

Alyth



**Consecration of Memorial for
Benjamin Alexander (Alec) Hasenson
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PREPARATORY PRAYERS

Isaiah 57:18-19

וְלֹאֲבֵלִיֹּ וְלֹאֲבֵלִיֹּ And to those who mourn:

My words of comfort, 'Peace, peace,
whether you be near or far,' says the
Eternal.

וְלֹאֲבֵלִיֹּ:

בּוֹרָא נִיב שְׁפָתַיִם שְׁלוֹם שְׁלוֹם
לְרַחוּק וְלִקְרוֹב אָמַר יי:

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

We recognize 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. And, when someone dies who has been a part of our life, there is a rent in the universe, like a star vanishing. But, like a star vanishing, that world leaves ineradicable traces in us as a star does in space. So we mourn, but we remember, and we know that there will be a living trace of that person in our consciousness always.

Rabbi Sheila Shulman

El Malei Rachamim; God full of compassion, the days have become weeks and the weeks months and we once again come together to hold before us a picture of Alec Hasenson.

We are gathered here to consecrate the memorial on his grave, to share memories so that he will remain a source of nourishing and enduring blessing.

God grant us the strength to open our hearts to others who have been robbed by death of a cherished loved one.

As God is a source of comfort to us, so may we be a source of comfort for them.

T'hi nishmato ts'rura bitzror ha-chayyim

May his soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

PSALMS

Psalm 23

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¹ A psalm of David

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד^א

יהוה יהוה God is my shepherd,

יהוה רֹעִי לֹא אֶחְסָר:

I shall not want.

² In green fields God lets me lie,

בְּנֵאֲוֹת דְּשָׂא יִרְבִּיצָנִי^ב

leading me by quiet streams,

עַל־מֵי מְנוּחֹת יְנַהֲלֵנִי:

³ restoring my soul.

נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבָב^ג

guiding me

יְנַחֲנִי בְּמַעְגְּלֵי־צֶדֶק

in paths of truth

לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ:

for such is God's name.

⁴ Though I walk through

גַּם כִּי־אֵלֶךְ בְּגִיא צַלְמוֹת^ד

the valley of the shadow of death

לֹא־אִירָא רָע

I fear no harm

כִּי־אַתָּה עִמָּדִי

for You are beside me;

Your rod and staff

שִׁבְטְךָ וּמִשְׁעֶנְתְּךָ הֵמָּה יְנַחֲמֵנִי:

they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me

הִתְעַרְךָ לִפְנֵי שֻׁלְחַן נֶגֶד צָרָרִי^ה

in front of my enemies.

דִּשַׁנְתָּ בְּשֶׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי כּוֹסֵי רוּחִי:

You soothe my head with oil;

my cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy seek me

אֵךְ טוֹב וְחֶסֶד יְרַדְּפוּנִי^ו

all the days of my life

כָּל־יְמֵי חַיִּי

and I shall dwell

וְשָׁבְתִי בְּבֵית־יְהוָה לְאָרְךָ יָמִים:

in the house of God forever.

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'aroach l'fanai shulchan neged tsor'rai, dishanta vashemen roshi kosi r'vayah.

*6Ach tov vachessed yird'funi kol y'mei chayai,
v'shavti b'veit Adonai l'orech yamim.*

¹ A Pilgrim Song

אֲשֶׁאִי I lift up my eyes to the hills;
where shall I find my help?

² My help is from God alone,
Maker of heaven and earth.

³ God will not allow your foot to slip,
for your Guardian does not slumber.

⁴ Know that the Guardian of Israel
never slumbers and never sleeps.

⁵ God is your Guardian,
God is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ The sun will not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.

⁷ God will guard you from all evil,
guarding your soul.

⁸ God will guard your going out and your
coming in now and for evermore.

