

The background of the image is the transgender flag, which consists of five horizontal stripes of equal width. From top to bottom, the colors are light blue, pink, white, pink, and light blue. The text is centered on the white stripe.

Shabbat Shalom!

Congregation Beth El Marks
National Transgender Remembrance Day

**May the door of this sanctuary be wide enough
to receive all who hunger for love,
all who are lonely for fellowship.**

**May it welcome all who have cares to unburden,
thanks to express, hopes to nurture.**

**May the door of this sanctuary be narrow enough
to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.**

**May its portals admit no complacency,
selfishness, or harshness. May this sanctuary welcome all who seek
serenity, renewal, and truth; May it be, for all of us, the gateway
to a richer and more meaningful life.**

Shalom Aleichem - May Peace Be Upon You

When we love and act with kindness, we create angels of love and kindness; when we hate and act with violence, we create angels of hatred and violence. It is our job to fill our world with angels of love: messengers of kindness that link people together as one family. So, as we honor this day of Transgender Remembrance and welcome Shabbat, let's take a moment to consider those acts of hate and violence that make this world unsafe for trans and gender-variant people. Shabbat does not ask us to ignore the damage or forget the victims. But we are asked to focus for a few hours on affirmation and welcoming the angels of love and kindness.

(Rabbi Rami Shapiro)

Shalom Aleichem - Peace Be Upon You

*Shalom aleyhem malahey hasharet malahey
elyon*

mimeleh malhey hamalahim ha kadosh baruh hu.

Bo'ahem leshalom, malahey hashalom...[repeat]

Barehuni leshalom, malahey

hashalom.....[repeat]

Tzethem leshalom, malahey hashalom...[repeat]

Welcome, ministering angels, angels of the
Highest One,

from deep within us, Majesty of majesties,
the blessed Holy One.

Come, then in peace, angels of
peace,...[repeat]

Bless us with peace, angels of
peace,...[repeat]

Depart in peace, angels of peace,...[repeat]

Psalm 97

אֹר זָרַע לְצַדִּיק

וְלִישְׂרֵי-לֵב שִׂמְחָה

Or zaruah latzadik,

ul'yishrei lev simcha

Light is sewn for the righteous, joy for the upright in heart

L'cha Dodi - Come, My Beloved

*L'kha dodi likrat kalah, p'nei
shabbat n'kab'lah.*

Shamor v'zakhor b'dibur ehad,
Hishmi-anu El ha m'yuhad. Adonai
ehad u-shmo ehad, L'shem
u-l'tiferet v'lit-hilah *L'kha dodi
likrat kalah, p'nei shabbat n'kab'lah.*
Likrat shabbat l'khu v'neil'khah, Ki
hi m'kor ha-b'rakhah. Meirosh
mi-kedem n'sukhah, Sof ma-aseh
b'mahashavah t'hilah.

לְכֵה דוּדִי

לְכֵה דוּדִי לְקִרְאת כָּלֵה, פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת
נִקְבְּלָה.

שָׁמור וְזָכוֹר בְּדִבּוּר אֶחָד הַשְּׂמִיעֵנוּ אֵל
הַמְּיֻחָד. ה' אֶחָד וְשֵׁמוֹ אֶחָד, לְשֵׁם
וְלִתְפָאֶרֶת וְלִתְהִלָּה.

לְכֵה דוּדִי לְקִרְאת כָּלֵה, פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת
נִקְבְּלָה.

לְקִרְאת שַׁבַּת לְכוּ וְנִלְכֵה כִּי הִיא מְקוֹר
הַבְּרָכָה. מֵרֵאשׁ מְקֻדָּם נְסוּכָה סוּף מַעֲשֵׂה
בְּמַחְשְׁבָה תִּחְלָה.

In the song *L'cha Dodi*, friends address one another, encouraging all to come greet the Sabbath. Often the congregation stands and faces the doors, bowing as the Sabbath enters.

One tradition notes that the congregation is, thus, turning away from the leaders and whoever else is at the front – often the more prominent members of the community – and bowing toward the back, where some of those who are at the margins of the community may be found. On this Transgender Remembrance Shabbat, let us pause to consider the vulnerability of all those at the margins and remember that we are called to recognize the image of God in every human individual.

