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Welcoming the New Year in Community

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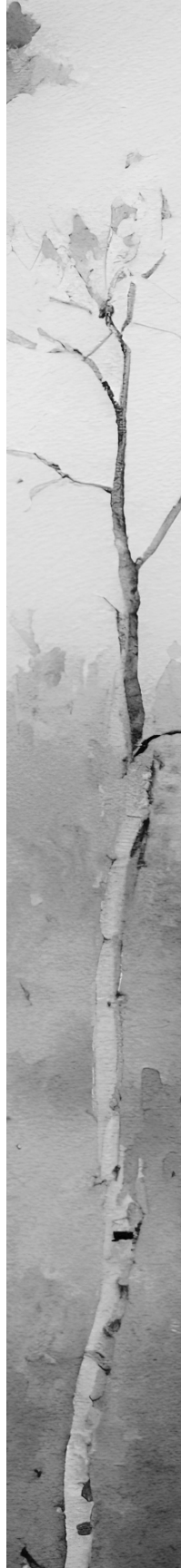
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Your Presence is a Blessing

Welcome! We are so grateful to gather with you as we celebrate the Jewish High Holidays. Whether you're joining us online or in the tent, we hope this time together uplifts your spirit, offers you connection, and brings you joy.

At Judaism Your Way, we're an open tent, embracing everyone who seeks a connection to Jewish life. Whether this is your first or your 100th time in Jewish space, we welcome you exactly as you are, with only love and appreciation, and without judgment. We invite you to embrace the new year and the present moment, by dropping your shoulders, opening your heart, and taking a deep breath to simply be.

Rosh Hashanah celebrates the turning of the new year, with the themes of creation and re-creation. May these services help us to commit more deeply to re-creation and healing that is so needed in our world – personally, nationally, globally. Yom Kippur invites us to practice the healing power of teshuvah – returning to integrity. On Yom Kippur, we reflect on our own agency and the impact of our actions. We take time to recommit to what is most authentic, meaningful and sacred to us in our lives, relationships, and communities.

Many of us struggle with the dominant metaphor of the Sacred in our culture: God as a big powerful man. If that has been a struggle for you, please know that you're not alone. Fortunately, Judaism offers a diverse and colorful palette of alternative metaphors for the Sacred: Being and Becoming, Life Unfolding, Place, Presence, Voice, Fire, Cloud, Water, Rock, Oneness, Wholeness, Love, and That Which has No Name. You'll encounter these metaphors throughout our services, and we hope you find a metaphor that spiritually moves you.

If you are new to our community, welcome! We're so glad you're here and please don't worry—our service leaders will be your guides. Please take care of your needs, whatever they may be, during services. You're welcome to get up, stretch, move, sing, dance, cry, and wander the gardens if you want.

May our services help you connect deeply during these High Holidays and throughout the year ahead.

L'shanah tovah! Blessings for a sweet new year.



Rabbi Caryn
Aviv



Rabbi Amanda
Schwartz



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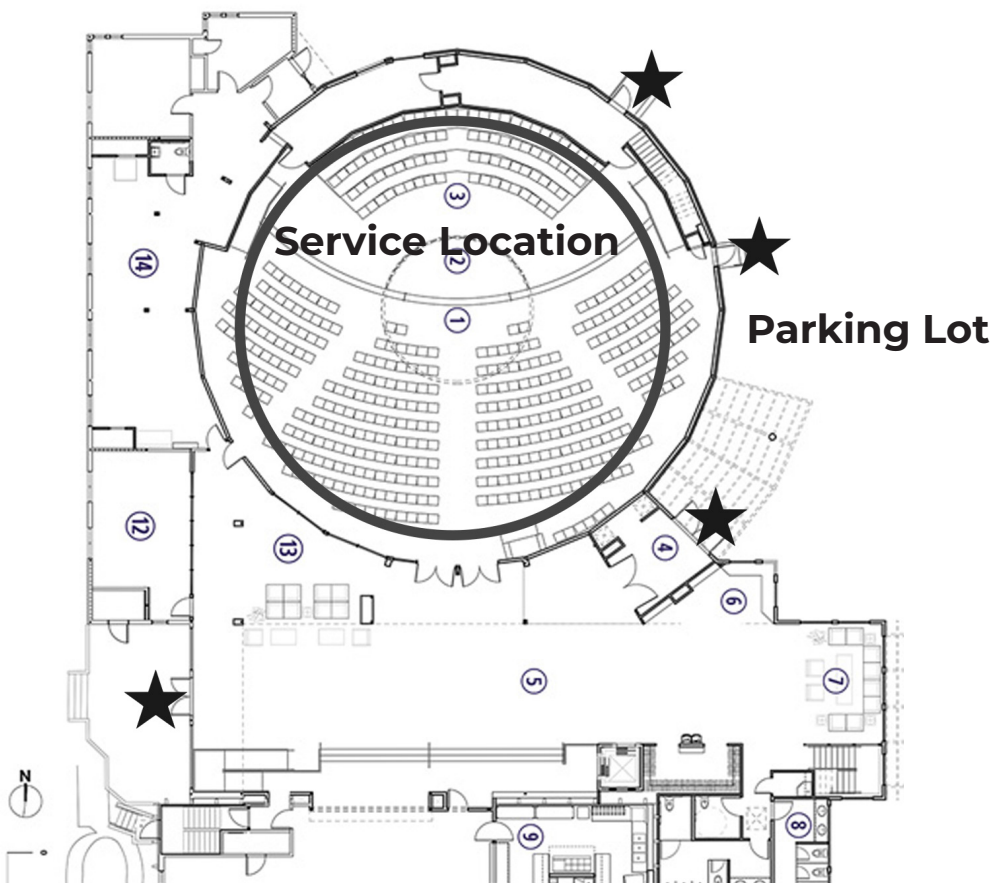
Making Your High Holiday Experience Meaningful and Safe

