

# THE BLESSING OF MEMORY – HA MAKOM YENAHEM ETKHEM

הַמָּקוֹם יְנַחֵם אֶתְכֶם בְּתוֹךְ  
שָׂרָר אֲבֹלֵי צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

May God comfort you together with  
all the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

--Traditional

It is hard to sing of one-ness when our world is not complete,

When the ones who brought us whole-ness now are gone.

Yet the fullness of their life is part of what we have become

And their spirit in our memory lives on.

It is hard to sing of one-ness when our world is not complete,

When we feel as though we walk the path alone.

Now, with memory to guide us, give us strength to find our way;

Grant us courage to remember and to grow.

--Adapted from a selection by Richard N. Levy from *Gates of Prayer*,  
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