

ספר החיים

Yizkor Services

2024-2025

Congregation Etz Chaim

קהילת עץ חיים

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

The word used in Hebrew for Charity is *Tzedakah*. The Hebrew word has a much wider connotation than simply giving money to the poor. It reflects the concepts of justice, kindness and honesty integral to the norms of behavior expected in one's dealings with other people. The implication is that the giving of charity embodies all the elements of upright behavior that marks out the righteous person.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the act of *Tzedakah* is regarded as basic mitzvah-obligation - and is mentioned numerous times in Jewish literature. The Book of Proverbs (10,2; 11,4) tells us that *Tzedakah Tatzil Mimavet* - Charity (and charitable acts) delivers one from death - and giving charity, say the Rabbis, is one of the methods of "averting the evil decree" (Babylonian Talmud, tractate Rosh HaShanah).

Since time immemorial, the Jew has donated to charity in memory of a deceased relative, and it is particularly appropriate to do so before the ritual of Yizkor,

When those family members are no longer amongst us are remembered. On the mystical level, we are told that the performance of this vital mitzvah has the power to elevate the soul of the deceased, but a more tangible explanation is given in the work entitled *Sefer Chasidim* (Book of the Saintly) by Rabbi Yehudah the Chasid of Regensburg who lived at the end of the twelfth century. *Sefer Chasidim* asks: "How can the merits of one person be credited to another person after his death?" It explains as follows: If a parent instructs a child to learn and to carry out good deeds, then, since the rewards that the child gains for doing these things come about because of the parent's instruction, the child is able to have these actions credited to the parent. In other words, when we give *Tzedakah* in memory of deceased relatives, their souls are elevated.

The Yizkor prayers indeed include an undertaking to give a donation to charity in memory of the deceased. Just as in Temple times, visitors to Jerusalem were obliged to give what they could afford to the Temple funds so, too, we pledge to make our own donation to charity. By performing this mitzvah in the name of the deceased, we share the credit with them and enhance the status of their memory.

May their memories be for a blessing.

In loving memory of

Yitzhak ben Zundel Ha-Cohane Cusner 20 Shevat
Nechama bas Yisroel Ha-Cohane Cusner 28 Adar
Zundel ben Aaron Ha-Cohane Cusner 3 Tammuz
 Bryna bas HaRav Yosef Cusner 11 Nisan
 Ernesto ben Zundel Ha-Cohane Cusner
 Menucha bas Zundel Ha-Cohane Cusner
 Yisroel ben Meir Ha-Cohane Cohen 29 Nisan
 Chaya Bracha bas Nachman Cohen 6 Shevat
Tema Raizel bas Yisroel Ha-Cohane Cohen 28 Nisan
Pesha Rochel bas Yisroel Ha-Cohane Cohen 8 Nisan
 Chana bas Yisroel Ha-Cohane Cohen
 Eliezer ben Yisroel Ha-Cohane Cohen 2 Teves
 Simma bas Shaiya Ha-Cohane Cohen 10 Nisan
 Leah bas Yisroel Ha-Cohane Mekler 28 Teves
 Asher ben HaRav Shmuel Mekler 28 Teves
 Yisroel ben Asher Mekler 19 Av
 Rus bas Avraham Foxman 8 Cheshvan
 Yitzhak ben Yisroel Foxman 13 Tishrei
Devora Rifka bas Aaron Foxman 25 Adar II
 Dovid ben Yisroel Foxman 4 Kislev
 Miriam bas Yehoshua Foxman 29 Sivan
 Yisroel ben Shmuel Foxman 13 Sivan
 Sosha bas Shabsi Foxman 21 Nisan
 Miriam bas Elimelch Neuman 28 Tishrei
HaRav Oizer Aryeh ben Boruch Neuman 22 Tamuz
 Marsha bas Meir Rappaport 26 Elul
 Liba Resha bas Boruch Hirsh Dobs 3 Av
 Yehoshua ben Avraham Amato 1 Tishrei
 Naftali Hersh Jaffe 28 Tishrei
 Rus bas Avraham Jaffee 2 Av

