

Yizkor Services

On the Individual Level

The age-old custom of remembering the souls of the departed and contributing to charity in their memory is embedded in the fundamental Jewish belief in the everlastingness of the soul. The Yizkor service is said on Yom Kippur. The custom is also to recite it on the three Jewish holidays, Passover, Shavout, and Succot.

In the Prayers of "Yizkor," "May He Remember," we ask Hashem to "remember" the souls of our loved ones who have passed away. These include primarily family members: husbands and wives, parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and children, G-d Forbid.

But of course, as far as remembering is concerned, we know that Hashem never forgets, as we say on Rosh HaShanah, in the Prayer of "Zichronot," Remembrances, "Atah Zocher Maaseh Olam," You remember everything that has ever happened." So Yizkor is really an opportunity for us to bring to mind intensely, to re-create, if only for a few brief moments, connections that once existed between ourselves and loved ones, who have passed away.

It is also an opportunity to secure additional merit for those beloved ones by performing the act of "Tzedakah," Charity. This would be in accordance with the verse, "U'Tzedakah Tatzil MiMavet," "Charity Protects from Death," in the sense that the act of kindness involved in one's assisting the poor accrues not only to one's own merit, but also to the Eternal merit of one's parents and loved ones, whose standing in "Olam HaBa," the World of the Spirit, is enhanced by the acts of goodness done by those who remember them.

On the National Level

We also say Yizkor for two general groups, whose members frequently include one's family members, as well, but which extend outward to the general Jewish Family. In this grouping are included Martyrs of the Holocaust perpetrated by the Nazis, may Hashem erase their name, against our People, together with Anti-Nazi Resistance Fighters who lost their lives in their desperate struggle. The other general group of heroes include members of para-military organizations such as Irgun and Lechi, who preceded the State of Israel, and members of the American & Israel Defense Forces , who died in battles in behalf of our People and our country.

Yizkor is also recited on the three major Festivals, Pesach (Passover), Shavuot (The Feast of Weeks) and Sukkot, holidays on which the Jewish People are obligated to appear not empty-handed, at the Temple in Jerusalem. We fulfill the "non-empty-handed" part of the obligation by generous pledges to "Tzedakah."

Yizkor Book of Remembrance

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The customary Memorial Service will be conducted during the morning service on the eighth day of Pesach.

We are now preparing Books of Remembrance in memory of our dearly departed. These books will be used for both Passover and Shavout Yizkor Services. The Passover Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007. The Shavout Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

Booklets listing our departed loved ones will be issued at the time of Yizkor Services. If you wish to have names included please complete the form below and return it to the office no later than March 16, 2007.

Please include the following names in the "Book of Remembrance"

I am enclosing a charitable donation of: \$_____.

The names are the same as last year _____.

Please print neatly: _____



Your Name _____

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