בוֹאִי בְּשָׁלוֹם עֶטְרֵת בְּעֵלָהּ, גַּם בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְצַהֲלָהּ,
תּוֹךְ אֱמוּנֵי עַם סְגֻלָּהּ, בּוֹאִי (BOW) כִּלָּה בּוֹאִי (BOW) כִּלָּה.
לְכֵה דוּדֵי לְקִרְאֵת כִּלָּה, פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת נִקְבְּלָהּ.

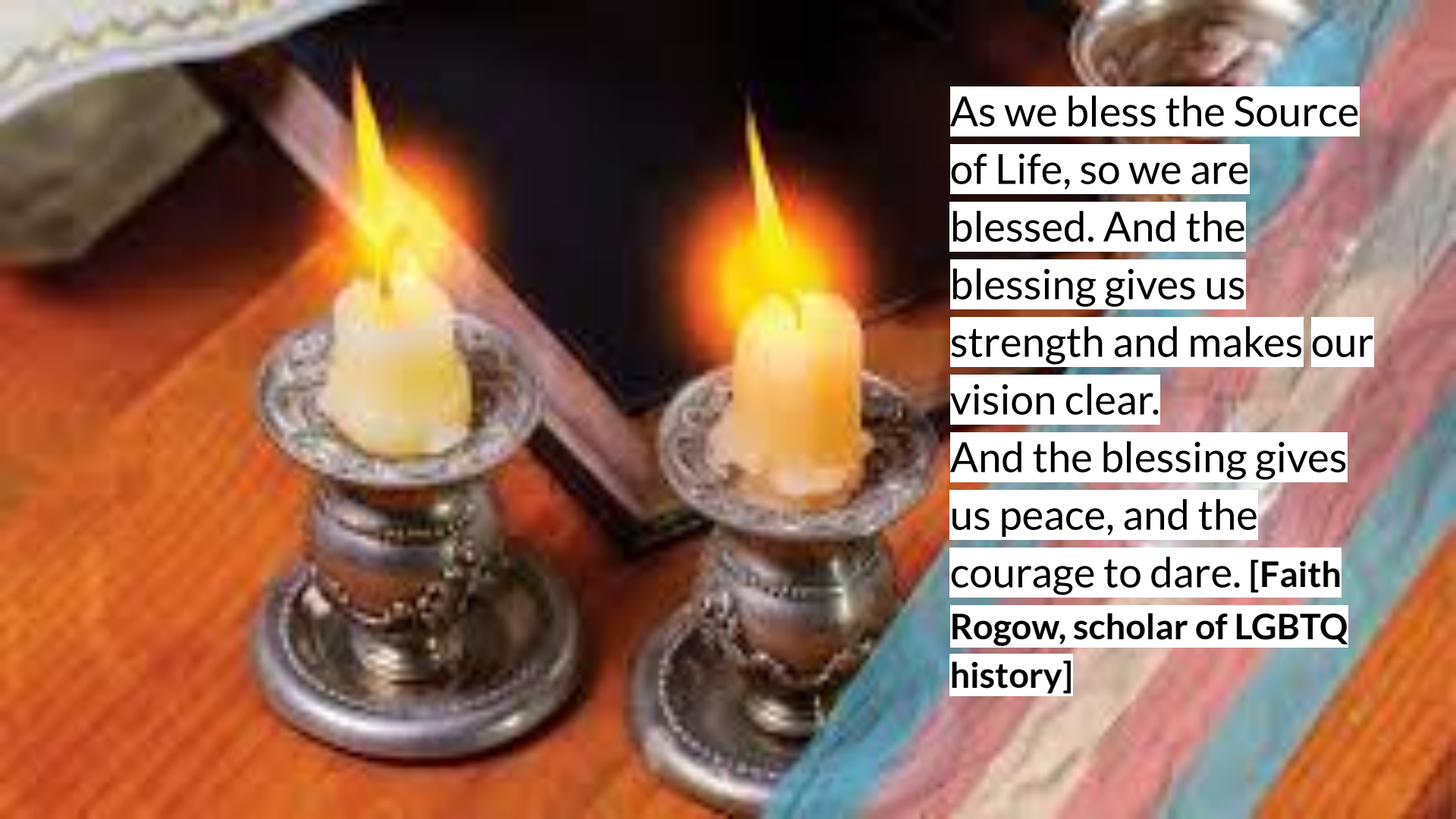
Bo-I v'shalom Ateret balah, gam b'simhah
u-v'tzoholah, tokh emunei am s'gulah, bo-I (BOW)
khalah, bo-I (BOW) khalah.

