

**SERVICE FOR CONSECRATING (UNVEILING)
A MONUMENT TO A LOVED ONE**

Psalm 121

שִׁיר לְמַעְלוֹת:

אָשָׂא עֵינַי אֶל־הַהָרִים מֵאֵין יבֹא עֲזָרִי:
עֲזָרִי מֵעַם ה' עֲשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ:
אֶל־יִתֵּן לְמוֹט רַגְלֶךָ אֶל־יָנוּם שֹׁמְרֶךָ:
הִנֵּה לֹא יָנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל:
ה' שֹׁמְרֶךָ ה' צִלְךָ עַל־יַד יְמִינֶךָ:
יִזְמַם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא־יִכַּכֶּה וְיַרְחַ בְּלַיְלָה:
ה' יִשְׁמְרֶךָ מִכָּל־רָע יִשְׁמַר אֶת־נַפְשֶׁךָ:
ה' יִשְׁמַר־צִאתְךָ וּבֹאֶךָ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם:

Psalm 121

A Song for Pilgrims to Jerusalem

I lift up my eyes to the mountains.

Whence comes my help?

My help is from the Lord,

Creator of heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot slip;

Your Guardian never slumbers.

Behold, the Guardian of Israel

Slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord guards you.

The Eternal One is at your right hand to shelter you.

The sun will not harm you by day,

Nor the moon by night.

The Lord will guard you from all evil.

The Eternal One will preserve your soul.

The Lord will guard your going out

And your coming in, from this time forth and forever.

Prayer at the Unveiling of a Monument

Almighty God:

With feelings of reverence and love I (we) recall the memory of my (our) dear _____ as we consecrate this monument to *his/her* cherished memory. Time and faith bring healing but memory builds its home everlastingly in our hearts. It is through memory, divine gift to mortal man, that I (we) have retained for inspiration in life memory of my (our) dear _____.

(Family members may unveil the monument at this point.)

Keep strong in me (us) the faith that my (our) beloved _____ is in thy care, O God, in the world of eternal light, peace and reunion with loved ones who have gone before.

I (we) pray thee, O God, that this faith may continue to sustain me (us) on the way of life and that under the touch of loving memory, my (our) life may reflect honor on my (our) dear _____ whom I (we) lovingly recall today.

May I (we), who remain on earth, add to the "merits of the ancestors" which have sustained Israel throughout the generations. Amen.

At this point in the service, one or more family members may offer reminiscences about the one being memorialized.

Memorial Prayers

For a Man

א-ל מלא רחמים שוכן במרומים. המצא מנוחה
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וטהורים כזהר הרקיע מזהירים את נשמת
שְׁהַלֵּךְ _____ בן _____
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הָרַחֲמִים הַסְתִּירָהוּ בְּסֶתֶר כְּנָפֶיךָ לְעוֹלָמִים. וצָרוֹר
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חֶלְקוֹ שְׁלוֹם וְשְׁלוֹהָ עִם כָּל הַצַּדִּיקִים וְהַיֹּשְׁרִים
וְהַתְּמִימִים שֶׁהִלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם. וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן:

For a Woman

א-ל מלא רחמים שוכן במרומים. המצא מנוחה
נכונה תחת כנפי השכינה. במעלות קדושים
וטהורים כזהר הרקיע מזהירים את נשמת
שְׁהַלְכָה _____ בַּת _____
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O God, full of compassion, whose presence fills the high heavens, hold in loving remembrance the soul of _____ whom we have recalled today who has gone to *his/her* eternity, alongside all the holy and pure, whose radiance is as the brightness of the firmament. Master of Mercy, we beseech thee, nestle *him/her* in the hovering shelter of thy wings, and bind *him/her* in the bond of eternal life. Thou art now *his/her* destiny. Grant *him/her* peace, together with all the righteous, the upright, and the innocent who have achieved their eternity. Amen.

Mourners' Kaddish

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ. וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Congregation

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמִי וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ
דְקַדְשָׁא. בְּרִידָה הוּא

*From the conclusion of Rosh Hashanah until
Yom Kippur*

לְעֻלְמָא לְעֻלְמָא מְכָל-

*Erev Rosh Hashanah and
after Yom Kippur*

לְעֻלְמָא מְכָל

בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחַתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא דְאִמְרִין בְּעֻלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

TRANSLITERATED MOURNERS' KADDISH

Mourners

Yit-gadal vi-yit-kadash shi-may raba. Bi-ali-ma di-v'ra chir-utay vi-yam-li-ch
malchutay bi-hayaychon uv'yomaychon uv'hayay di-chol beit Yisrael, ba-agala
u-vizman kariv; vi-imru, amayn.

Congregation

Yi-hay shi-may raba mi-varach li-alam ul'ali-may ali-maya.

Mourners

Yit-barach vi-yish-tabah vi-yit-pa-ar vi-yit-romam vi-yit-na-say, vi-yit-hadar
vi-yit-aleh vi-yit-halal shi-may di-kud'sha, bi-rich hu.

During the Year:

Li-ayla min kol

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

Li-ayla, Li-ayla mi-kol

birchata vi-shi-rata, tush-bihata vi-nehemata, da-amiran bi-alma; vi-imru, amayn.

Yi-hay shi-lama raba min shi-ma-ya vi-hayim, alaynu vi-al kol Yisrael; vi-imru, amayn.

Oseh shalom bim'romav, hu ya-aseh shalom alaynu vi-al kol Yisrael; vi-imru, amayn.

*May he who makes peace on high send peace unto us and all Israel, and unto all
remembering and sorrowing hearts; and say, Amen.*

Conclude with Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
God causes me to lie down in green pastures,
And leads me beside still waters;
Restores my soul,
And guides me in right paths for God's own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou, O Lord, are with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
The Lord God prepares a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies,
And anoints my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.