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Slide 1 - Opening

Yom Hazikaron is a day of remembrance for those who fell in the struggle for the establishment of the state of Israel and its defense. It is marked during the 24 hours preceding Yom Haatzmaut. On Yom Hazikaron the entire nation remembers its debt and expresses eternal gratitude to its sons and daughters who gave their lives for the achievement of the State of Israel's independence and its continued existence. Day after day, our Chayalim put their lives on the line in order to protect the citizens of Israel.

Yom Hazikaron is a day of collective and personal anguish. This day is infused with awe and honor for the fallen. It is a day on which the living rededicate themselves to the state of Israel, so that they may be worthy of the sacrifice of those who died for its survival.

Slide 2 - Siren

On Yom Ha'Zikaron in Israel, all flags across the country are lowered at nightfall of the 4th Iyar and a Tzefira, a siren, is sounded across the country. While the siren wails, the country stands in silence to commemorate the lives lost in the fight for the security of the State of Israel. We invite you to join us in a moment of silence as we do the same.



[Play video of Siren]

Slide 3 - Yizkor and Candles

Please remain standing as we recite the Yizkor and Kel Maleh prayers, and light the Yerzeiht candles in memory of the fallen soldiers and for the victims of terror.



[Light 2 candles]

"יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹקִים אֶת נַשְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי-גִבּוֹרָיו, חִילֵי צָבָא הַנִּגְנָה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל, שֶׁנִּפְּלוּ בְּמִלְחָמוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּפַעֲלוֹת הַנִּגְנָה, תִּגְמֹל וּבְטָחוֹן וּבַעֲת מְלוּי תִּפְקִידֶם, וְנַשְׁמוֹת כָּל לֹחֲמֵי הַמַּחְתָּרֵת וְחַטִּיבוֹת הַלֹּחֲמִים בְּמַעֲרְכוֹת הָעַם, שֶׁחָרְפוּ נַפְשָׁם לְמוֹת עַל קִדְשַׁת הַשָּׁם, וּבַעֲזַרַת אֱלֹקֵי מַעֲרְכוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל הֵבִיאוּ לְתַקוּמַת הָאָמָה וְהַמְדִינָה וְלִגְאֻלַּת הָאָרֶץ וְעִיר הָאֱלֹקִים. מְנַשְּׂרִים קִלּוּ וּמְאַרְיוֹת גָּבְרוּ, בְּהַחֲלָצָם לְעִזְרַת הָעַם וְהָרוּ בְּדַמָּם הַטְּהוֹר אֶת רַגְבֵי אֲדַמַת קִדְשָׁנוּ. זָכַר עֲקִדְתָם וּמַעֲשֵׂה גִבּוֹרָתָם לֹא יִסּוּפוּ מֵאַתְּנוּ לְעוֹלָמִים. תְּהִינָה נַשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת בְּצִרוֹר הַחַיִּים עִם נַשְׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם, יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב וְעַם שְׂאֵר גִּבּוֹרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְקְדוּשָׁיו שֶׁבָּנוּ עִדּוֹ. וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן."



Slide 4 - Kel Maleh Rachamim

א-ל מלא רחמים שוכן במרומים, המצא מנוחה נכונה על כנפי השכינה במעלות קדושים, טהורים וגבורים, בזהר הרקיע מזהירים, לנשמות הקדושים שנלחמו בכל מערכות ישראל, במחירת ובצבא ההגנה לישראל ושנפלו במלחמתם ומסרו נפשם על קדשת השם, העם והארץ בעבור שאנו מתפללים לעלוי נשמותיהם. לכן בעל הרחמים יסתירם בסתר כנפיו לעולמים ויצרר בצרור החיים את נשמותיהם, ה' הוא נחלתם, בגן עדן מנוחתם וינוחו בשלום על משבבותם ותעמד לכל ישראל זכותם ויעמדו לגורלם לקץ הימיו, ונאמר אמו.

Slide 5 - This year is different

PLEASE BE SEATED

On Seder night we ask: WHY is this night different than all other nights? It seems appropriate to ask the same about Yom Hazikaron 5784. Why is this Yom Hazikaron different than all the others?

How do we choose only one day to commemorate the fallen, when every day has felt like Yom Hazikaron since October 7th.

Since the attack on Simchat Torah and Operation Iron Swords, Charvot Barzel, there have been 600 IDF casualties and over 800 civilian casualties. A new custom has developed in Israel, known as a Misdar Kavod, where entire neighborhoods line the streets to escort the funeral proceedings and pay respect to the fallen soldiers.