We're thrilled to welcome you to our inclusive community as we gather for the High Holidays. To ensure everyone feels empowered and prepared, we've provided the following safety information:

- **Situational Awareness:** Please review the map below to familiarize yourself with the locations of all exits at the First Universalist Church.
- **Medical Emergencies:** If you require assistance, the EMS team, easily identifiable in red shirts, will be stationed in the hallway.
- **Report Concerns:** If you notice any suspicious, erratic, or threatening behavior, please report it immediately to JYW staff, police officers, or volunteers in blue vests.

We're committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for all.

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As a maximally inclusive community, we welcome you however you are to celebrate the High Holidays with us. Attendees who are physically or verbally disruptive to the service will be asked to leave the immediately.

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Be strong, be strong, and may we strengthen one another

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will correct it in future publications.

Yizkor

Broken Hearted

Rabbi Shir Meira Feit

Healer of the broken-hearted
Binder of their wounds
Counter of uncountable stars
You know where they are

Healer of the broken-hearted
Binder of our wounds
Counter of uncountable stars
You know who we are

Halelu YAH Halelu YAH (x2)

Life After Death

Laura Gilpin

These things I know: how the living go on living and how
the dead go on living with them

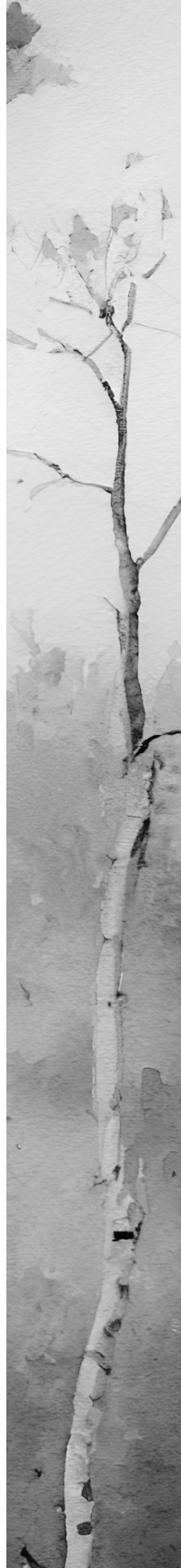
So that in a forest, even a dead tree casts a shadow
and the leaves fall one by one

And the branches break in the wind, and the bark peels off
slowly and the trunk cracks and the rain seeps in through
the cracks

And the trunk falls to the ground, and the moss
covers it and in the spring the rabbits find it

And build their nest inside the dead tree

So that nothing is wasted in nature or in love.





El Malei Rachamim / Prayer of Comfort for Our Deceased Loved Ones

Melody by Rabbi Shir Meira Feit

God, full of mercy, Who dwells in the highest places, grant perfect repose beneath the wings of Your presence, amongst the holy and pure ones who shine as brightly as the sky, to _____, who has gone to his/her/their eternal home. Please, Masterful One of mercy, keep him/her/them with You forever, and let his/her/their soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים, שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים, הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה
תַּחַת כַּנְּפֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה

El malei rahamim, shochein ba-m'romim, (x2)
ham'tzei menuha nechona taḥat kan'fei ha-sh'china. (x2)

Private Yizkor Reflections

In Remembrance of a Man

יִזְכּוֹר אֱלֹהִים אֶת-נִשְׁמַת _____ שֶׁהָלַךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. אָנָּה
תְּהִי נִפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶי מְנוּחָתוֹ כְּבוֹד.
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Yizkor Elohim et nishmat_____ she'halach l'olamo.

Let _____, who has entered eternity, be remembered in blessing. In loving testimony to his life, I dedicate myself to deeds of justice and lovingkindness. Through such deeds his life will continue. Love is stronger than death, and our bonds are eternal. May these moments of reflections link me more strongly with his memory. May he rest eternally in dignity and peace. *Amen.*

In Remembrance of a Woman

יִזְכּוֹר אֱלֹהִים אֶת-נִשְׁמַת _____ שֶׁהָלְכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ. אָנָּה
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In Remembrance of Someone Non-Binary

יִזְכּוֹר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמַת _____ שְׁהֶלְכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ. אָנָּה
תְּהֵא נִפְשָׁה צְרוּרָה בְּצִוּוֹר הַחַיִּים, עִם נִשְׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם
יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שְׂרָה רַבְּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׂאֵר
צְדִיקִים וְצְדִקְנִיּוֹת שְׁבַגְן עֵדֶן. תּוֹדִיעֵנִי אֶרְח חַיִּים, שְׁבַע
שְׂמֵחוֹת אֶת־פְּנֵיךְ, נְעֻמוֹת בִּימִינְךָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

Yizkor Elohim nish'mat _____ she-hal'che le-olameh.