L'kha dodi likrat kalah, p'nei shabbat n'kab'lah.

Created At Twilight (Pirke Avot 5:6)

עֲשָׂרָה דְּבָרִים נִבְרְאוּ בְּעֶרֶב שַׁבָּת בֵּין הַשְּׁמָשׁוֹת, וְאֵלוֹ הֵן, פִּי הָאָרֶץ, וּפִי הַבְּאֵר, וּפִי הָאֶתוֹן, וְהַקֶּשֶׁת,
וְהַמָּן, וְהַמָּטָה, וְהַשְּׁמִיר, וְהַכֶּתֶב, וְהַמְּכַתֵּב, וְהַלְוִיחוֹת. וַיֵּשׂ אֹמְרִים, אֶף הַמַּזְיִקִין, וְקְבוּרָתוֹ שֶׁל מֹשֶׁה,
וְאֵילוֹ שֶׁל אַבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ. וַיֵּשׂ אֹמְרִים, אֶף צָבַת בְּצָבַת עֲשׂוּיָהּ:

Ten things were created on the eve of the Sabbath at twilight, and these are they:
[1] the mouth of the earth, [2] the mouth of the well, [3] the mouth of the donkey,
[4] the rainbow, [5] the manna, [6] the staff [of Moses], [7] the shamir, [8] the
letters, [9] the writing, [10] and the tablets. And some say: also the demons, the
grave of Moses, and the ram of Abraham, our father. And some say: and also tongs,
made with tongs.



As we bless the Source
of Life, so we are
blessed. And the
blessing gives us
strength and makes our
vision clear.

And the blessing gives
us peace, and the
courage to dare. [Faith
Rogow, scholar of LGBTQ
history]

ברכו Barchu

בְּרֹכֵי

Leader

בְּרֹכֵי אֶת ה' - הַמְּבֹרָךְ.

Congregation, then the leader repeats

בְּרוּךְ ה' הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Barukh Adonai ha-m'vorakh l'olam va-ed.

Twilight People (R. Reuben Zellman)

As the sun sinks and the colors of the day turn, we offer a blessing for the twilight, for twilight is neither day nor night, but in-between. We are all twilight people. We can never be fully labeled or defined. We are many identities and loves, many genders and none.

We are in between roles, at the intersection of histories, or between place and place. We are criss-crossed paths of memory and destination, streaks of light swirled together. We are neither day nor night. We are both, neither, and all. May the sacred in-between of this evening suspend our certainties, soften our judgments, and widen our vision.

May this in-between light illuminate our way to the God who transcends all categories and definitions. May the in-between people who have come to pray be lifted up into this twilight. We cannot always define; we can always say a blessing. Blessed are You, God of all, who brings on the twilight.

Ma'ariv Aravim מעריב ערבים

וּמַעֲבִיר יוֹם וּמִבִּיא לַיְלָה, וּמַבְדִּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה. יי
צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ: אֵל חַי וְקַיִם תָּמִיד יִמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, הַמַּעֲרִיב עֶרְבִים.

u-ma'avir yom umeivi laila, umavdil bein yom uvein lailah, Adonai
tz'va'ot sh'mo. Eil chai v'kayam, tamid yimloch aleinu, l'olam
va'ed.

