

As an alternative, or as an addition to this service, family members may choose to add their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

For a Yahrzeit

The family is gathered at dusk, on the **evening before** the anniversary of the death.

A GROUP SAYS:

At this moment, in memory of our beloved....., we join hands in love and remembrance. A link has been broken in the chain that has bound us together, yet strong bonds of home and love hold us each to the other.

We give thanks for the blessing of life, of companionship, and of memory. We are grateful for the strength and faith that sustained us in the hour of our bereavement. Though sorrow lingers, we have learned that love is stronger than death. Though our loved one is beyond our sight, we do not despair, for we sense our beloved in our hearts as a living presence.

AN INDIVIDUAL SAYS:

At this moment, I pause for thought in memory of my beloved.....

I give thanks for the blessing of life, of companionship, and of memory. I am grateful for the strength and faith that sustained me in the hour of my bereavement. Though sorrow lingers, I have learned that love is stronger than death. Though my loved one is beyond my sight, I do not despair, for I sense my beloved in my heart as a living presence.

Sustained by words of faith, comforted by precious memories, we (I) kindle the Yahrzeit light in remembrance. As this light burns pure and clear, so may the blessed memory of goodness of our (my) dear.....illuminate our souls (my soul).

THE LIGHT IS KINDLED

FOR A MALE

זְכוֹרוֹנוֹ לְבִרְכָה.

Zich-ro-no li-v'ra-cha.
His memory is a blessing.

FOR A FEMALE

זְכוֹרוֹנָהּ לְבִרְכָה.

Zich-ro-nah li-v'ra-cha.
Her memory is a blessing.