by Burton and Alice Cusner and Family

In loving memory of

Z'ayv b'reb Chaim - William Bauman
9 Shevat

Baileh bas Rev Asher HaCohane - Betty Rothberg Bauman
11 Nissan

Rochel Leah bas Rev Asher HaCohane
Ruth Rothberg Erno
16 Sivan

Asher ben Baer HaCohane
3 Iyar

Miriam bas Elchana Moshe
23 Av

Chaim ben Avraham Yosef
1 Sivan

Rachel bas Tzvi Yitzchak
14 Tishri

Meir Shalom ben Mordechai
25 Tevet

by Marty and Nancy Bauman and Family

In loving memory of

Tzvi Aryeh ben Anshel

3 Adar

Nissan ben Gershon

18 Shevat

Baruch ben Nissan

22 Elul

Harav Eliyahu Dov ben Yehuda

4 Av

Mordechai ben Harav Eliyahu Dov

13 Adar

Eliezer ben Hillel

25 Shevat

Yehuda ben Menachem Eliyahu

18 Tishrei

Hillel ben Eliezer Halevi

3 Sivan

Israel Meir ben Eliezer Halevi

28 Shevat

Menachem ben Eliezer Aryeh

24 Sivan

Miriam bas Nissan

3 Cheshvan

Rochel bas Shiyah

18 Kislev

Chana bas Aharon

26 Adar

Esther Chaya bas Eliezer

10 Tamuz

Tzirel bas Dov

4 Nissan

Sarah Faiga bas Hersch Yosef

28 Shevat

Rochel Bas Eliezer

28 Adar II

Rochel bas Moshe Osher

28 Av

Yehuda ben Harav Eliyahu Dov

12 Tevet

Asher Anshel ben Tsvi Aryeh

10 Av

by Tzila Pass

In loving memory of

Baruch Reuven ben Meir—Barry R. Miller
19 Tishrei

David ben Yoav—David Asher Lindenberg
16 Av

Yosef ben Yisroel
24 Tevet

Dovid ben Yosef
7 Tevet

Rut bat Chaim
24 Nissan

Meir ben Michael
15 Iyar

Sara bat Binyamin
18 Elul

by Dr. Hilary Miller

In loving memory of

Moshe ben Reb Yosef Leiv
15 Adar II 5760

Sanka ben Yosef
10 Tammuz 5744

Rachel bas Yitzchak
29 Elul

Leah bat Eliahu
29 Shevat 5773

Esther bat Shimon
25 Sivan 5784

by Robert Dell and Family

In loving memory of

HaRav Moshe ben Yehoshua Dovid - Rabbi Moshe Turner
19 Nisan

Cipora bas R'Shimon Tzvi - Cipora Turner
4 Tishrei

Geldaliah ben R'Yehoshua - Gustave Hartman
28 Kislev

Sarah bas R'Zev Volff—Sarah Hartman
26 Iyar

Mordechai ben R' Yehoshua - Max Hartman
23 Cheshvan

Klara bas R'Yehoshua - Claire Hartman
11 Av

Shmuel Tzvi ben R'Zev - Dr. Sam H. Taub
4 Cheshvan

Feiga bat R'Yosef - Fannie Hartman
20 Iyar

Yehoshua ben R'Mordechai - Sam Hartman
21 Tamuz

Chava bat Yitzchak - Evelyn Zier
17 Shevat

by Rabbi Barry and Shoshanna Hartman

In loving memory of

Michal Freidal bat Eliezer - Michelle Frances Cable

Pesha bat Eliezer - Paula Cable

Reuven ben Yitzchak - Robert Cable

Braina Bashi bat Mordechai - Barbara Polonsky

Mordechai Avraham ben Louis - Max Alexander Rosenwald

Freidal bat Shlomo - Frances Rosenwald

Sara bat Moshe - Sandra Swerling

Natan ben Yaakov - Nathan Polonsky

Rachal Leah bat Gershom - Rose Leah Polonsky

Harriet Polonsky

Moshe Ben Natan - Graham Milton Polonsky

by Lawrence and Susan Cable and Family

In loving memory of

HaRav Chaim ben Ephraim Nussbaum

6 Tammuz 5754

Chana bas Mordechai Nussbaum

3 Cheshvan 5730

Raphael Menachem ben Shmuel Nussbaum

(Holocaust)

