

CONGREGATION KODIMOH⁹⁵⁴

SPRINGFIELD 8, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Friend:

May we call to your attention a new feature in Kodimoh's spiritual program, which will no doubt be of interest to you?

In the past, it has been our custom, on the four times a year when the Yiskor is recited, to read the names of the deceased in the course of the Memorial Prayers. Unfortunately, we have found that as time passes, more and more names are submitted for mentioning. This has reached the point where it has proven burdensome for the congregation to remain standing for the lengthy recital of the names. We feel that to continue in the same manner detracts from the dignity of the service and is well-nigh impractical. We know that in a number of years from now it will be completely out of the question.

It has therefore been decided to adopt a system whereby we will be able to memorialize our beloved departed and still maintain the dignity and decorum of the service. Each year, before Yom Kippur, we shall publish a printed booklet containing the Yiskor prayers, including a list of all the names of the deceased whose memory we wish to reverence. The Cantor will recite a collective "El Mole" for all those whose names appear in the booklet, at all four occasions during the year when Yiskor is said.

The names which appear on plaques will be automatically included without special charge. For those who want to memorialize relatives and friends for whom there are no plaques, the following system will be adopted. For a voluntary contribution per name, we will include the name of the deceased plus the name of the donor. Since this is not a fund raising proposition we have decided to place a maximum limit on the donation. The charge, therefore, is entirely up to you. You are invited to give any contribution per name you wish, but the maximum limit is \$15.00 per name.

We respectfully request that you hurry and fill out the enclosed form. Please remember that the dead-line is September 20th. Absolutely no applications will be accepted after that date until the following year.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year,

Sincerely,

Norman Lamm
Rabbi Norman Lamm

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