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PREPARATORY PRAYERS

Deut 29:9, 14

לְּבֶּלִים נְצְּבִים You are present this day, all of you, before the Eternal, your God, whether you are physically standing together, or whether not physically standing here with us before the Eternal, our God, this day.

אַתֶּם נִצְּבִים הַיּוֹם כָּלְּכֶם לִפְנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: אֶת־אֲשֶׁר יֶשְׁנוֹ פּּה עִמְנוּ עֹמֵד הַיּוֹם לִפְנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אֵינֶנּוּ פֹּה עִמְנוּ הַיּוֹם: וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אֵינֶנּוּ פֹּה עִמְנוּ הַיּוֹם:

אַקּם נִצְּבִים Attem nitsavim ha-yom kulchem lifnei Adonai eloheichem, et asher yeshno poh immanu omeid ha-yom lifnei Adonai eloheinu v'eit asher einennu poh immanu ha-yom.

Do not say yachid (alone) but yachad (together).

Eliezer Steinman, Sefer Ha-Alef-Bet

Though many of as are still physically apart, we stand *b'yachad*, together: together in grief, to accompany **Judith** to her final rest, and to support those who mourn.

We recognise that each of us is not so much a person as a world, or rather the bearer, in her or his self, of a world – a unique irreplaceable, populated world, linked by a myriad threads to other such worlds.

Rabbi Sheila Shulman

They are the invisible lines of connection, the bonds of love, that unite us across time and space. May they bring peace, comfort and consolation.

Isaiah 57:18-19

וְלַאֲבְלִינו And to those who mourn: My words of comfort, 'Peace, peace, whether you be near or far,' says the Eternal.

וְלַאֲבֵלְיו: בּוֹרֵא נִיב שְּׂפָתִים שָׁלוֹם שָׁלוֹם לָרָחוֹק וְלַקְּרוֹב אָמֵר יְיָ:

וְלַאֲבֵלְיו V'la'aveilav: borei niv s'fatayim, shalom, shalom, la-rachok v'la-karov, amar Adonai.

In the presence of death let us not fear. We share it with all who have ever lived and with all who will ever be. For it is only the dust which returns to the dust as it was, but the spirit returns to God who gave it, and in God's hand is the care of every soul.

The world we inhabit is a corridor to the world beyond. We prepare ourselves in the corridor to enter God's presence, who is our employer who knows our sorrows and our labour. Faithful is God to us the reward of our good deeds.

God redeems us from destruction and leads us in the way of everlasting life. אַל נִפְחַד בְּנוֹכְחוּת מֶנֶת. חֶלְמֵנוּ הוּא חֵלֶק כְּל־אֵלֶה אֲשֶׁר הִיוּ וַאֲשֶׁר יִהְיוּ: הָעָפָר לְבַדּוֹ יָשׁוּב לֶעְפָר וְהְרְוּחַ שְׁבָה אֶל הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר נְתִנָה וּבִיָדוֹ מִשְׁמֵרת כָּל־נֵפֵשׁ:

הָעוֹלָם הַזֶּה פְּרוֹזְדּוֹר לְעוֹלָם הַבָּא. בַּפְּרוֹזְדּוֹר אֵנוּ מִתְכּוֹנְנִים לָבוֹא לְפָנִיו. הוּא בַּעַל מְלַאכְתֵּנוּ הַיּוֹדֵעַ אֶת־צְרוֹתֵינוּ וְאֶת־עֲמָלֵנוּ. נָאֶמָן הוּא לְשֵׁלֵם אֶת־שְׂכַר פְּעֻלָּתֵנוּ:

> גּוֹאֵל הוּא אֶת־הַנְּשְׁמָה מִשַּׁחַת וּמַנְחָה אֹתְנוּ בְּדֶרֶךְ חַיֵּי עוֹלְם:

אַל נְפְחַד Al nifchad b'noch'chut mavet, chelkeinu hu chelek kol eilleh, asher hayu va'asher yihyu. He-afar l'vaddo yashuv le-afar, v'ha-ruach shavah el ha-elohim asher n'tanah, uv'yado mishmeret kol nefesh.

