



Overview of Yizkor:

This was the most powerful, moving service of our High Holy Days in 5776. The new service with its sensitive readings; the ritual lighting of yahrzeit candles; and the deliberate pauses for reflection really impacted people.

A few additional comments: the service itself was an hour. I led the service along with our cantorial soloist, our choir, and two superb lay readers. Also, just prior to the service, our Temple Administrator invited seven people to participate by coming-up to the bimah to light one of the seven yahrzeit candles.

Yizkor

Yom Kippur 5776 – September 23, 2015
Temple Beth Torah – Fremont, California
Rabbi Avi M. Schulman

On Bimah: [Deborah R. and Laura G.](#)

538	Rabbi	Opening Words
540	Rabbi	Entering Yizkor
540	Choir	Eli Eli
541	Rabbi	This is the hour of memory
544	Cantor	Shiviti
549	Laura	The death of a loved one
553	Deborah	The death of a parent
	Rabbi	Separation
554	Rabbi	Words of Healing

...What kind of moments make me most aware of what I have lost?

Pause for Reflection



All Blessed are those

Light 1st Candle

555 Cantor/Choir Adonai, Mah-Adam

555 All Adonai, how hard to fathom

Rabbi From the prison of grief

556 All Esa Einai

559 [Laura](#) In my darkness, be a light

560 Rabbi Words of Healing

...Where do I find 'green pastures and 'still waters'?

Pause for Reflection

All Blessed is the life force

Light 2nd Candle

562 Rabbi The soul is Yours

562 Cantor/Choir HaN'shamah Lach

563 [Deborah](#) I needed to talk with my sister

563 [Laura](#) Prayer for the Dead

566 Rabbi Words of Healing

...How do my memories help me to live a better life?

Pause for Reflection



- All Blessed are the memories
Light 3rd Candle
- 567 Rabbi Yeish Kochavim
There are stars up above
- 568-577 Silently (5-7 minutes)
- 578 Rabbi Words of Healing
...What would I like each of them to know about me now?
Pause for Reflection
- All Blessed is the light of every soul
Light 4th Candle
- 579 All Psalm 90
- 581 **Deborah & Laura** Forgiveness and the Afterlife
- 584 Rabbi Words of Healing
...What have I learned?
Pause for Reflection
- All Blessed is the path to acceptance --
Light 5th Candle
- 587 Rabbi Hayah Lanu
Ours was a secret treasure
- All One leaf left on a branch

591	Rabbi	<p>Words of Healing</p> <p><i>...Who is a blessing in my life today?</i></p> <p>Pause for Reflection</p>
	All	<p>Blessed is the pilgrimage</p> <p>Light 6th Candle</p>
593	Rabbi	No other psalm
	Rabbi	Mizmor L'David
594	All	With God as my shepherd
596	Rabbi	<p>Words of Healing</p> <p><i>...How has my community been a source of renewal and strength for me?</i></p> <p>Pause for Reflection</p>
	All	<p>Blessed is peace</p> <p>Light 7th Candle</p>
597	Rabbi	<p>Recitation of Names</p> <p><i>Reading of names of those who have died in the past year</i></p>
598	Rabbi	El Malei Rachamim
	All	Merciful God
605	Rabbi	Our thoughts turn to loved ones...
606	All	Mourner's Kaddish
607	Rabbi	Let perfect peace abound
606	All Sing	Oseh Shalom



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Rabbi

Ner Adonai Nishmat Adam

Closing reflection