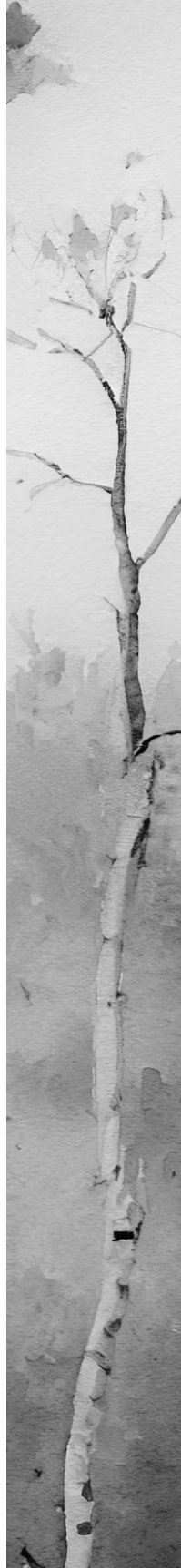
Let _____, who has entered eternity, be remembered in blessing. In loving testimony to their life, I dedicate myself to deeds of justice and lovingkindness. Through such deeds their life will continue. Love is stronger than death, and our bonds are eternal. May these moments of reflections link me more strongly with their memory. May they rest eternally in dignity and peace. *Amen.*

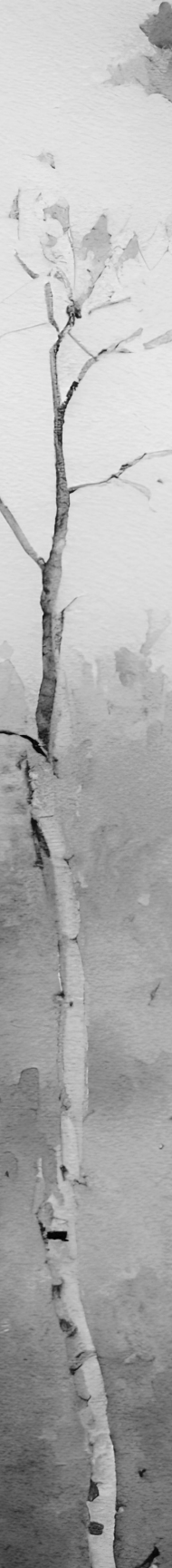
Yizkor After a Suicide

Alden Solovy

Oh grief,
How deep was the pain,
That my beloved
Could take his/her/their own life?

Source of Peace,
Grant a perfect rest under your tabernacle of peace
To _____ (name),
Whose life was cut off by sorrow,
By hopelessness, depression and despair.
Even in this darkness,
Even in this grief and void that seems beyond repair,
Help us to remember his/her/their wisdom, talents and
skills,





Our times together,
Our joy, laughter and tears.
In this hour of desolation,
Bring our family comfort and consolation
As we pray for him/her/them to find a new peace
In the world to come,
A peace he/she/they did not enjoy in this world.
May his/her/their soul be bound up in the bond of life,
A living blessing in our midst.

Yizkor for a Beloved Pet

Alden Solovy

In sorrow and love
I/We remember ____ (pet's name)
Who provided ____ (years of) companionship
And endless joy.

You were more than a pet to me/us,
Becoming a member of my/our family,
Providing consolation in times of loss,
Giving me/us laughter and delight
And a sense of well-being,
Rich with memories,
Rich in love.

Let my/our memories of the time/years together
With ____ (pet's name)
Be an endless source of wonder
In tribute to his/her memory.

Yizkor for Someone I Wish I Knew Better

Rabbi Amanda Schwartz

I stand today grasping at shadows, remembering ____,
someone who I wish I knew better. During their life, I knew
only a fraction of their many identities.

Why is it that I couldn't know them more fully? Was it that
at times some of their identities pushed me away or made
me recoil? Was it that there was not enough time? Or, that
the time we had together, we did not make as worthwhile
as it could have been getting to know one another?

I feel the loss not only of them but of missed opportunities.

Baruch, Dayan HaEmet, Blessed is the infinite knower, only you can know all of our complexities fully. Bring comfort to me, that what I knew about my loved one is enough. Remind me that whatever memories I have, are sources of blessings, even if I need to seek out the blessings in those memories. And though _____ is no longer with me on earth, let my relationship with them continue to grow. May I continue to better understand them with time and as I continue to understand myself.

Shechina, surround the many identities of my loved one in your wings. Let them forever be sheltered in your compassionate all knowing presence and let their many identities be united into a whole, a sense of *shalom*.

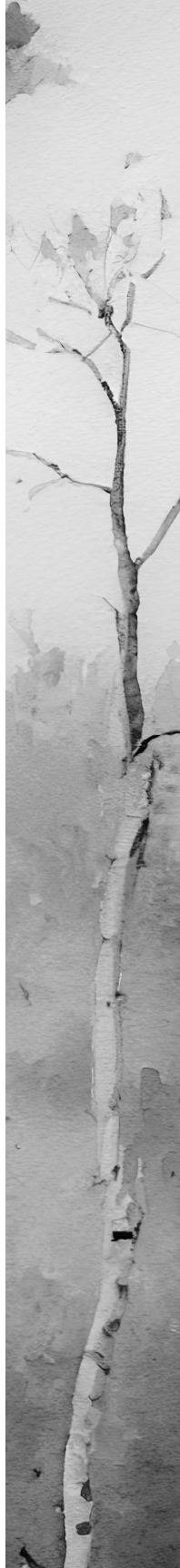
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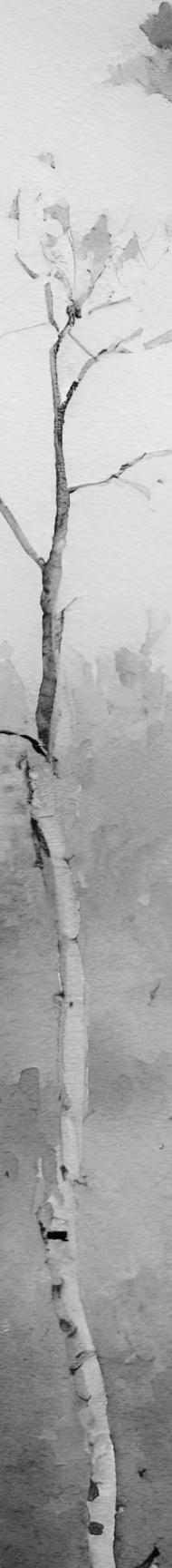
Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

God full of mercy,
Womb of the world,
In whom there is room enough
for all life to flourish
From whom there is blessing enough
For all life to be nourished –

We call out to You,
broken-hearted.
Shochen bameromim
You who dwell on High
Beyond the borders of loyalty and love
that make us human —
Hearing what we cannot
Holding what we cannot
Healing what we cannot —
Help us.

Hamtzeh menucha nechona
tachat kanfei hashechina
Grant perfect rest
Beneath the wings of Your Presence
To the precious innocent souls —
Israeli and Palestinian,





Jewish and Muslim,
Christian, Bedouin, and Druze —
Who have lost their lives
to the ravages of war
during this past year.

Shelter those who witnessed unspeakable brutality
And whose walls could not protect them.
Carry those who were caught or cornered,
unable to escape destruction, degradation, despair.
Lift up those who searched for sustenance or safety,
longing for the embrace of home.

B'ma'alot kedoshom utehorim
K'zohar harakiyah mazhirim
May those souls
who are with you now
be granted a glimpse of the world as You see it --
shimmering
everywhere
with the light of Your presence.

B'Gan Eden tehei menuchatam.
May they find rest and comfort
In Your holy Garden.

Ana ba'al ha Rachamim
Please,
O Master of Mercy,
Yastire'hem b'seter kenafecha l'olamim
Vitzror biztror hachaim et nishmotehem
Hide them beneath the cover of your wings, forever,
And let their souls be bound up with ours,
Summoning us all to righteousness
And hope renewed.

Adonai hu nachalatam
V'yanuchu v'shalom al mishkavam

May Your unending love be their inheritance.
May their eternal resting place be Your peace.
And let us say:
Amen.

Kaddish Poem

Rabbi Sheila Peltz-Weinberg

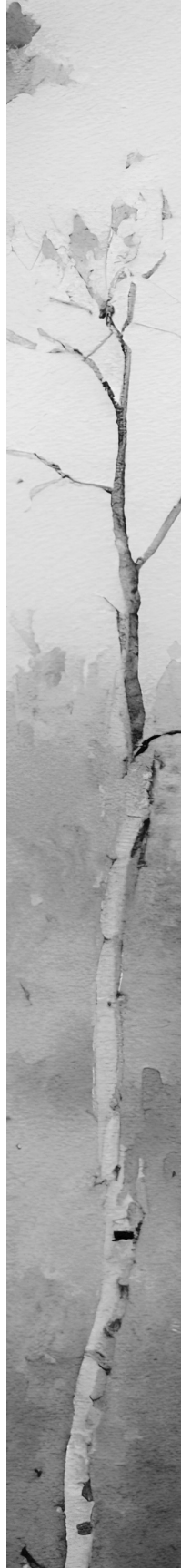
The *Kaddish* is about opening the window
Not looking through the glass but opening the window.
The window of the heart, the window into not knowing.
Opening the window on fear and love.
Opening the window on time and space.
Just that.
Opening the window
To the moment that is just this.
Opening the window to the name. The great name.
No name.
Amen.

Kaddish Yatom / Mourner's Kaddish

Translation by Rabbi Daniel Brenner

וַיִּתְגַּדַּל וַיִּתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעַלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ
וַיִּמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעַגְלָהּ וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב וְאָמְרוּ **אָמֵן:**
יְהֵא שְׁמָא רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעַלְמֵי עַלְמֵיהּ:
יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר
וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא **בְּרִיךְ הוּא:**
לְעֵלָא לְעֵלָא מְכַל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁרְתָּא תִּשְׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא
דְאָמִירָן בְּעַלְמָא וְאָמְרוּ **אָמֵן:**
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְאָמְרוּ **אָמֵן:**
עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל וְאָמְרוּ **אָמֵן:**

*Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'alma divra chirutei
v'yamilich malchutei b'chai'yiechon uv'yomeichon
uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael ba-agala uvizman kariv
v'imru: **Amen.***





Y'hei sh'meih rabah m'vorach l'alam ul-almei almaya.

*Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'it'pa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei
v'yithadar v'yit'haleh v'yithalal sh'mei d'kudsha **b'rich hu.***

*L'eila l'eila mikol birchata v'shirata tush-b'chata
v'nech'mata da-amiran b'alma v'imru: **Amen.***

*Y'hei shlama raba min sh'maya v'chayim aleinu v'al kol
Yisrael v'imru: **Amen.***

*Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol
Yisrael v'al kol yoshvei teiveil v'imru: **Amen.***

Make the God-name big. Big and holy. Do it in this world,
this creation, sprung from consciousness and bring some
order to this. Do it fast, soon, in our lives, in the days ahead.
Amen.

May the Name be blessed, forever and ever.

Yes, blessed! Blessed, whispered, sung out, shouted,
honored, this holy name. The name is beyond any song,
poem or comforting words we could ever speak.

Everybody say: **That's the truth!**

May a big peace descend from the heavens for all beings
and say: **May it be true.**

Make that peace in the heavens, Great One who creates
wholeness. Everybody say: **Amen. May it be true.**

Backwards and Forwards

Rabbi Harold Schulweis

Yizkor:

Looking backward, we recall our ancestry.
Looking forward, we confront our destiny.
Looking backward, we reflect on our origins.
Looking forward, we choose our path.

Remembering that we are a tree of life, not letting go,
holding on, and holding to, we walk into an unknown,
beckoning future, with our past beside us.

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

I've heard there was a secret chord
That David played, and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do ya?
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
The baffled king composing *Hallelujah*

Hallelujah (x4)

Your faith was strong but you needed proof
You saw her bathing on the roof
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew ya
She tied you to a kitchen chair
She broke your throne, and she cut your hair
And from your lips she drew a *Hallelujah*

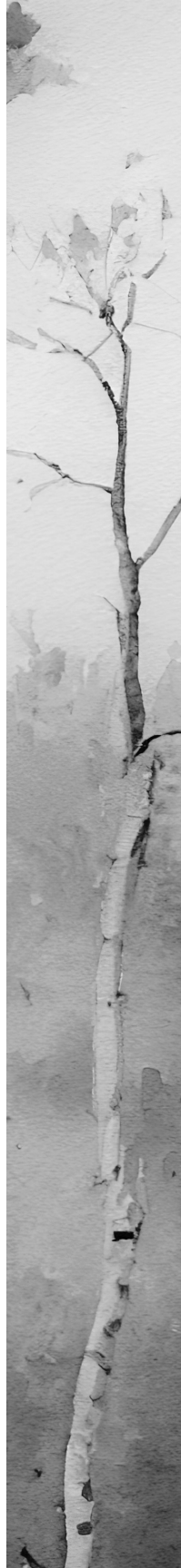
Hallelujah (x4)

You say I took the name in vain
I don't even know the name
But if I did, well really, what's it to ya?
There's a blaze of light in every word
It doesn't matter which you heard
The holy or the broken *Hallelujah*

Hallelujah (x4)

I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool ya
And even though it all went wrong
I'll stand before the Lord of Song
With nothing on my tongue but *Hallelujah*

Hallelujah (x8)



Neilah

El Norah Alilah / Source of Awe, Source of Strength

Moses Ibn Ezra, 12th century Spain

אֵל נֹרָא עֲלִילָה, אֵל נֹרָא עֲלִילָה,
הַמְצִיא לָנוּ מְחִילָה, בְּשַׁעַת הַנְּעִילָה.

El nora alila, (repeat)

El nora alila, (repeat)

Ha-m'tzi lanu m'chilah, (repeat)

bi-sh'at ha-ne'ilah. (repeat)

(x2)

Source of awe, Source of might, Source of awe, Source of might.

Grant us pardon in this hour, As the gates are closed this night.

מֵתֵי מִסְפָּר קְרוּאִים, לָךְ עַיִן נוֹשְׂאִים
וּמְסַלְדִים בְּחִילָה, בְּשַׁעַת הַנְּעִילָה

Metei mispar k'ru'im, (repeat)

lecha 'ayin nos'im, (repeat)

um'saldim bechila, (repeat)

bish'at hane'ila. (repeat)

We who are few lift our eyes to the sky

Trembling, filled with awe in our prayer, as the gates close tonight.

Ashrei / Hope and Joy

Psalm 84:5

Music by Rabbi Shefa Gold

אֲשֶׁרֵי יוֹשְׁבֵי בֵיתְךָ עוֹד יִהְלְלוּךָ:

Ash-ray (repeat)

yosh-vay (repeat)

vay-techah, od ye-ha-leluchah. (x2)

Happy are those who sit in the House of the Sacred. They will continue to sing praises to the Source.