Ha-olam ha-zeh prozdor la-olam ha-ba, ba-prozdor anu mitkon'nim lavo l'fanav, hu ba'al m'lachteinu ha-yodei'a et tsareinu v'et amaleinu, ne'eman hu l'shalleim et s'char p'ullateinu.

Go'eil hu et ha-n'shamah mishachat, u'mancheh otanu b'derech chayei olam.

Psalm 23

¹A psalm of David
God is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

²In green fields God lets me lie, leading me by quiet streams, ³restoring my soul. guiding me in paths of truth for such is God's name.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no harm for You are beside me; Your rod and staff they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in front of my enemies. You soothe my head with oil; my cup runs over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy seek me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of God forever.

^אמִזְמִּוֹר לְדָנֵר יהוה רעי לא אֶחְסָר:

בּנְאוֹת דֶּשֶׁא יַרְבִּיצֵנִי עַל־מֵי מְנָחוֹת יְנַחֲלֵנִי: נַפְשִׁי יְשׁוֹבֵב יַנְחֵנִי בְמַעְגְּלֵי־צֶּדֶק לְמַעַן שִׁמוֹ:

נַם כִּי־אֵלֵך בְּגִיא צַלְמֶנֶת לֹא־אִירָא רָע כִּי־אַתָּה עִמָּדִי שָׁבִטָך וּמִשְׁעַנִתֵּך הֱמָּה יִנַחֲמֵנִי:

תַּצְרֹךְ לְפָנֵי שֶׁלְחָן נֶגֶד צֹרְרָי דְּשָׁנְתָּ בַשֶּׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי כּוֹסִי רְנִיָה:

אַד טוֹב נָחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפְוּנִי בְּלֹ־יְמֵי חַיָּי וְשַׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית־יהוה לְאְׂרֶדְ יָמִים:

1Mizmor l'david.

יהוה Adonai ro'i lo echsar.

²Binot deshe yarbitseini, al mei m'nuchot y'nachaleini.

³Nafshi y'shoveiv. Yanchileini v'ma'g'lei tsedek, l'ma'an sh'mo.

⁴Gam ki eileich b'gei tsalmavet, lo ira ra, ki attah immadi,

shivt'cha umishantecha heimah y'nachamuni.

⁵Ta'aroch l'fanai shulchan neged tsor'rai, dishanta vashemen roshi kosi r'vayah.

⁶Ach tov vachesed yird'funi kol y'mei chayai,

v'shavti b'veit Adonai l'orech yamim.

קכא

¹A Pilgrim Song

እውአ I lift up my eyes to the hills; where shall I find my help? ²My help is from God alone, Maker of heaven and earth. ³God will not allow your foot to slip, for your Guardian does not slumber. ⁴Know that the Guardian of Israel never slumbers and never sleeps. ⁵God is your Guardian, God is your shade at your right hand. ⁶The sun will not strike you by day nor the moon by night. ⁷God will guard you from all evil, guarding your soul. ⁸God will guard your going out and your coming in now and for evermore.

^אשיר למעלות אשא עיני אל־ההרים מאין יבא עזרי: מור מעם יהוה עשה שמים וארץ: אל־יתן למוט רגלך אל־ינום שמרך: הנה לא־ינום ולא יישן שומר ישראל: היהוה שמרך ^היהוה יהוה צלך על־יד ימינך: יומם השמש לא־יככה וירח בּלַילַה: יהוֹה יִשִּׁמֶּׂרְדְּ מִכְּּלֹ-רָע[ּ] יִשְׁמֹר אֵת־נַפִּשֵׁדְּ: יהוה יִשְׁמֵּר־צֵאתָדְ וּבוֹאָדְ " מֵעַתָּה וִעַד־עוֹלַם:

Shir lama'alot.

¹אָשָׁאָ Essa einai el he-harim, mei'ayin yavo ezri.

