

Unveiling Service

I. Begin with a Psalm (choice):

Ps. 23 (on page 80 of the Mt. Carmel booklet)

מְזֻמּוֹר לְדָוִד, יְיָ רֹעִי לֹא אֶחָסֶר. בְּנֵאוֹת דְּשָׂא יִרְבִּיצָנִי, עַל מֵי מְנַחֹת יִנְהַלֵּנִי.
נִפְשִׁי יִשׁוּב, יִנְחֵנִי בְּמַעְגְלֵי צְדָק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ. גַּם כִּי אֵלֶךְ בְּגֵיא צְלָמוֹת, לֹא אִירָא
רָע, כִּי אַתָּה עִמָּדִי, שְׁבִטְךָ וּמִשְׁעֲנֵתְךָ הִמָּה יִנְחֵמֵנִי. תִּעְרֹךְ לְפָנַי שֶׁלְחָן נֶגֶד צָרָרִי,
דִּשְׁנֵתָ בְשֶׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי, כּוֹסֵי רוּיָהּ. אַךְ טוֹב וַחֲסֵד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל יְמֵי חַיִּי, וְשִׁבְתִּי
בְּבַיִת יְיָ לְאָרְךָ יָמִים.

A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Or:

Opening Verses from Psalms:

יְיָ, מָה אָדָם וַתִּדְעֵהוּ, בֶּן אָנוּשׁ וַתַּחֲשִׁבֵהוּ.
אָדָם לְהֵבֵל דָּמָה, יָמָיו כְּצֵל עוֹבֵר.
בְּבֹקֶר יִצְיֵץ וַחֲלָף, לְעָרֵב יִמּוּלֵל וַיִּבֶשׁ.

Lord, what is man, that thou regardest him? or the son of man, that thou takest account of him?

Man is like to vanity; his days are as a shadow that passeth away. In the morning he flourisheth, and sprouteth afresh; in the evening he is cut down, and withereth.

שְׁוִיתִי יְיָ לְנֶגְדֵי תְּמִיד, כִּי מִיְמִינִי בֵּל אָמוּט. לָכֵן שָׂמַח לְבִי וַיִּגַּל כְּבוֹדִי, אֶף
בְּשָׂרִי יִשְׁכַּן לְבֶטֶח.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart rejoiceth and my glory is glad: my flesh also dwelleth in safety.

II. Explain the Ritual

Mention the linkage to Jacob and Rebecca in Torah.

III. Formal Headstone Dedication:

(one possible prayer)

A thousand years, in the sight of our eternal and merciful Father, are but a day; the years of our life but a passing hour. He grants us life and life He has taken away; praised be His name.

_____ has been taken from our midst. we are pained by the gap in our lives. Yet love is strong as death; the bonds love creates are eternal. And ours is the blessing of memory, through which the lives of our departed continue to be with us.

(the covering is removed)

in the name of the family of _____ and in the presence of his (her) family (and friends) we consecrate this monument to his (her) memory, as a token of our love and respect.

תְּהִי נִשְׁמָתוֹ (נִשְׁמָתָהּ) צְרוּרָה בְּצִוּוֹר הַחַיִּים.

May his (her) soul be bound up in the bond of life.

IV. Read and Explain Everything on the Headstone

With particular note of names and dates...

V. The Eil Malei Prayer: (on page 78 of the Mt. Carmel booklet, but altered)

(for a male)

אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים. הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה עַל פְּנֵי הַשְּׂכִינָה.
בְּמַעְלֹת קְדוּשִׁים וְטְהוּרִים כְּזוֹהַר הַרְקִיעַ מְזַהֲרִים אֶת נְשִׁמַת (אָבִי מוֹרֵי פב"פ)
שְׁהֲלֹךְ (שְׁהֲלֹכוֹ) לְעוֹלָמוֹ, בְּגֵן עֵדֶן תְּהֵא מְנוּחָתוֹ. אֲנָא בְּעַל הַרְחָמִים הַסְתִּירָהוּ
בְּסִתְרַי קְנַפֵּיךָ לְעוֹלָמִים. וְצָרוֹר בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נְשִׁמָתוֹ. ייִ הוּא נַחֲלָתוֹ: וַיְנַוַח
בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מְשַׁכְּבוֹ. וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן:

(for a female)

אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים. הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה עַל פְּנֵי הַשְּׂכִינָה.
בְּמַעְלֹת קְדוּשִׁים וְטְהוּרִים כְּזוֹהַר הַרְקִיעַ מְזַהֲרִים אֶת נְשִׁמַת (אִמִּי מוֹרְתִי
פב"פ) שְׁהֲלֹכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ. בְּגֵן עֵדֶן תְּהֵא מְנוּחָתָהּ. אֲנָא בְּעַל הַרְחָמִים הַסְתִּירָהּ
בְּסִתְרַי קְנַפֵּיךָ לְעוֹלָמִים. וְצָרוֹר בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נְשִׁמָתָהּ. ייִ הוּא נַחֲלָתָהּ וְתַנּוּחָהּ
בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מְשַׁכְּבָהּ. וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן:

Exalted, compassionate God, grant perfect peace among the holy and pure, in Your sheltering Presence, to the soul of _____, who has gone to his (her) eternal home. Master of mercy, we beseech You, remember all the worthy and righteous deeds that he (she) performed in the land of the living. May his (her) soul be bound up in the bond of life. The Lord is his (her) portion. May he (she) rest in peace. Let us say: Amen.

VI. Mourners Kaddish (on page 81-82 of the Mt. Carmel booklet)

To be said by the family, only with a minyan (10 Jewish people)

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעִגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

(all say this line) יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמֵי עֲלְמֵיָא.

יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא
בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלְא מִן כָּל (בעשי"ת לְעֵלְא וְלְעֵלְא מְכָל) בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא
וְנַחֲמְתָּא, דְאָמְרִין בְּעֶלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמֵיָא, וְחַיִּים (טוֹבִים) עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם (בעשי"ת יש אומרים: הַשְׁלוֹם) בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Mourner.—Magnified and sanctified be his great Name in the world which he hath created according to his will. May he establish his kingdom during your life and during your days, and during the life of all the house of Israel, even speedily and at a near time, and say ye, Amen.

Congregation and Mourner.—Let his great Name be blessed for ever and to all eternity.

Mourner.—Blessed, praised and glorified, exalted, extolled and honoured, magnified and lauded be the Name of the Holy One, blessed be he; though he be high above all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations, which are uttered in the world; and say ye, Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven and life for us and for all Israel; and say ye, Amen.
He who maketh peace in his high places, may he make peace for us and for all Israel; and say ye, Amen.

VII. Conclusion

Recall the custom of placing stones on the headstone...