

In accordance with ancient custom, we have also to-day hidden forever those old pages of "SHEIMOT" upon which were once written the treasures of our Faith and for many years, have served for us as the guides of wisdom to our people. We have, with reverence laid them aside forever, but the spirit and the heritage which they gave us, shall now continue to live on.

These are no more Seimot, but rather NESHAMOT..souls the souls of our loved ones, who were the personification of Eternal Truth, which can NEVER be destroyed.

It is told of one of our Sages (Rabbi Yochanan) that when he finished reading the Book of JOB, which tells of the mysteries of life and death, that he would say:- "ASHREI HA-ISH" Happy is the man, who had given full satisfaction to his Creator; who has grown with a good name and who can depart this world with a good name" This is indeed a very significant statement, that we can all take to heart; for it simply means, that man's period on earth, which he has been granted, should be so full of purpose; so great in blessings to all mankind, that when he is called to higher service, and enters the BET OLAM, the House of Eternity, we could then know, that he has left this world a better place than when he found it.

And so, friends, let us remember that the Soul which God had given us is inherently pure, and as long as we remain true to our God-given destiny, so shall our Faith remain deathless.

In solemn testimony, therefore, to our unbroken faith which links one generation to another, let us follow the words of Heavenly Comfort to all who need it, and during our earthly pilgrimage, continue to magnify and sanctify God's Holy name with the recital of the KADDISH:-

YITGADAL...