It is impossible to put into words the feelings that Israelis and Jews worldwide are experiencing in the current war. Every family and individual has been affected. Listen to the words of Chanan Ben-Ari in his song Moledet, Homeland, as he tries to understand the events of October 7th.

Slide 6 - Song



[Play Video - Moledet by Chanan Ben-Ari]



Slide 7 - Transition to Stories

David Hamelech was one of the first to mourn dead soldiers. After the death of Shaul and Yonatan, rather than rejoice at the opportunity to become king, David looked sadly at the death of these two and mourned them. David knew, like we know today, that the death of Jewish soldiers is a loss to us all.

Join us as we read the Pesukim of King David's eulogy followed by the 3 remarkable stories.

Slide 8 - Kinat David

**Daughters of Israel,
weep for Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet and finery,
who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.
How the mighty have fallen in battle!
Jonathan lies slain on your heights.
I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me.
Your love for me was wonderful,
How the mighty have fallen!**

Slide 9 - Daniel Perez

Daniel Perez, son of Rabbi Doron and Shelly Perez was born in South Africa. He made aliyah with his family when he was 13 years old in 2014.

Daniel was always full of energy and constantly surrounded by friends. He loved extreme sports, especially wakeboarding. His parents shared that he was always so determined, so when he set his mind to something, nothing could dissuade him.

When it came time for his draft, he persuaded the army to raise his profile number ensuring that he would become a combat soldier in the tank corps.

Daniel would go on to being a Chayal Mitztayan and eventually becoming a tank commander in Shiryon - serving in Gdud 77.



On the morning of October 7th 2023, Daniel and his soldiers were stationed by the southern border of Gaza near Kibbutz Nachal Oz. Coincidentally his brother Yonatan was stationed at the neighboring Kibbutz.

Without a clear mission from senior commanders, Daniel went out with his crew to protect the citizens of Kibbutz Nachal Oz and the surrounding communities against the Chamas terrorists that had infiltrated the country.

After 163 days of being presumed alive and taken captive in Gaza, the IDF gathered new intel determining that he had been killed in action on October 7th. A funeral was held for Daniel, though his body remains in captivity.

His father said: ““You not only saved the lives of many others, but you may have also saved the life of your brother who was fighting only some meters from you at Kibbutz Nahal Oz,” he said. “I thank God for saving Yonatan, but I don’t know why he chose you for that mission. It is as if your whole life’s journey led you to be ready for that mission and you were.”

Slide 10 - Rav Lau

The following address was given by the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Lau at the funeral for Daniel. The funeral took place at the Har Herzl cemetery where tens of thousands of people came to pay their respects.



Slide 11 - Dee Family

The Dee family had moved to Israel back in 2014 from London, England and were living in Efrat. During Pesach 2023 they planned a Chol Hamoed family outing. They were on their way to Tveria. The family needed to split up into two cars due to all of the luggage they were bringing with them. Rabbi Leo was in the first car with a few of the children. In the second car was his wife Lucy, and two daughters Maia, and Rina.

As they were driving, suddenly on the road, a terrorist opened fire spraying the cars with bullets. Rabbi Leo was able to continue on but the other car had crashed and come to a halt. He called Lucy. No answer. He called Maia. No answer. He called Rina, No Answer. Magen David Adom declared the two daughters dead on the spot and rushed Lucy to the hospital. It was there that she succumbed to her wounds.

Their entire crime was that they were Jewish and living in the land Of Israel.

Slide 12 - Dee Funeral

Even in her death, Lucy saved the lives of 5 different people through organ Donation. Lucy's heart went to a 51-year-old woman, her liver to a 25-year-old man, and her kidneys to two men — one in his late 30s and one in his late 50s. Her lungs were transplanted into a 58-year-old woman at Sheba. Her corneas were also harvested as well and were given to recipients at a later time.



Slide 13 - Ben Shimoni

Ben Shimoni, 31 years old , emerged as a beacon of heroism amidst the darkness that engulfed the Supernova music festival near Kibbutz Re'im on October 7. In a harrowing tale of selflessness, he sacrificed his own safety to save others. Initially managing to escape the unfolding Hamas massacre, Shimoni found himself behind the wheel of his vehicle, fleeing with four frantic strangers clinging to hope. Despite reaching relative safety in Beersheba, his conscience wouldn't allow him to rest. Ignoring the pleas of those he had just saved, he made a fateful decision to return to the festival grounds, driven by an unwavering sense of duty to rescue more souls trapped in the chaos.

His subsequent journeys back into the heart of danger were marked by acts of incredible courage. With each trip, he defied the looming threat of violence, determined to snatch precious lives from the jaws of death. Yet, fate had other plans. On his third rescue attempt, as his vehicle hurtled down the road, it was met with a hail of bullets from Hamas terrorists manning a checkpoint. In a flash of violence, his efforts were cut short.