David ben Shmuel

Nissan 23

Rachel bas Raphael Menachem Nussbaum

Tevet 28

Chaya Bracha bas Shmuel

18 Kislev 5775

by Nendi and Mel Huff and Family

In loving memory of parents and grandparents

Sonya bas Zachariah - Sophie Bloom

3 Cheshvan

Chaim ben Yaakov - Robert Bloom

22 Shevat

Ratza bas Menachem - Rose Rudenstein

15 Tammuz

Moshe ben Shmuel - Morris (Rudy) Rudenstein

19 Cheshvan

Chaya Chayenn bas Yosef Meir - Ida Cohen

14 Kislev

Zachariah ben Aaron - Frank Cohen

3 Sh'vat

Esther bas Zachariah - Esther Cohen

6 Cheshvan

Hershel ben Zachariah - Harry Cohen

5 Cheshvan

Faige bas Yosel - Fanny Bloom

Yaakov ben Chaim - Jacob Bloom

Esther bat Zahariah - Faige Bloom

Hershel ben Zahariah - Yaakov Bloom

Zahariah Cohen

by the Rudenstein Family

In loving memory of

יואל בן יצחק לייב הלוי

Yoel ben Yitzchak Leib HaLevi—Joel Goldberg

14 Tevet

דוד מרדכי בן הרב מאיר

Dovid Mordechai ben HaRav Meir—David Maeir

19 Kislev

by The Maeir Family

In loving memory of

Kalmen ben Avraham

16 Teves—December 21, 1972

Gittel bas Zalman

26 Cheshvan—November 20, 1973

Sara bas Shlomo

3 Cheshvan—October 18, 2004

Maier ben Zalman

15 Tammuz—July 4, 1993

Dina bas Avraham

Yitzchak ben Issur

Yehuda Reuven ben Maier

by Sheldon and Debby Gilden

In loving memory of

Chana bat Rivka – Anna Schwartz
8 Adar II

Yitzchak ben Yehuda – Isadore Schwartz
10 Adar I

**Yenta bas Menachem Mendel, HaKohen
Yetta (Braunstein) Brainin**
23 Sivan

Binyamin ben Mendel Hertz, HaLevi – Benjamin Brainin
10 Tammuz

Chaya Sara bas Yom Tov Lippe – Adele Sara Monat
11 Tevet

Shmuel Moshe ben Yaakov – Seymour Maurice Monat
1 Adar II

Chaim Yehudah ben Rueven Velvel – Scott Jared Monat
8 Adar

Chaim Leib ben Binyamin, HaLevi – Harold Leon Brainin
10 Tevet

Baruch Avrom ben Shmuel Moshe – Robert Allan Monat
20 Tishrei

**Basha Simcha bas Chaim Leib, HaLevi –
Barbara Joy Brainin**
28 Nissan

by George and Janis Monat

In loving memory of

Esther bas Yaakov Dovid

3 Iyar 5754

Menucha bas Chaim Henoah HaLevi

27 Cheshvan 5760

HaRav Eliezer ben Elimelech

11 Shevat 5772

Tzvi Hersch ben Ze'ev Volf

15 Tishrei 5774

Chava Yehudis bas Yitzhak Issac HaLevi

21 Tevet 5781

by David and Heidi Goldblatt and Family

In loving memory of

Leah Fruma bas Mordechai

Moshe Yehuda Chaim ben Ben Zion Shlomo Aharon HaCohen

Mordechai ben Yaakov

Yta Gittel bas Aryeh Akiva

by David and Tova Yarmush