

Hebrew Cemetery Association

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The summer is almost over and those activities that filled our summer months with such fun will soon be just a memory. That is the nature of life in general. While it is true that the good times seem to fly by so quickly, associated thoughts and images linger in one's mind. So, too, with loved ones whom we've been privileged and honored to know and love. Their passing brings an abrupt halt to those summer months of fun. Their passing leaves in us a dismal and cold winter void that time and grief are unable to fill. The fun we shared during the summers of their lives become memories ... always in our minds, just a thought or image away. So many of us have been fortunate enough to be untouched



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by death. However, the reality of life is that one day it will come knocking at our door ... most times when we least expect it. Judaism, with its infinite and divine offerings, gives us the tools we need to cope with these horrific losses.

During the upcoming High Holiday season, one of the greatest mitzvot you can do is to perpetuate the memory of someone who preceded you in eternal life. During this season make a commitment to recall the memories of loved ones, friends and neighbors you've lost; to recall those who perished in national and international tragedies of terrorism and war; to think of the Jewish martyrs who gave their lives so that Judaism would survive, providing us with the religious freedoms that we

enjoy today.

How can the average Jew achieve such a Godly task? Judaism offers several ways to honor and memorialize precious departed souls: Participate in your synagogue's Yizkor services held during the Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeret holidays to memorialize those departed souls; light the ritual yartzheit candle on the eve of the Yizkor services to symbolize the light of those departed souls; make a donation in memory of a departed soul which both perpetuates the memory and allows the recipient organization to continue their altruistic work; join the Hebrew Cemetery Association of Charlotte which provides for a sanctified burial ground for every Jew in need of a burial spot; attend the Hebrew Cemetery's Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, October 5 at 10:30 AM to show your respect to

the dead.

Judaism is a beautifully rich religion that provides for a deep and meaningful way of life ... and death. Be part of that life now ... and always. Guarantee that all of

your summers are filled with significance, gratitude and joy.

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Israel Bonds Gala Honored Barbara and Jerry Levin

On May 28, the Israel Bonds organization for the Southeast held a dinner at Temple Israel to celebrate Israel's 60th birthday and recognize the contribution and involvement of community leaders, Barbara and Jerry Levin. Rabbi Murray Ezring presented the Levin's with the Israel Bond's Declaration of Independence Award. Over 175 members of the community were in attendance to show their support for Israel

Bonds and pay tribute to the Levins for their leadership with Israel Bonds, for which Jerry is currently Chairman in Charlotte, as well as to recognize them for their involvement and leadership with numerous community organizations and institutions. The evening was a terrific success and attendees showed their support by making commitments to invest over \$550,000 in Bonds to benefit the State of Israel. ✪

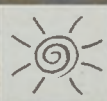


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