One Voice

The Wailin' Jennys

This is the sound of one voice.
One spirit. One voice.
The sound of one who makes a choice.
This is the sound of one voice. (x2)

This is the sound of voices two.
The sound of me singing with you.
Helping each other to make it through.
This is the sound of voices two. (x2)

This is the sound of voices three.
Singing together in harmony.
Surrendering to the mystery.
This is the sound of voices three. (x2)

This is the sound of all of us.
Singing with love and the will to trust.
Leave the rest behind it will turn to dust.
This is the sound of all of us. (x2)

This is the sound of one voice.
One people. One voice.
A song for every one of us,
This is the sound of one voice. (x2)

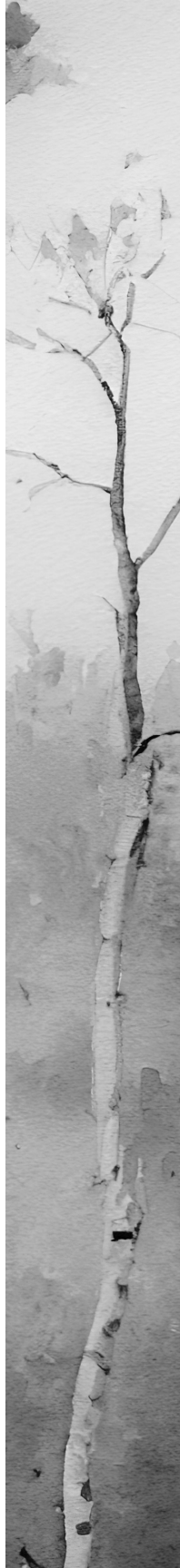
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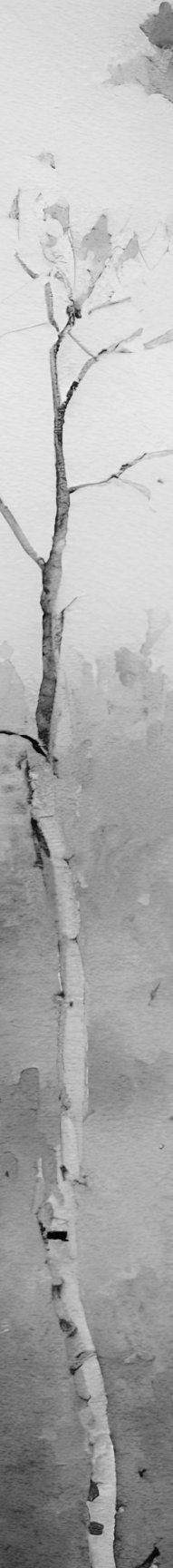
Trisha Arlin

I have concluded

that there is no book
no final decree
there is only choice
and we must actively
choose life

We must let ourselves be chosen
Nothing we do can determine that
What we do get to decide
is what kind of life do we choose?





The closing of the gates
is no final seal for the upcoming year

We all know that when one door closes
another door opens
So, no, this cannot be the end
This must be some kind of beginning

The real grappling is not what to do with the rest of our
lives

But rather what to do with the todays and tomorrows
The highs and lows, the blessed and the mundane, the
hands to hold along the way and the times we must walk
alone and afraid

It is not in reaching the highest peak
and knowing you have arrived

We are always arriving

There is no final destination

The journey is the goal

There is a constant rhythm
of opening and closing gates.

There is no other way to get
to the here-ness, the now-ness
and to what lies ahead

We fall, we rise, we grow, we stumble again, we lift
ourselves back up
we grieve, we celebrate, we create joy, we bless, we curse,
we join, we lead, we walk, we dance

We are going through gates
all the time.

Oseh Shalom

Melody and English Lyrics by Elana Jagoda

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמִיּוֹ, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ. עֲשֵׂה

שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמִיּוֹ, הִיא תַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ.

Oseh shalom bimromav, Oseh shalom bimromav

Hu ya'aseh, hu ya'aseh, hu ya'aseh shalom

He ta'aseh, he ta'aseh, he ta'aseh shalom

Hu ya'aseh, hu ya'aseh, hu ya'aseh shalom

Aleinu

May the One, may the One who makes peace, bring peace down, bring peace down (x4)

Ahavnu / We Have Loved

Rabbi Avi Weiss

אָהַבְנוּ בִּרְכָנוּ גְדַלְנוּ דְבַרְנוּ יָפִי

הֶעֱלִינוּ וְחָסְנוּ זִרְזָנוּ חִמְלָנוּ טִפַּחְנוּ אֶמֶת

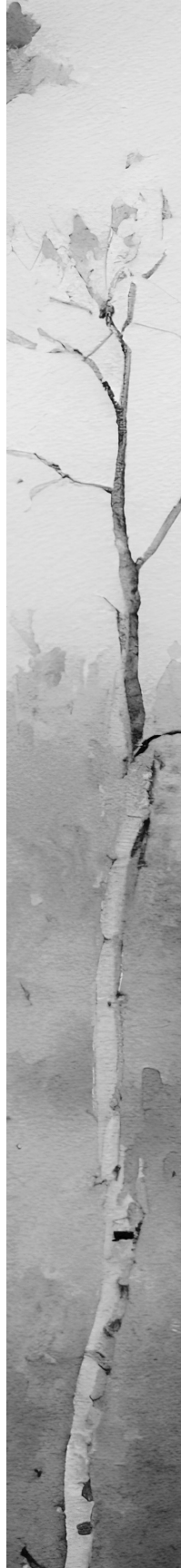
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סִלְלָנוּ עוֹרָרְנוּ פָעַלְנוּ צָדַקְנוּ קוִינּוּ לְשָׁלוֹם

רְחַמְנוּ שְׁקַדְנוּ תִמְכָנוּ תִרְמָנוּ תִקְנּוּ:

(Yai lai...)