Baruch Atah Adonai, hama'ariv aravim

We Are Loved by an Unending Love

We are embraced by arms that find us even when we are hidden from ourselves. We are touched by fingers that soothe us even when we are too embittered to hear. We are loved by an unending love. We are supported by hands that uplift us even in the midst of a fall. We are urged on by eyes that meet us even when we are too weak for meeting. We are loved by an unending love. Embraced, touched, soothed and counseled... Ours are the arms, the fingers, the voices; Ours are the hands, the eyes, the smiles. We are loved by an unending love. (Rabbi Rami Shapiro)

Sh'ma and V'Ahavta

*Sh'ma yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai
Echad (Quietly) Barukh Shem Kavod
Malchuto L'olam va'ed.*

*Ve'ahavta et Adonai elohekha b'kchol
l'vav'kha, u-v'khol nafsh'kha, u-v'khol
me'odekha. V'hayu ha-d'varim ha-eileh,
asher anokhi M'tzav'kha hayom al
l'vavekha. V'shinantam l'vanekha
v'dibarta bam, b'shivt'kha b'veitekha
u-v'lekht'kha va-derekh u-v'shokhb'kha
u-v'kumekha. U-k'shartam l'ot al
yadekha, v'hayu l'totafot bein einecha.
U-kh'tavtam al mezuzot beitekha
u-visharekha*

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ, ה' אֶחָד. בְּרוּךְ
שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ, לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ. בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-
נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל מְאֹדְךָ: וְהָיָו הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה
אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ, הַיּוֹם עַל לִבְבְּךָ: וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם
לְבַנְיֹךָ וּדְבַרְתָּ בָם. בְּשַׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ
וּבְלַכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשָׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ:
וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפוֹת בֵּין
עֵינֶיךָ: וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל מְזֻזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ
וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

“All of us are put in boxes by our family, by our religion, by our society, our moment in history, even our own bodies. Some people have the courage to break free.”

-Geena Rocero, transgender supermodel and activist

Mi Chamocha: Crossing into Freedom

Then Moses, Miriam, and the
people Israel joyfully
sang to You:

*Mi khamokha ba-elim Adonai, mi
kamokha nedar bakodesh, nora
t'hilot. oseh feleh. Malkhut'kha
ra'u vanekha. bokei-a yam lifnei
Moshe, zeh eili anu v'amru:
Adonai yimlokh l'olam va-ed.*

וּמַלְכוּתוֹ בְּרָצוֹן קִבְּלוּ עֲלֵיהֶם,
מִשָּׁה וּמִרְיָם וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לָךְ עָנוּ שִׁירָה בְּשִׂמְחָה רַבָּה, וְאָמְרוּ:
כָּלֵם:

מִי כָמֹכָה בָּאֱלֹהִים,
מִי כָמֹכָה נֹאדָר בִּקְדֻשָּׁה,
נוֹרָא תְהִלָּתְךָ, עֹשֶׂה פֶלֶא.

מַלְכוּתְךָ רָאוּ בְּנֵיהֶם, בּוֹקֵעַ יָם לִפְנֵי מִשָּׁה, זֶה אֵלֵינוּ עָנוּ וְאָמְרוּ:
ה' יִמְלֹךְ לְעֹלָם וָעֶד.

וְנֹאמְרָם: כִּי פְדָה ה' אֶת יַעֲקֹב,
וּגְאָלוֹ מִיַּד חֲזַק מִמֶּנּוּ.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', גְּאֹל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

I Knew I Wasn't Really a Boy

When I was a little boy, I prayed to God. I prayed God would make me a girl because I knew I wasn't really a boy, not inside. I didn't want to keep pretending to be a boy because it was hard to pretend all the time. I knew I couldn't go on forever pretending like that. It made me very tired and sad. I wondered why God would want me to be tired and sad every day. But I tried hard not to disappoint God.

One morning, after praying like this for many years, I woke up and God had changed me. God had changed my tiredness into courage. God gave me the courage to tell the truth. God gave me the courage to tell people I wasn't a boy, even though it made some people laugh and some people get mad.

God's courage has made me happy. God's courage has taught me to love myself. God's courage lets my outside be like my inside. God's courage gives me the gift of honesty. God is Truth.

I thank God for giving me the courage to tell the truth. I thank God for giving me the courage to be me. Thank you God, for creating the infinitely complex universe, and for creating infinitely complex me.

