

Yizkor

*For death is come up into our windows,
and is entered into our palaces,
to cut off the children from without,
and the young men from the streets.*

(Jeremiah 9:21*)

May G-d Remember

The pure souls of the multitudes of Israel who were annihilated at the hands of cruel and foul foes, the scum of mankind, before an obsequious and unheeding world;

Those who survived the Lands of Death and found a safe haven in foreign parts, and yearning in their hearts for the resurrected Land of the Forefathers, gave their souls back up on foreign soil;

The refugees-turned-illegal immigrants who, in rickety boats, suffering hunger and thirst, rowed the fierce waters to reach the beach of refuge, and did not succeed, and perished at sea, or at the gates of the sealed-off homeland;

The builders and defenders of our country - boys and girls, old folks and youths - who fell at the hands of enemies and conspirers - on the battlefield, in defensive positions, in the outskirts of towns and on roads, at work and at school - and who with their deaths determined our lives;

And all those who dreamt and fought and were able take pleasure in the soil of the homeland, yet were torn from us prematurely or satiated with days and chagrin;

May Our G-d remember them favourably and bind their souls in the Bond of Life.

And we shall remember them and keep their sacred memory in our hearts all our lives and we shall tell of their deeds and events to our sons after us, to the last generation.

* [TN: Jeremiah 9:20 in the original Hebrew Bible.]