Ahavnu:	We have loved.
Beirachnu:	We have blessed.
Gadalnu:	We have grown.
Dibarnu yofi:	We have spoken positively.
He-elinu:	We have lifted up.
V'chas-nu:	We have shown compassion.
Zeiraznu:	We have acted with enthusiasm.
Chamalnu:	We have shown empathy.
Tipalnu Emet:	We have cultivated truth.
Ya'atznu tov:	We have given good advice.
Kibadnu:	We have shown honor and respect.
Lamadnu:	We have learned.
Machalnu:	We have forgiven.
Nichamnu:	We have comforted.
Salalnu:	We have been creative.
Orarnu:	We have woken up.
Pa-alnu:	We have rolled up our sleeves.



Tzadaknu: We have pursued justice.
 Kivinu l'shalom: We have yearned for wholeness and peace.
 Richamnu: We have been merciful.
 Shakadnu: We've given it everything we've got.
 Tamachnu: We have offered support.
 Taramnu: We have contributed.
 Tikanu: We have repaired.

The Thirteen Attributes of Lovingkindness

Exodus 34:6-7

Translation by Rabbi Burt Jacobson

יהוה יהוה אל רחום וחנון
 ארך אפים ורב-חסד ואמת
 נצר חסד לאלפים
 נשא עון ופשע וחסאה ונקה:

*Adonai Adonai
 El rahum v'chanun
 Erech apayim
 v'rav chesed v'emet
 notzer chesed l'alafim.
 nosei avon va-fesha
 v'chata-ah v'nakei.*

*Havayah, Havayah
 Compassion and tenderness
 Patience, forbearance,
 kindness, awareness,
 bearing love from age to age.
 Lifting guilt and mistakes
 and making us free.*

Avinu Malkeinu / Our Source and Strength

Chorus adapted from Rabbi Burt Jacobson

אבינו מלכנו חננו ועננו כי אין בנו מעשים

עשה עמנו צדקה וחסד והושיענו:

Chorus :

Avinu Malkeinu, chaneinu va'aneinu (x2)

ki ein banu ma'asim

Asei imanu tzedakah va-chesed (x2)

v'hoshi-einu.

O Source and Strength of our lives, please hear us and lead us to grace.

Our Guide deep within us, O hear us and give us
compassion and mercy and peace.

O guide us into grace: justice and mercy for all
O guide us and teach us, grant justice and mercy
We shall be free once again.

(Chorus)

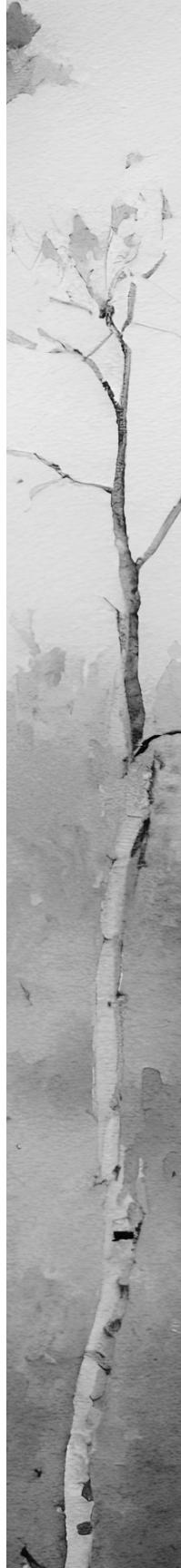
Our Source, may we make this year a fresh beginning.
Our Strength, may we grow from life's challenges.
Our Source, may we accept what we cannot change.
Our Strength, may we change what we can.
Our Source, may we soften into acceptance.
Our Strength, may we brighten into joy.
Our Source, may we gratefully receive what we are given.

Our Strength, may we learn how to embrace our enemies.

(Chorus)

Our Source, may we open our eyes.
Our Strength, may we challenge our minds.
Our Source, may we soften our hearts.
Our Strength, may we return to You, fully and completely.
Our Source, may we be sealed in the Book of Life.
Our Strength, may we make room for what is next.
Our Source, may all of our dreams be fulfilled.
Our Strength, may we never turn away.

(Chorus)



Affirmation of Oneness and Connection

Listen, God-wrestlers, the Unity beyond names is all One.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:

Shma yisra-el Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad.

Blessed is this Name whose Presence shines through all time and space.

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Baruch shem k'vod malchuto l'olam va-ed. (x3)

יְהוָה הָאֱלֹהִים:

Havayah ha-Elohim.

Being is God.

יְהוָה יְהוָה:

Havayah Adonai.

Being is Threshold

יְהוָה הַרְחֵמֵךְ:

Havayah HaRachaman.

Being is Compassion.

יְהוָה הַמְּקוֹם:

Havayah HaMakom.

Being is Presence.

יְהוָה רוּחַ הָעוֹלָם:

Havayah Ruach Ha-olam.

Being breathes the World.

יְהוָה מְקוֹר הַחַיִּים:

Havayah M'kor ha-Chayim.

Being is the Source of Life.

