



September 11th Tenth Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony for Religious Schools

On Tuesday, September 11th, 2001 the world changed. A major terrorist attack happened in New York City, Washington DC, and in the fields of Pennsylvania. Today, we will remember the innocent victims and pray for peace and tolerance.

Lighting Memorial Candles

This morning we remember the 2,973 victims of September 11th. We light this Yahrzeit (memorial) candle to represent their never extinguished souls.

On Shabbat we would light two candles,
One for remembering Shabbat
And one for observing Shabbat.
Tonight we light these two candles.
This one is for Building One,
And this one for Building Two.
This one is for the Pentagon,
And this one is for Pittsburgh
This one is for those on the American Airline Flights,
And this one for those on the United Airline Flights.
This one for the hundreds of firefighters,
And this one for the hundreds of police.
This one for all the men,
And this one for all the women.
This one for all the girls,
And this one for all the boys.
This one for the survivors,
This one for the dead.
This candle for Building One,
This candle for Building Two.
- Adapted from Rabbi Zoe Klein

Prayer for Peace and Tolerance

September 11th and the days after were frightening and solemn. Yet, it was also a time when people of all faiths and backgrounds came together with a renewed commitment for civility and tolerance.



Eternal our God, open our eyes
that we may see the needs of others;
open our ears that we may hear their cries;
open our hearts so that they need not
be without succor (help).

Let us not be afraid to defend the weak
because of the anger of the strong,
nor afraid to defend the poor
because of the anger of the rich.

Show us where love and hope and faith are needed,
and use us to bring them to those places.
And so open our eyes and our ears
that this day we may be able to do
some work of peace for You.

- Reading by Alan Paton, Adapted by Rabbi Lindsey bat Joseph

Personal Reflection

Let us take a moment for silent reflection. Think about how our world has changed since September 11th and how we as individuals and as a religious school can take steps to *tikkun olam* (repair the world).

Yih'yu L'ratzon

Y'hiyu l'ratzon imrei fi v'hegyon libi l'fanecha,
Adonai tzuri v'go-ali.

יְהִיּוּ לְרָצוֹן אִמְרֵי-פִי וְהִגִּיוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךָ.
יְי צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי:

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You,
Adonai, my Rock and my Redeemer (Psalm 19:15).

El Maleh Rachamim

Each Person has a name. We each have a name given by God and given by our father and mother. We each have a name given by our stature and smile and given by our attire. We each have a name given by the hills and given by the walls.

We each have a name given by the stars and given by our friends. We each have a name given by our sins and given by our yearnings. We each have a name given by our enemies and given by love.

We each have a name given by celebrations and given by our work. We each have a name given by the sea and given by our death.

We are about to listen to the chanting of El Maleh Rachamim. This is a memorial prayer said at funerals and anniversary of individual deaths. In this prayer we ask God to grant perfect rest to the souls of those who have died.

אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים הַמְצִיא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה
בְּמַעְלֹת קְדוּשִׁים וְטְהוֹרִים בְּיַהֲרַר הַרְקִיעַ מְזִהִירִים לְנִשְׁמֹת יִקְרִינוּ
וְקְדוּשֵׁינוּ שֶׁהֲלָכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם: אָנָּה בַּעַל הַרְחָמִים הַסְתִּירָם בְּצֶל כַּנְפֶיךָ
לְעוֹלָמִים וְצָרַר בְּצִרְוֹר-הַחַיִּים אֶת נִשְׁמָתָם: יְהוּה הוּא נִחְלָתָם וְיִנְחוּ
בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מִשְׁפָּבָם וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן:

El Malei Rachamim, Shochein bamromim.
Ham'tzei m'nuchah n'chonah tachat kanfei
haShechina, B'malaot k'doshim ut'horim
K'zohar harakia mazhirim, L'nishmat yakireinu
o'kedosheinu shehalchu l'olamim. Ana baal
HaRachamim, Hastirem b'tseil k'nafecha
l'olamim, Utzror bitzror hachayim Et
nishmatam. Adonai hu nachalatam Vyanuchu
b'shalom al mishkavam V'nomar amen.

Fully compassionate God on high: To the souls
of those among our people who bravely gave
their lives for the redemption of our Land, grant
clear and certain rest with You in the lofty
heights of the sacred and pure, whose brightness
shines like the very glow of heaven. Source of
mercy: Forever enfold them in the embrace of
Your wings; Secure their souls in eternity.
Adonai: they are Yours. They will rest in peace.
Amen

Mourner's Kaddish

We recall the loved ones whom death has recently taken from us...

We remember those whose names were mentioned,
those whose names remain in our thoughts,
and all those for whom there is no one left to say *Kaddish*.

Loving God, we praise Your name:

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba.
B'alma di v'ra chirutei, v'yamlich malchutei
b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chayei d'chol
beit yisrael, baagalah uviz'man kariv, V'im'ru:
Amen.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam u'lalmei
almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar v'yitromam
v'yitnasei v'yit'hadar v'yitaleh v'yit'halal
sh'meih d'Kud'sha, *B'rich Hu*, l'eila min kol
birchata
v'shirata tushb'chata v'nechemata daamiran
b'alma. V'imru: *Amen.*
Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya v'chayim
aleinu
v'al kol Yisrael v'imru: *Amen.*

Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu yaaseh shalom
Aleinu, v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru: *Amen.*

Exhaulted 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 earthy words and songs of blessing, praise and comfort. To which we say Amen. May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel. To which we say Amen. May the one who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel. To which we say Amen.

Concluding Readings & Songs

Two Hundred Thirty

Aftermath, A Prayer for Recovery

Help us to preserve the memory of the fallen,
Taken not in battle, but in innocence;
Comfort us, Holy One, as the images sear,
As we try to comprehend the unfathomable,

We have become rescuers sifting the rubble,
We are searching for meaning in the whirlwind;
No preparation can be made for this disaster,
We push aside debris, looking for answers.

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא:
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי-בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ. וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמֵי וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם
וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא. וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ
דְּקוּדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא. לְעֵלְא מִן-כָּל-בְּרַכְתָּא
וְשִׁירְתָּא. תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאִמְרֵיךְ
בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן:
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן-שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן:

עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוּמָיו. הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן:

Show us Your face in compassion,
You are our Beacon of consolation;
Focus Your healing light through acrid smoke,
Clearing a path through our tears.

Begin with us the task of recovery,
Renew our resolve to pursue righteousness;
Secure us again in safety and peace,
Our nation's soul forever changed.

- *Debbie Perlman*

Oseh Shalom

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu yaaseh shalom
aleinu v'al kol Yisrael v'imru: Amen.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמֵיךָ, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם
עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן:

May the One who makes peace in the high heavens make peace for us, for all Israel,
And all who inhabit the earth. Amen.