Ben Shimoni's legacy, however, transcends the tragic events of that fateful day. Through his selfless acts, he became a symbol of resilience and compassion in the face of unspeakable horror. His girlfriend, Jessica Elter, recalls him as an angelic presence, while his cousin, Keren Shimoni, speaks of his unyielding character and sense of righteousness. Indeed, Shimoni's memory lives on not only in the lives he saved but also in the hearts of all who were touched by his extraordinary bravery.

Slide 14 - Prayer For The State of Israel

PLEASE RISE as we recite the Prayer for welfare of the state of Israel:

אבינו שבשמים, צור ישראל וגואלו, בָּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, ראשית צמיחת גאולתנו. הגו עליה באברת חסדה, ופרש עליה ספת שלומה, ושלח אורה ואמתה לראשיה, שריה ויועציה, ותקנם בעצה טובה מלפניה. חזק את ידי מגני ארץ קדשנו, והנחילם אלקינו ישועה ועטרת נצחון תעטרם, ונתת שלום בארץ, ושמחת עולם ליושביה.

ואת אחינו כל בית ישראל, פקד נא בכל ארצות פזוריהם, ותוליכם מהרה קוממיות לציון עירך ולירושלים משכו שמך,

כפתוב בתורת משה עבדך (דברים ל, ד-ו): "אם יהיה נדחף בקצה השמים, משם יקבצה ה' אלקיך ומשם יקחה. והביאה ה' אלקיך אל הארץ אשר ירשו אבותיך וירשתה, והיטבך והרבך מאבתך. ומל ה' אלקיך את לבבך ואת לבב זרעך, לאהבה את ה' אלקיך בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך, למען חייה." ויחד לבבנו לאהבה וליראה את שמך, ולשמר את כל דברי תורתך, ושלח לנו מהרה בן דוד משיח צדקה, לפדות מחפי קץ ישועתך. הופע בהדר גאון עזה על כל יושבי תבל ארצה, ויאמר כל אשר נשמה באפו: "ה' אלקי ישראל מלה, ומלכותו בכל משלה!" אמן סלה.

Slide 15 - Mi Sheberach for Chayalim

PLEASE SING along as we recite the Mi Sheberach for the Chayalim

 [Play Video]

מי שפרך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב, הוא יברך את חילי צבא ההגנה לישראל
 העומדים על משמר ארצנו וערי אלהינו, מגבול הלבנון ועד מדבר מצרים
 ומן הים הגדול עד לבוא הערבה ביבשה באויר ובנים
 !תו יי את אויבינו הקמים עלינו נגפים לפניהם!
 הקדוש ברוך הוא ישמר ויציל את חילינו מכל צרה וצוקה, ומכל נגע ומחלה, וישלח ברכה והצלחה בכל
 מעשה ידיהם. ידבר שונאינו תחתיהם, ויעטרם בכתר ישועה ובעטרת נצחון
 ויקים בהם הפתוב (דברים כ, ד): "כי ה אלקיכם ההלך עמכם, להלחם לכם עם איביכם להושיע אתכם".
 ונאמר: "אמן".

Slide 16 - Transition to Yom Haatzmaut



Please be seated as we transition from Yom Hazikaron to Yom Haatzmaut.

Israel has taken a barren land and made it bloom again. It's taken an ancient language, the Hebrew of the Bible, and made it speak again. It's taken the West's oldest faith and



made it young again. It's taken a tattered, shattered nation and made it live again. Israel is the country whose national anthem, Hatikvah, means 'hope'. Israel is the home of hope.

Slide 17 - Bnei Akiva Promo Vid

Please enjoy this Video from Bnei Akiva of the US and Canada



Slide 18 - Israel Vid



Slide 19 - Hatikva

Please rise the recitation of Hatikva

כָּל עוֹד בְּלִבְּב פְּנִימָה
נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדֵי הוֹמִיָּה
וּלְפָאֲתֵי מִזְרַח קְדִימָה
עֵין לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפֶיָה
עוֹד לֹא אֲבָדָה תְּקוּתָנוּ
הַתְּקוּהָ בֵּת שְׁנוֹת אֲלָפִים
לְהִיּוֹת עִם חֶפְשֵׁי בְּאַרְצָנוּ
אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.”

Slide 20 - Dancing

Circle dancing!!



Slide 21 - End

Thank you for joining and have a wonderful Chag Atzmaut Sameach!

[Optional Tfilla Chagigit...]