יְהוָה הַשְּׂכִינָה:

Havayah Ha-Shechinah.

Being is Within.

Havdalah / Separation of Sacred Time and Ordinary Time

Blessed are You, Compassion, our God, creator of the fruit of the vine.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן:

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam borei pri ha-gafen (borei pri ha-gafen).

We bless the source of life that creates sweet smelling spices.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיְנֵי
בְּשָׁמִים

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, borei minei v'samim.

Blessed are You, Forgiveness, our God, who creates the light of fire.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי
הָאֵשׁ:

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam borei m'orei ha-eish (borei m'orei ha-eish).

Blessed are You, Eternal, our God, distinguishing between sacred and everyday.

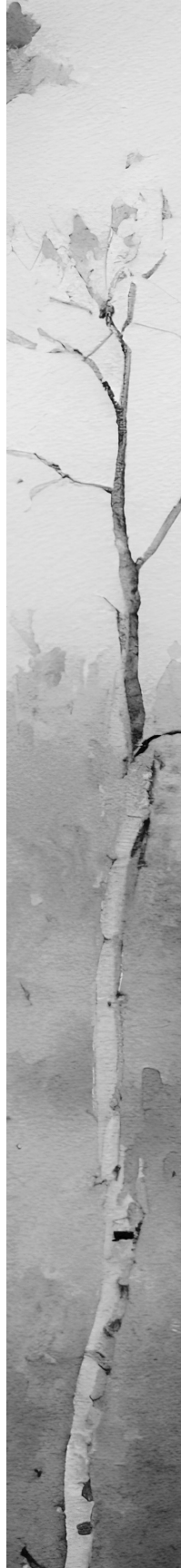
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קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל:

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam ha-mavdil bein kodesh l'chol (ha-mavdil bein kodesh l'chol).

Tekiyah Gedolah / Final Shofar Blast

תְּקִיעַת גְּדוֹלָה

Tekiyah Gedolah





One Day

Matisyahu

Sometimes I lay under the moon
And thank God I'm breathin'
Then I pray, "Don't take me soon
'Cause I am here for a reason"

Sometimes in my tears I drown
But I never let it get me down
So when negativity surrounds
I know someday, it'll all turn around because
All my life, I've been waitin' for
I've been prayin' for, for the people to say
That we don't wanna fight no more
There'll be no more wars, and our children will play

Chorus:

One day, one day
One day, Oh-oh-oh
One day, one day
One day

It's not about win or lose
'Cause we all lose when they feed on the souls of the
innocent
Blood-drenched pavement
Keep on movin' though the waters stay ragin'

In this maze, you can lose your way, your way
It might drive you crazy
But don't let it faze you, no way, no way

Sometimes in my tears I drown
But I never let it get me down
So when negativity surrounds
I know someday, it'll all turn around because

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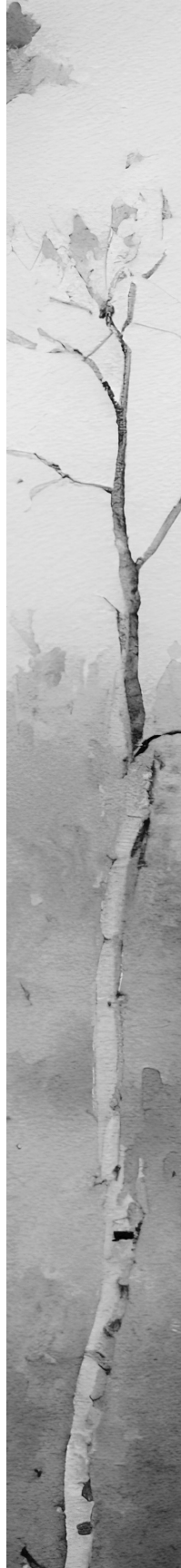
(Chorus)

One day, this all will change, treat people the same
Stop with the violence, down with the hate
One day, we'll all be free and proud to be
Under the same sun, singin' songs of freedom like

Wah-yo, wah-yo, oh, oh
Wah-yo wah-yo, oh, oh

All my life, I've been waitin' for
I've been prayin' for, for the people to say
That we don't wanna fight no more
There'll be no more wars, and our children will play

(Chorus)



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**May We Be Sealed in the Book of
Life**

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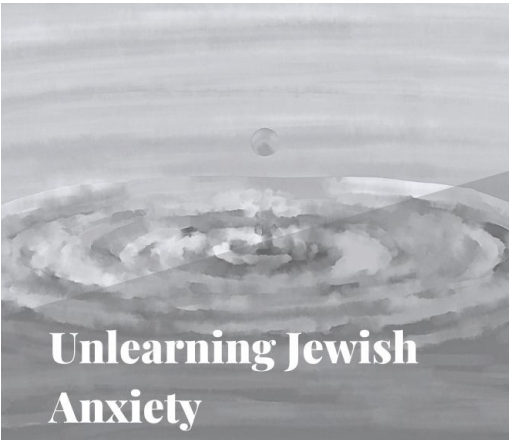
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Don and Sue's lifelong dedication as board members and donors has empowered Judaism Your Way to touch the lives of thousands annually. Their unwavering commitment to our organization's sustainability played a pivotal role in the successful completion of our endowment campaign.

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