²Ezri mei'im Adonai, oseih shamayim va'arets.

³Al yittein lammot raglecha, al yanum shom'recha.

⁴Hineih lo yanum v'lo yishan shomeir Yisra'el.

⁵Adonai shom'recha, Adonai tsill'cha al yad y'minecha.

⁶Yomam ha-shemesh lo yakkekkah, v'yarei'ach ba-lailah.

⁷Adonai yishmorcha mikkol ra, yishmor et nafshecha.

⁸Adonai yishmor tseit'cha uvo'echa, mei'attah v'ad olam.

ESHET CHAYIL In praise of a woman of worth

ከឃុំ A woman of worth, who can find her, for she is more precious than rubies. Her hand is held out open to the poor, reaching out to those in need. She is clothed in strength and dignity, serene before the time to come. When she speaks, it is with wisdom and on her tongue is the guidance of love. She looks after her home with care, and does not idle away her time. Her family stand up and honour her, and sings her praises. 'Many a woman has done splendid deeds. but you surpass them all.' Charm deceives and beauty fades, so praise the woman who honours God. Give her honour for the work of her

and her own good deeds will praise her

hands,

in public.

אַשֶת חֵיַל מִי יִמְצַא, וְרַחק מְפַנִינִים מְכַרָה כפה פַרשַה לֵעַנִי, וְיַדֵיהָ שִּלְחָה לאביוֹן עוז וְהַדַר לְבוּשָה, וַתִשחַק ליום אַחַרון פֵיהַ פַתחַה בְחַכְמַה, וְתוֹרַת חסד על לשונה צוֹפָיַה הַלִּיכוֹת בֵיתַהּ, וַלֵחֵם עַצְלוּת לֹא תֹאכל קַמוּ בָנֵיהָ וַיִּאַשְרוּהָ, בַעִּלָה רבות בנות עשו חיל, ואת עַלִית עַל כִלְנַה שקר החז והבל היפי, אשה יראת יהוה היא תתהלל תנו לַה מִפָּרִי יַדֵיהַ, וִיהַלְלְוּהַ בשערים מעשיה

תשְׁאֵב Eishet chayil mi yimtsa, v'rachok mip'ninim michrah.

Kappah par'sah le'ani, v'yadeha shill'chah la'evyon.

Oz v'hadar l'vushah, vatischak l'yom acharon.

Piha pat'chah b'hochmah, v'torat chesed al l'shonah.

Tsofiyah halichot beitah, v'lechem atslut lo tocheil.

Kamu vaneha vay'ash'ruha ba'lah vay'hal'lah.

Rabbot banot asu chayil, v'at alit al kullanah.

Sheker hachein v'hevel hayofi, ishah yir'at Adonai hi tithallal.

T'nu lah mip'ri yadeha, vihal'luha vash'arim ma'aseha.

TZIDUK HADIN - THE FUNERAL SERVICE

הצור God, our Rock, is perfect in every way, long-suffering and full of mercy.

Take pity on both parents and children, for forgiveness and mercy are Yours.

You are just when You bring death and life, for in Your hand is the care of every soul.

May Your eyes watch over us with mercy, for You do not blot out all memory of us.

To You all flesh must come and You will pardon their sins.

God, if You should mark the wrong we do, our God, who could stand!

הצוּר תִּמִים בְּכְּל־דְּרָכִיוּ . אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם וּמְלֵא רַחֲמִים:

חֲמְּל־נָא עַל־אָבוֹת וּבָנִים . כִּי לְךְ יהוה הַסְלִיחוֹת והרחמים:

צַדִּיק אַתָּה יהוה לְהָמִית וּלְהַחֲיוֹת . אֲשֶׁר בְּיִדְךְ פִּקְדּוֹן בֵּל־רוּחוֹת:

חָלֵילָה לְּדְּ זִכְרוֹנֵנוּ לִמְחוֹת . וְיִהְיוּ־נֹא עֵינֶיְדְ בְּרַחֲמִים עָלֵינוּ פָקוּחוֹת:

