



## **FOR KINDLING THE YAHRZEIT/YIZKOR LIGHT**

(The Light is placed in a position of honor in the home)

### **PRAYER:**

I (we) give thanks for the blessing of life, for companionship and for memory. Our tradition teaches us that we never lose those we love because love is stronger than death. So I (we) light this candle now, and as it gives off its light so may the memory of \_\_\_\_\_ continue to be an inspiration to me (us).

**(THE CANDLE IS LIT)**

Zich-ro-no (male)/ Zich-ro-na (female) liv-ra-cha.  
May his (her) memory abide among us for a blessing.

### **HONORING THE MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES**

**Yahrzeit** in Jewish tradition is the annual anniversary of the death of a near relative, and is observed on the date of the death (not the date of the burial). It is customary to kindle a light on the eve preceding the date of the Yahrzeit, and to keep it burning for twenty-four hours. It is also customary to attend services and to recite the *kaddish* at the synagogue on the closest Sabbath to the Yahrzeit.

**Yizkor:** The Jewish calendar provides four occasions during the year when special memorial services are held: Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret (the last day of Sukkot), the last day of Pesach, and Shavuot. It is appropriate to honor the memory of our loved ones who have died by attending these special memorial services.

*The Mourner's Kaddish is about seeking life in the face of sorrow. It talks about the greatness of God in the midst of anger. It is a reminder that tears help irrigate a dry heart, inspiring us to move forward.*

**Yitgadal** v'yitkadash sh'meih raba. B'al'ma di v'ra chiruteih, v'yamlich malchuteih b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chayei d'chol beit yisra-eil, ba-agala uvizman kariv, v'imru amein.

Y'hei sh'meih raba m'varach l'alam ul'al'mei al'maya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpa-ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei v'yithadar v'yitaleh v'yithalal sh'meih d'kudsha b'rich hu, l'eila min kol birchata v'shirata tushb'chata v'nechemata, da-amiran b'al'ma, v'imru amein.

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya, v'chayim aleinu v'al kol yisra-eil, v'imru amein.

**Oseh** shalom bimromav, hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisra-eil, v'imru amein.

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.  
בְּעֲלָמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ  
מְלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן  
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּעֲגָלָא  
וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלָם  
וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר  
וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר  
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא  
בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא  
וְשִׁירָתָא, תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא,  
דְאִמְרוּן בְּעֲלָמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא  
וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,  
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוַמֵּי הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה  
שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,  
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן: