



# b'nai israel



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A few words from Rabbi Eric about Yizkor:

*Yizkor* is the Hebrew word for “remembrance.” There are several brief *Yizkor* services during the year – Yom Kippur Afternoon, *Simchat Torah*, the last day of Passover and Shavuot. These are special opportunities to recite memorial prayers and remember dear-ones. It is especially poignant and meaningful to do so beyond the immediate shock and/or raw anguish of losing a loved one during the readjusted albeit diminished rhythms of life. Through *Yizkor* we can come to preserve more fully some of the qualities of those we mourn, as we pause from our routines to link their remembrances with that which is most sacred. For in our attendance at *Yizkor* services we place those relationships that brought us joy and meaning into a sacred context. As a beautiful reading from a liberal Jewish prayer book explains:

No longer can we express by deeds which might do them good, our appreciation of all that they have done for us or meant to us. Only by thinking of their lives as part of Your eternal life and of their love as part of Your infinite love can we express our gratitude for the blessings that we enjoyed in our communion with them.

*Yizkor* affords an opportunity to uplift us. Hence in keeping with the wisdom of our Jewish past that beckon us to commemorate loved-ones and promote spiritual growth, as a congregation B’nai Israel holds *Yizkor* services at their appointed traditional times. Do join us.

#### Memorials and Dedications Committee

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Dear Congregants and Friends of B'nai Israel,

Each year our congregation creates an annual Yizkor Memorial Book. We commemorate the legacy of deceased family members as we include their names in this special book.

During the Yizkor Worship Service on Yom Kippur, I will read aloud the names of those from our extended congregational family who have died over the course of the Hebrew year 5780. Each of us also turn to our own personal entry in the Yizkor Book and in keeping with tradition silently recall our beloved dear-ones. We maintain the practice from generation to generation, and it will continue amidst our changes in worship this year.

To ensure inclusion of the names of all whom you wish to commemorate, please review your entry on the attached form.

The completed form and donation in their remembrance can be sent back to B'nai Israel at PO Box 350 Southbury, CT 06488. If preferred you may send the form back by email to Michelle Rosen at [yizkor@bnaisraelsouthbury.org](mailto:yizkor@bnaisraelsouthbury.org), designating Yizkor Book in the subject line and call the B'nai Israel office at (203) 267 – 3394 to make your donation. Responses must be received by September 4, 2020 to ensure sufficient time for careful preparation of this solemn tribute.

This year the urgency of this deed of lovingkindness is felt deeply. Amongst the several beloved congregants who have died this past year, death has taken three members of this very committee – Eric Hall, who had been our Chair, past Chair Sam Klausner and Lou Hozer – as well as Ira, husband of committee member Sharon Goldman and Bob, husband of Dawn– all of blessed memory.

The act of remembering our dear-ones, linking their memory to the sacred, inspires us to be as generous as possible. We are grateful for your ongoing support of this project; whose reach extends even beyond the Days of Awe.

With best wishes as we ready for the New Year 5781,

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## YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK 5781

As this form recalls the names of family ones that have passed away

We stand ready to assist you with your act of remembrance

Please feel free to contact our office should you require any assistance

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| <p>The names of those who have passed away since sundown on <b>September 29, 2019</b> will be added to the Book and whose names will be read aloud during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur please print those names on the right</p> | <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> |
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| <p><b>The following names were listed in the Yizkor Book for 5780</b></p> <p><b>Please make any corrections To this list</b></p> | <p>Listed Donor(s)</p> | <p><b><u>Make any corrections here</u></b></p> |
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**PLEASE TURN OVER TO COMPLETE THIS REQUEST FOR REMEMBRANCE**

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| If there are other dear-ones to be memorialized in our Book – Please list their names here | 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
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|  | 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

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| Our custom is to remember the victims of the <i>Shoah</i> weekly, and in this book. If members of your family perished in the <i>Shoah</i> please list their names here. They will appear on our page devoted to their memory. |  |
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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 4, 2020  
TO ENSURE THE COMMITTEE HAS ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE THE BOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

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| Donations for this project are greatly appreciated. They are needed to assist in the publication of this Book and to provide funds for the operation of our programs. The <i>mitzvah</i> of your <i>tz'dakah</i> will foster remembrance of dear ones. | Please accept my kind donation for the 5780 Yizkor Book Project<br><br><div style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</div> |
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**Please see the attached Form to assist with the printing of the Separate Shiva Minyan Service**

If you would like to be contacted about purchasing a permanent Yahrzeit Plaque in our Sanctuary, or learn more about other Memorials and Dedications

**Please check here [    ] A member of the Committee will contact you.**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

***The ancient words of the Mourner's Kaddish, while reminding us of our loved ones, offers the hope of a world where the Divine Presence is made known and peace fills our land and our lives.***

***The Yizkor Book will be distributed via email this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Notify us at the office or by email at [Yizkor@Bnaiisraelsouthbury.org](mailto:Yizkor@Bnaiisraelsouthbury.org) should you wish a hard copy. Please be advised that it unfortunately will not arrive in time for Yom Kippur.***



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## **Shiva Minyan Section**

Our Yizkor Book is designed to honor the act of remembrance of loved ones.

It serves to comfort those who have recently lost a family member.

Our Yizkor book will include the Prayers for the

House of mourning, to be used in Homes during Shiva.

If you wish to assist us in the publication of this special prayer section - Please indicate  
your donation here

Donors will be recognized in this section

**To be included in this Special Prayer Section**

**A separate donation of \$36.00 is suggested**

**All Donations will be recognized in the printed section.**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please List the Donor(s) as \_\_\_\_\_

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