> ָּכִּי עָדֶיךְ כְּּל־בָּשָׂר יִבְאוּ . וּפִשְׁעֵיהֵם אֲתַּה תִכַפָּרִם:

כִּי אָם־עֲוֹנוֹת תִּשְׁמְּׂר־יָהּ . אָדנִי מִי יַעֲמוֹד:

הצדר Hatsur tamim b'chol d'rachav, Erech apayim umaleih rachamim.
Chamol na al avot uvanim, Ki l'cha Adonai has'lichot v'harachamim.
Tsaddik attah Adonai l'hamit ul'hachayot, Asher b'yad'cha pikdon kol ruchot.
Chalilah l'cha zichroneinu limchot, V'yihyu na einecha b'rachamim aleinu f'kuchot.
Ki adecha kol basar yavo'u, Ufisheihem attah t'chapp'reim.
Ki im avonot timshor yah, Adonai mi ya'amod.

As a shepherd gathers lambs, so You will gather us into the pasture of peace.

As a parent is tender to children, so will You be tender to us.

You guard us when we go out and when we come in; in the shadow of Your wings You shelter us.

Even darkness will not darken our spirit, for in Your light we see light.

God, bring us peace, and may Your faithfulness give our spirit strength.

בְּרֹעֶה יְקַבֵּץ טְלָאִים . כֵּן תִּקַבִּצֵנוּ לְנָוֶה שֵׁלוֹם:

בְּרַחֵם אָב עַל־בָּנִים . כֵּן תִּרַחֵם יהוה עָלֵינוּ:

אַתָּה תִשְׁמוֹר צֵאתֵנוּ וּבֹאֵנוּ . וּבִצל כִּנַפֵיךְ תַּסְתִּירֵנוּ:

ַגַּם־חְשֶׁךְ לֹא־יַחְשִׁיךְ פָּגֵינוּ . כִּי בִּאוֹרְךָ נִרְאֵה־אוֹר:

יהוה תִּשְׁפּוֹת שָׁלוֹם לְנוּ . וַאֱמוּנָתִךְ תִּצוֹר רוּחֵנוּ:

K'ro'eh y'kabeitz t'la'im, Kein t'kabb'tseinu linveih shalom. K'racheim av al banim, Kein t'racheim Adonai aleinu. Attah tishmor tseiteinu uvo'einu, Uv'tseil k'nafecha tastireinu. Gam choshech lo yachashich paneinu, Ki b'or'cha nireh or. Adonai tishpot shalom lanu, Ve'emunat'cha titsor rucheinu.

Support us, God, when we are silent through grief!
Comfort us when we are bent down with sorrow!
Help us as we bear the weight of our loss!
God, our Rock and our Redeemer, give us strength!

סַעֲדֶנוּ יהוה אֱלֹהֵנוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר נִדֹּם בְּצַעֲרֵנוּ . נַחֲמֵנוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר נִכְרַע בִּיגוֹנֵנוּ . עְזְרֵנוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר נִשְׂא אַת מַשָּׂא כְּאֵבֵנוּ . חַזֵּק אֶת־יָבִינוּ יהוה צוּרֵנוּ וְגוֹאֲלֵנוּ:

Sa'adeinu Adonai eloheinu, Ka'asher niddom b'tsa'areinu. Nachameinu ka'asher nichra' bigoneinu. Ozreinu ka'asher nissa' eit massa' k'eiveinu. Chazzeik et yadeinu, Adonai tsureinu v'go'aleinu. God swallows up death forever, wipes away tears from every face, and takes the pain and sorrow from every heart.

For salvation comes from God, whose power of redemption is vast.

בָּלֵע הַמֶּנֶת לְנֶצֵח וּמְחָה יהוה דִּמְעָה מֵעַל כְּּל־פָּנִים . וְיָגוֹן וַאֲנָחָה יָסִיר מֵעַל כְּּל־לֵב . כִּי לַיהוה הַיִּשׁוּעָה וְהַרְבֵּה עִמּוֹ פְדוּת:

God has given and God has taken away, may God's name be blessed.