[Dr. Jill Weiss, *Siddur B'chol L'vav'cha*, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah]

The Friday Night Amidah

Baruch atah (BOW) Adonai,
Eloheinu, Velohei avoteinu,
Elohei Avraham v'Sarah, Elohei
Yitzchak v'Rivka, Elohei Ya'akov,
Leah, v'Rachel
Haeil HaGadol HaGibor v'HaNorah
Eil Eilyon, gomeil chasadim tovim
v'konei hakol
v'zocheir chasdei avot u'meivi goeil
livnei v'neihem
I'maan sh'mo b'ahavah.
Melech ozeir ufokeid umoshia
umagein,
Baruch atah (BOW) Adonai, magein
Avraham ufokeid Sara.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה (BOW) ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי
אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם וְשָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק
וְרִבְקָה, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב לֵאמֹר וְרַחֵל, הָאֵל
הַגָּדוֹל, הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיוֹן, גּוֹמֵל
חַסְדִּים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי
אֲבוֹת, וּמְבִיא גּוֹאֵל לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן
שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה.
מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּפּוֹקֵד וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגִּין. בְּרוּךְ
אַתָּה (BOW) ה',
מַגִּין אַבְרָהָם וּפּוֹקֵד שָׂרָה.

*Atah gibor l'olam Adonai, m'chaiyei
meitim atah, rav l'ho-shi-a, From Sh'mini
Atzeret – Pesach add: “M'shiv haruach
umoreid hagashem.”*

*From Pesach- Sh'mini Atzeret, some add:
“Morid hatal.” M'chalkeil chayim
b'chesed, m'chayei meitim b'rachamim
rabim, someich nof'lim, v'rofei cholim
umatir asurim, um'kaiyeim emunato
lisheinei afar. Mi chamocha baal g'vurot
umi dome lach melech meimit,
um'chaiye umatzmi-ach y'shua.
V'neeman atah l'hachayot meitim.
Ba-ruch atah Adonai, m'chayei
hameitim.*

**אַתָּה, גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם, אֲדֹנָי.
מְחַיֶּה מֵתִים אֶתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ.
From Sh'mini Atzeret until Pesah**

**מְשִׁיב הַרוּחַ וּמוֹרִיד הַגֶּשֶׁם
מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד, מְחַיֶּה מֵתִים
בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים, סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא
חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים, וּמְקַיֵּם
אֲמוּנַתוֹ לְיֹשְׁבֵי עֶפְרָי.
מִי כְמוֹךָ בַּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת, וּמִי דוֹמֵה לָךְ,
מֶלֶךְ מֵמִית וּמְחַיֶּה וּמְצַמִּיחַ יְשׁוּעָה.
וְנֶאֱמַן אֶתָּה לְהַחְיֹת מֵתִים. בְּרוּךְ
אַתָּה ה', מְחַיֶּה הַמֵּתִים.**

אֶתְּהָ קִדְשָׁתְךָ אֶת־יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשִׁמְךָ, תַּכְלִית מַעֲשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ, וּבִרְכָתוֹ
:מִכָּל־הַיָּמִים, וְקִדְשָׁתוֹ מִכָּל־הַזְּמַנִּים, וְכֵן כָּתוּב בְּתוֹרָתְךָ

וַיְכַלּוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל־צְבָאָם וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה
וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִכָּל־מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה: וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי
וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ כִּי בּוֹ שָׁבַת מִכָּל־מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר־בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת:

*A-tah ki-dash-ta et yom ha-sh'vi-i li-sh'me-cha, tach-lit ma-a-sei sha-ma-yim va-a-rets,
u-vei-rach-to mi-kawl ha-ya-mim v'ki-dash-to mi-kawl ha-z'ma-nim, v'chein ka-tuv
b'to-ra-te-cha:*

*Va-y'chu-lu: Va-y'chu-lu ha-sha-ma-yim v'ha-a-retz, v'chawl ts'va-am. va-y'chal e-lo-him
ba-yom ha-sh'vi-i, m'lach-to a-sher a-sa va-yish-bot ba-yom ha-sh'vi-i, mi-kawl m'lach-to
a-sher a-sa. va-y'va-rech e-lo-him et yom ha-sh'vi-i, va-y'ka-deish o-to ki vo sha-vat mi-kawl
m'lach-to a-sher ba-ra e-lo-him la-a-sot.*

