

“FOR THESE WE WEEP”
IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST,
AND THE BRAVE HEROS AND DEFENDERS OF ISRAEL
AMONG WHOM WAS OUR BELOVED ALEX SEIDNER.

(Responsively)

Rabbi: At this sacred time we pause to remember a tragic era in our recent history, when light was obscured by darkness, when the forces of evil were arrayed against our people.

Cong.: Six million Jews, among them one and a half million children, a third of our people, were sent to their death in the gas chambers of Europe.

Rabbi: Auschwitz, Dachau, Buchenwald, Treblinka, Bergen-Belsen, Theresienstadt —these very names evoke horror and pain.

Cong.: And yet we recall these names, and the barbarous acts associated with them, so that the travail of our people may inspire generations yet unborn to learn well the lessons of that evil time.

Rabbi: The memory of our slain brothers and sisters must remain forever etched in the conscience of mankind.

Cong.: And as we recall their unanswered cries, we must pledge ourselves never to be silent in the face of tyranny or injustice.

Rabbi: We must transform grief into compassion. We must give evidence of our remembering them through acts of kindness and courage.

Cong.: Thus will our actions serve as monuments of the spirit to those who perished.

Rabbi: O L—rd remember Thy martyred children, as we pledge to remember them. And may their memory be for us a challenge and an inspiration.

In Unison Our Father in Heaven, remember the souls of our sons and daughters, the pure ones, who sanctified Thy name, who gave their lives in the battles of Israel for the liberation of our Holy Land.

Remember, O Israel, the dear sons and daughters who have fallen in the many wars and attacks thrust upon us by our enemies. The War of Independence, The Sinai Campaign, The Six-day War, the Yom Kippur War, and the recent Lebanon campaign; who sacrificed themselves so that our people might be free on its own soil.