יהוה נָתַן וַיהוה לְּקַח . יְהִי שֵׁם יהוה מְבוֹרָךְ:

Bila' hamavet lanetzach umachah Adonai dim'ah Mei'al kol panim,v'yagon va'anachah yasir Mei'al kol leiv,ki ladonai hay'shu'ah v'harbeih immo f'dut.

Adonai natan vadonai lakach,y'hi sheim Adonai m'vorach.

Eulogy

Kohelet Rabbah 12:13

אַנְה When someone passes from this world, God says to the angels, "Go, see what the people say about them"

בְּשָׁעָה שֶׁאָדָם נִפְּטָר מִן הָעוֹלָם, הַקְּרוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא אוֹמֵר לְמַלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁרֵת רָאוּ מָה הַבִּרִּיוֹת אוֹמְרוֹת עָלְיו

אֶלהֵי נְשָׁמָה שֶׁנָּתַתָּ בָּה טְהוֹרָה הִיא. אַתָּה בְרָאתָה אתָּה יְצַרְתָּה ואַתָּה נְפַחְתָּה בָּה וְאַתָּה מְשַׁמְרָה לְעוֹלָם. וְעַתָּה נָטַלְתָּ אֹתָה לְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם: בָּרוּך אַתָּה יהוה הַמַּחַזִיר נִשָּׁמוֹת לַמֵּתִים:

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אֵלהֵי My God, the soul You have given her is pure, for You created it, You formed it and breathed it into her.

Now care for it forever, taking it to life everlasting.

Blessed are You, our Living God, who brings the dead to life everlasting.

Elohai n'shamah shennatata bah t'horah hi. Attah v'rattah, attah v'tsartah, attah n'fachtah bah, v'attah m'shamm'rah l'olam. V'attah natalta otah

l'chayyei olam. Baruch attah Adonai, hamachazir n'shamot lameitim.

עַל מִקוֹמָה תַבֹא בְשַׁלוֹם:

May her soul come to its resting place in peace.

Al m'komah tavo v'shalom.

Committal

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MEMORIAL PRAYER

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אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בַּמְּרוֹמִים הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׂכִינָה בְּמַעֲלוֹת קְדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִם כְּזְהַר הָרְקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים אֶת־נִשְׁמַת יְהוּדִית בַּת מֹשֶׁה ואֶסְתֵר שֶׁהָלְכָה לְעוֹלְמָה:

אֶנָּה בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים הַסְתִּירֶהְ בְּסֵתֶר בְּנָפֶיךְּ לְעוֹלָמִים וּצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת־נִשְׁמֶתָהּ: יהוה הוּא נַחֲלָתָהּ וְתָנְוּחַ בַּשָּׁלוֹם עַל מִשְׁבָּבְהּ וָנֹאמר אַמֵן:

אַל מֵקְ'אַ God full of compassion whose presence is over us, grant perfect rest beneath the shelter of Your presence with the holy and pure on high who shine as the lights of heaven, to **Judith Cohen** who has gone to her everlasting home. Source of mercy, cover her in the shelter of Your wings forever, and bind her soul into the gathering of life. It is God who is her heritage. May her soul be at peace in its place of rest. Amen.

אַל בְּיְלֵא Eil malei rachamim, shochein bam'romim, hamtsei m'nuchah n'chonah tachat kanfei hashechinah, b'ma'alot k'doshim ut'horim, k'zohar haraki'a mazhirim et nishmat Yehudit bat Moshe v'Esther shehal'chah l'olamah. Ana ba'al harachamim, hastireha b'seiter k'nafecha l'olamim, uts'ror bitsror hachayim et nishmatah. Adonai hu nachalatah, v'tanu'ach b'shalom al mishkayah. v'nomar amein.

MOURNERS' KADDISH

מתנדל Let us magnify and let us sanctify in this world the great name of God whose will created it.