אֲשִׁיר לַמַּעְלֹת

אֲשֶׁא עֵינַי אֶל־הַהָרִים
מֵאֵינן יבֹא עֲזָרִי:

בִּעֲזָרִי מֵעַם יְהוָה

עָשָׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ:

גֹּאֲלֵינוּ לְמוֹט רַגְלֵךָ

אֶל־יָנוּם שְׁמֹרֶךָ:

דֹּהֵה לֹא־יָנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן

שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל:

הַיְהוָה שְׁמֹרֶךָ

יְהוָה צִלְךָ עַל־יַד יְמִינֶךָ:

וְיוֹמָם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא־יִכָּבֵה

וְיָרַח בַּלַּיְלָה:

זֹה יְהוָה יִשְׁמְרֶךָ מִכָּל־רָע

יִשְׁמַר אֶת־נַפְשְׁךָ:

הַיְהוָה יִשְׁמְרֶךָ צֵאתְךָ וּבֹאֶךָ

מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם:

Shir lama 'alot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁷ *Adonai yishmorcha mikkol ra, yishmor et nafshecha.*

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

SHARING OF MEMORIES

CONSECRATION OF MEMORIAL

God, we consecrate this grave to the memory of

Benjamin Alexander (Alec) Hasenson

Comfort those who mourn for him, for You are the source of mercy. Support them with Your hand and console them with his memory. Though he is parted from them, may his spirit still be with them to bless them. As they gather round this stone in times to come, may it remind them of the love and affection that do not fade. May it draw them even closer to one another. For love does not die, and death is swallowed up forever in eternal life.

MEMORIAL PRAYER

אֵל מָלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים הַמָּצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי
הַשְּׂכִינָה בְּמַעְלוֹת קְדוּשִׁים וְטְהוֹרִם כְּזֹהָר הָרָקִיעַ מְזַהֲרִים
אֶת־נִשְׁמַת בְּנִימִין בֶּן יוֹסֵף שֶׁהָלַךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ: אָנָּה בָּעַל הָרַחֲמִים
הַסְתִּירָהוּ בְּסֶתֶר כַּנְפֶיךָ לְעוֹלָמִים וְצָרוֹר בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת־נִשְׁמָתוֹ:
יְהוָה הוּא נִחַלְתּוֹ וַיְנַיֵּחַ בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מִשְׁכָּבוֹ וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן:

אֵל מָלֵא 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 **Benjamin Alexander Hasenson** who has gone to his everlasting home. Source of mercy, cover him in the shelter of Your wings forever, and bind his soul into the gathering of life. It is God who is his heritage. May his soul be at peace in its place of rest. Amen.

אֵל מָלֵא *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 Binyamin ben Yosef shehalach l'olamo. Ana ba'al harachamim, hastireihu b'seiter k'nafecha l'olamim, uts'ror bitsror hachayim et nishmato. Adonai hu nachalato, v'yanu'ach b'shalom al mishkavo, v'nomar amen.*

MOURNERS' KADDISH

יִתְגַּדֵּל 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.**

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא (אָמֵן)
בְּעָלְמָא דִּי-בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ:
וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דִי-כָל-בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעָגְלָא וּבְזִמָּן קָרִיב.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן: יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא
מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:
יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר
וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלָּה וְיִתְהַלָּל
שְׁמֵהּ דִּי-קִדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא.
לְעָלְמָא מִן-כָּל-בְּרַכְתָּא
וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמָתָא
דִּי-אֲמִירָן בְּעָלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא
וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוּמֵי הוּא
יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל
כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל-כָּל-הָעוֹלָם.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

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

בְּיָדְךָ נִפְקִיד רוּחוֹ וְעַם רוּחוֹ גְּוִיָּתוֹ יְהוָה לוֹ וְלֹא נִירָא:

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

בְּיָדְךָ *B'yad'cha nafkaid rucho, v'im rucho g'vi'ato, Adonai lo v'lo nira.*

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Words of comfort to the mourners

הַמָּקוֹם יִנְחֵם אֶתְכֶם בְּתוֹךְ שְׂאֵר הָאֲבֵלִים.

הַמָּקוֹם May God comfort you amongst those who are in mourning.

הַמָּקוֹם *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.

בְּעֵל נְחָמוֹת יִנְחֵם אֶתְכֶם,

בְּרוּךְ מְנַחֵם אֲבֵלִים.

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