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, רְצֵה נָא בְּמִנוּחֵינוּ, קְדֹשֵׁנוּ בְּמִצּוֹתֶיךָ, שִׁים חֶלְקֵנוּ
בְּתוֹרָתְךָ, שְׁבַענוּ מִטוֹבְךָ, שִׂמַּח נַפְשֵׁנוּ בִּישׁוּעָתְךָ, וְטֵהַר לִבֵּנוּ לְעִבְדֶּךָ בְּאֵמֶת,
וְהִנְחִילֵנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרַצוֹן שַׁבַּת קְדֹשְׁךָ, וַיְנוּחוּ בָּהּ כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל
מִקְדָּשֵׁי שְׁמֶךָ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה, מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת

*E-lo-hei-nu vei-lo-hei a-vo-tei-nu, r'tsei vim-nu-cha-tei-nu. Ka-d'shei-nu
b'mitz-vo-te-cha, v'tein chel-kei-nu b'to-ra-te-cha. Sa-b'ei-nu
mi-tu-ve-cha, v'sa-m'chei-nu bi-shu-a-te-cha, v'ta-heir li-bei-nu
l'awv-d'cha be-e-met. V'han-chi-lei-nu, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, b'a-ha-va
uv'ra-tson Sha-bat kawd-she-cha, v'ya-nu-chu va Yis-ra-eil m'ka-d'shei
sh'me-cha. Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, m'ka-deish ha-Sha-bat.*

שְׁלוֹם רַב עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ תְּשִׂים לְעוֹלָם כִּי אַתָּה הוּא מֶלֶךְ אֲדוֹן לְכֹל
הַשְּׁלוֹם וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרֶךְ אֶת עַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכֹל עֵת וּבְכֹל שָׁעָה
בְּשִׁלּוֹמֶךָ.

*Shalom rav al yisrael am'kha v'al kol yosh'vei teiveil tasim
l'olam, ki atah hu melekh adon l'khol ha-shalom. V'tov
b'einekha l'varekh et am'kha yisrael b'khol eit u-v'khol sha-ah
bishlomekha.*

Grant abundant peace over Israel, Your people, forever. For You are the sovereign source of all peace. So may it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel in every season and in every hour with Your peace. Blessed are You, Adonai, Who blesses Your people Israel with peace.

עֲלֵינוּ

עֲלֵינוּ לְשִׁבַח לְאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל, לְתֵת גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית, שֶׁלֹּא עָשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאָרְצוֹת, וְלֹא שָׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה.
שֶׁלֹּא שָׁם חִלְקֵנוּ כְּהֵם, וְגוֹרְלֵנוּ כְּכֹל-הַמוֹנֵם. וְאַנְחֵנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים, לְפָנֵי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא. שֶׁהוּא נוֹטֵה שָׁמַיִם וְיִסַּד אֶרֶץ, וּמוֹשֵׁב יְקָרוֹ בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל, וְשֹׁכֵן עֵזָו בְּגִבְהֵי מְרוֹמִים. הוּא
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֵין עוֹד. אָמֵת מַלְכֵנוּ אָפֶס זוּלָּתוֹ, כִּפְתוּב בְּתוֹרָתוֹ: וַיְדַעַת הַיּוֹם וְהַשַּׁבָּת אֵל לְבַבְךָ כִּי ה' הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים
בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל, וְעַל הָאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת אֵין עוֹד.
וְנֶאֱמַר: וְהָיָה ה' לְמֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ,
בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה ה' אֶחָד וְשֵׁמוֹ אֶחָד.