May God's reign come in your lifetime, and in your days, and in the lifetime of the family of Israel - quickly and speedily may it come.

Amen.

May the greatness of God's being be blessed from eternity to eternity. Let us bless and let us extol, let us tell aloud and let us raise aloft, let us set on high and let us honour, let us exalt and let us praise the Holy One, whose name is blessed, who is far beyond any blessing or song, any honour or any consolation that can be spoken of in this world. Amen.

May great peace from heaven and the gift of life be granted to us and to all the family of Israel Amen. May the Maker of peace in the highest bring this peace upon us, upon all Israel and upon all the world Amen.

יָתַגַּדַל וְיָתַקְדַשׁ שַׁמָה רבּא (אַמֵּן) בעלמא די־ברא כרעותה: ויַמליד מלכוּתה בּחיֵיכוֹן וּבִיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבַחַיֵּי דִּי־כֶּל־בִּית ישראל בעגלא ובזמן קריב. ואמרו אמן: יהא שמה רבא מָבַרַך לְעַלָם וּלְעַלְמֵי עַלְמַיָּא: יִתְבַּרֶדְ וִיִשְׁתַבַּח וִיִתְפַּאַר וִיתָרוֹמַם וִיתִנַשֵּא וִיתִהדר ויִתעלַה וִיתִהלּל שָׁמָה דִּי־קְדִשַׁא. בַּרִידְ הוּא. לְעֵלָא מָן־כַּל־בָּרְכַתַא וְשִׁירַתָא תִּשִׁבִּחַתָא וְנָחֵמַתָא דִי־אָמִירַן בִּעַלְמַא. וָאָמַרוּ אַמֵן: יָהָא שָׁלְמַא רַבַּא מָן שׁמיא וָחַיִּים עַלִינוּ וְעַל־כַּל־יִשְׁרָאֵל. ואמרו אמן: עשה שלום במרומיו הוא יעשה שלום עלינו ועל ַבַּל־יִשִׂרָאֵל וְעַל־בַּל־הַעוֹלִם. ואמרו אמן:

Yitgaddal v'yitkaddash sh'meih rabba (amen),

b'alma di v'ra chiruteih, v'yamlich malchuteih, b'chayyeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chayyei di chol beit yisra'el, ba'agala u'vizman kariv, v'imru **amen**.

Y'hei sh'meih rabba m'varach, l'alam ul'almei almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabbach v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnassei v'yit-haddar v'yit'alleh v'yit-hallal, sh'meih di kudsha, **b'rich hu**, l'eilla min kol birchata v'shirata tushb'chata v'nechemata, di amiran b'alma, v'imru **amen**.

Y'hei sh'lama rabba min sh'maya, v'chayyim aleinu v'al kol yisra'el, v'imru **amen**. Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisra'el, v'al kol ha-olam v'imru **amen**.

CONCLUDING GREETINGS

בַּיָדְדְ נַפָּקִיד רוּחָה וִעָם רוּחָה גִּוְיַתָה יהוה לַה וְלֹא נִירַא:

Into Your hand we commend her spirit, and with her spirit her body also. God is with her, we shall not fear.

בְיֵדְךְ B'yad'cha nafkid ruchah, v'im ruchah g'vi'atah, Adonai la v'lo nira.

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Words of comfort to the mourners

ָהַמְּקוֹם יְנַחֵם אֶתְכֶם בְּתוֹךְ שְׁאָר הַאֲבֵלִים.

May God comfort you amongst those who are in mourning.

דְּמַקוֹם Hamakom y'nachem etchem b'toch sh'ar haaveilim.

Babylonian Talmud, Ketubot 8b

May the One who brings comfort comfort you. Blessed are You, who comforts the mourners. בַּעַל נֶחָמוֹת יְנַחֵם אֶתְכֶם, בָּרוּךְ מְנַחֵם אֲבֵלִים.

Ba'al nechamot y'nacheim etchem. Baruch Attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, m'nacheim aveilim.

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