

*May Their Memory  
Be A Blessing*

זיכרונם לברכה



## A GUIDE TO HONORING THE MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

**Yahrzeit** is the Yiddish word for the anniversary of a death as determined by the Jewish calendar. Each year this is a time to recite *Kaddish* in a synagogue *minyan* and to remember the deceased.

**Kaddish** (which means 'holy'), is a category of Aramaic prayers that Jews recite. Different versions of this prayer are part of our liturgy, including the Mourner's Kaddish, Hatzi Kaddish and Kaddish d'Rabbanan.

A **Yahrzeit Candle** is traditionally lit in a home on the eve of a Yahrzeit and will burn for twenty-four hours. These candles can be purchased at a local store, such as Ralph's, and may also be taken from those on display outside our Sanctuary.

**Yizkor** (Memorial) services are held at a synagogue in connection to the holidays of Passover, Shavuot, Sukkot and on Yom Kippur. Those who have lost a parent, sibling, child or spouse participate along with the entire congregation.

**Tzedakah** is the part of our tradition which teaches that when we do good deeds, and give in the memory of loved ones, we continue to perpetuate their good name.