel.
IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO DIED IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

Exalted, compassionate God, who dwells in the heavens, grant true rest in Your sheltering presence to the souls of those who have died alone these past months, without family or friends to hold their hands or sit at their bedsides, because of the dangers of the coronavirus. Master of Mercy, please grant these souls the comfort and warmth they were denied in their last days. May their memory be a blessing and may they be held eternally beneath Your sheltering wings. Remember, too, the souls of those who contracted the virus while caring for others—the health care professionals, those who work with the elderly, essential workers of all kinds, chaplains, and faith leaders. In their memory we pray. May our lives reflect a measure of their bravery and dedication. May all of these souls be bound up in the bond of life and may they be remembered with honor.

--by Rabbi Jessica Fisher
When I stray from You, Adonai,
my life is as death;
but when I cleave to You,
even in death I have life.
You embrace the souls
of the living and the dead.
The earth inherits that which perishes.
The dust returns to dust;
but the soul, which is God’s, is eternal.
Adonai is compassionate to all creation,
granting us a share in unending life.
God redeems our life from the grave,
joining us forever in the unending chain of life.
May we preserve the memory of those we love
and are now gone,
through charity in deed and thought.
May we live unselfishly, in truth and love and peace,
so that we will be remembered as a blessing,
as we lovingly remember, this day,
those who live on in our hearts.
—Jules Harlow
Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

Adonai is my shepherd, I shall not want. God gives me repose in green meadows, and guides me over calm waters. God will revive my spirit and direct me on the right path— for that is God’s way. Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no harm, for You are at my side. Your staff and Your rod comfort me. You prepare a banquet for me in the presence of my foes: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and kindness shall be my portion all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of Adonai in the fullness of time.

Alternative Translation

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
May God’s great name be exalted and hallowed throughout the created world, as is God’s wish. May God’s sovereignty soon be established, in your lifetime and in your days, and in the days of all the House of Israel. And respond with: Amen.

May God’s great name be acknowledged forever and ever!

May the name of the Holy One be acknowledged and celebrated, lauded and worshipped, exalted and honored, extolled and acclaimed—though God, who is blessed, b’rikh hu, is truly far beyond all acknowledgment and praise, or any expressions of gratitude or consolation ever spoken in the world. And respond with: Amen.
Y’hei sh’lama rabba min sh’mayya v’hayyim aleinu v’al kol yisra-él, v’imru amen.

Oseh shalom bi-m’romav hu ya’aseh shalom aleinu v’al kol yisra-él, v’imru amen.

May abundant peace from heaven, and life, come to us and to all Israel. And respond with: Amen.

May the One who brings harmony on high, bring harmony to us and to all Israel [and to all who dwell on earth]. And respond with: Amen.
On my desk there is a stone with the word “Amen” on it, a triangular fragment of stone from a Jewish graveyard destroyed many years ago. The other fragments, hundreds upon hundreds, were scattered helter-skelter, and a great yearning, a longing without end, fills them all: first name in search of family name, date of death seeks dead man’s birthplace, son’s name wishes to locate name of father, date of birth seeks reunion with soul that wishes to rest in peace. And until they have found one another, they will not find a perfect rest. Only this stone lies calmly on my desk and says “Amen.” But now the fragments are gathered up in lovingkindness by a sad good man. He cleanses them of every blemish, photographs them one by one, arranges them on the floor in the great hall, makes each gravestone whole again, one again: fragment to fragment, like the resurrection of the dead, a mosaic, a jigsaw puzzle. Child’s play.
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