*Aleinu l'shabei-ah la-adon hakol, lateit g'dulah l'yotzer b'reishit,
shelo asanu k'goyei ha-aratzot, v'lo samanu k'mishp'hot ha-adamah, shelo sam helkeinu
kahem, v'goraleinu k'khol hamonam. (BOW) Va-anahnu korim u-mishtahavim u-modim,
(STRAIGHTEN) lifnei Melekh Malkhei ha-m'lakhim ha-kadosh barukh hu. Shehu noteh
shamayim v'yosed aretz, u-moshav y'karo ba-shamayim mima-al, u-sh'khinat uzo b'govhei
m'romim, hu Eloheinu ein od. Emet Malkeinu efes zulato, ka-katuv b'torato: v'yadata hayom
va-hashevota el l'vavekha, ki Adonai Hu Ha-Elohim ba-shamayim mima-al v'al ha-aretz
mitahat, ein Od. V'ne-emar: v'hayah Adonai l'melekh al kol ha-aretz, bayom hahu yihyeh
Adonai ehad u-sh'mo ehad.*

El Maleh Rahamim, God Full of Mercy

God full of mercy, bless the souls of all who are in our hearts on this Transgender Day of Remembrance. We call to mind today young and old, of every race, faith, and gender experience, who have died by violence. We remember those who have died because they would not hide, or did not pass, or did pass, or stood too proud. Today we name them: the reluctant activist; the fiery hurler of heels; the warrior for quiet truth; the one whom no one really knew.

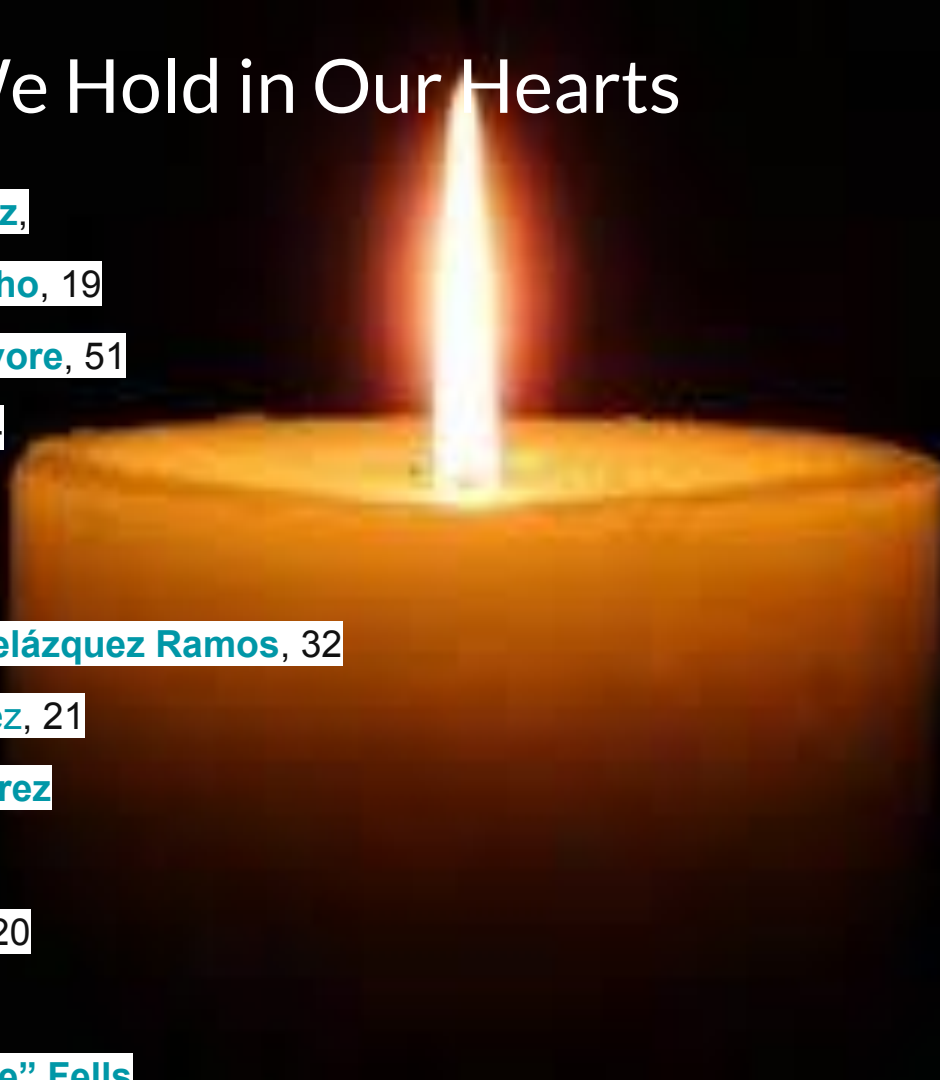
As many as we can name, there are thousands more whom we cannot, and for whom no Kaddish may have been said. We mourn their senseless deaths, and give thanks for their lives, for their teaching, and for the brief glow of each holy flame. We pray for the strength to carry on their legacy of vision, bravery, and love.

And as we remember them, we remember with them the thousands more who have taken their own lives. We pray for resolve to root out the injustice, ignorance, and cruelty that grow despair. And we pray, God, that all those who perpetrate hate and violence will speedily come to understand that Your creation has many faces, many genders, many holy expressions.

Blessed are they, who have allowed their divine image to shine in the world. Blessed is God, in Whom no light is extinguished. **(Rabbi Reuben Zellman)**

We Hold in Our Hearts

- **Dustin Parker, 25,**
- **Neulisa Luciano Ruiz,**
- **Yampi Méndez Arocho, 19**
- **Scott/ Scottlynn Devore, 51**
- **Monika Diamond, 34**
- **Lexi, 33**
- **Johanna Metzger**
- **Serena Angelique Velázquez Ramos, 32**
- **Layla Pelaez Sánchez, 21**
- **Penélope Díaz Ramírez**
- **Nina Pop**
- **Helle Jae O'Regan, 20**
- **Tony McDade**
- **Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells**



- **Riah Milton, 25**
- **Jayne Thompson, 33**
- **Selena Reyes-Hernandez, 37**
- **Brian "Egypt" Powers, 43**
- **Brayla Stone, 17**
- **Merci Mack, 22**
- **Shaki Peters, 32**
- **Bree Black, 27**
- **Summer Taylor**
- **Marilyn Cazares**
- **Dior H Ova**
- **Queasha D Hardy, 22**
- **Aja Raquell Rhone-Spears**
- **Lea Rayshon Daye, 28**



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- **Kee Sam**
 - **Aerrion Burnett**
 - **Mia Green, 29**
 - **Michelle Michellyn Ramos Vargas**
 - **Felycya Harris, 33**
 - **Brooklyn Deshuna, 20**
 - **Sara Blackwood**
 - **Angel Unique, 25**
 - **Yunieski Carey Herrera, 39**

Names gathered from the Human Rights Campaign 2020

*Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba. B'alma di v'ra
chirutei, v'yamlich malchutei, b'chayeichon
uv'yomeichon uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael,
baagala uviz'man kariv. V'im'ru: Amen. Y'hei
sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.
Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar v'yitromam
v'yitnasei, v'yit'hadar v'yitaleh v'yit'halal sh'mei
d'Kud'sha B'rich Hu, l'eila min kol birchata
v'shirata, tushb'chata v'nechemata, daamiran
b'alma. V'imru: Amen. Y'hei sh'lama raba min
sh'maya, v'chayim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael.
V'imru: Amen. Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu
yaaseh shalom aleinu, v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru:
Amen*

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא,
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא, כְּרַעוּתֵיהּ,
וְיִמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Congregation and mourners

יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמִים וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקוּדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא,
בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחְמָתָא דְאִמְרִין בְּעֵלְמָא,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ, וְעַל כָּל-
יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Breathing is a Source of Healing

As we are born, breath comes into our lungs. God is the source of breath. My heart rises and falls to each breath I take. Each breath brings expansion and contraction to some aspect of my life.

I breathe in stillness; I breathe out confusion.

I breathe in calm; I breathe out stress.

I breathe in acceptance; I breathe out the need to judge.

I breathe in patience; I breathe out irritation.

I breathe in resilience and persistence; I breathe out despair.

I breathe in compassion; I breathe out anger.

I breathe in joy; I breathe out pain.

I breathe in love; I breathe out hatred.

I breathe in courage and hope....

I breathe in serenity...

I breathe in peace...

As I breathe, may I receive.