

Zochreinu L'Chaim: Remember Us All For Life



Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.

[To be recited aloud during High Holiday services.]

Remember us for life in the year to come.

As we say these words throughout the High Holidays, we join millions of voices worldwide who call out, *zochreinu l'chaim* – remember us that we may live.

For the world's refugees, fleeing violence and persecution in the hope of finding security and freedom, these words are particularly poignant.

Our actions have the power to help make these words of prayer a reality.

Together, we can take action to ensure that the refugees across the globe are remembered for life this year and every year to come.

We remember the world's refugees for life by lifting up the central Jewish value of welcoming the stranger – not just tolerating the stranger but actively listening to their experiences, honoring their resilience, and making their journey to safety a bit easier.

We remember the world's refugees for life by advocating for their protection under the law and their continued place in our country.

We remember the world's refugees for life by standing up for the right of all people to openly practice their faith without fear of harassment.

We remember the world's refugees for life by making connections with those who come from a background different than our own, welcoming them into the rich tapestry of cultures that make up the United States of America.

We remember the world's refugees for life by speaking out against cruelty towards strangers, refusing to be silent in the face of prejudice, misunderstanding, discrimination, and hate.

When we act boldly and with courage to create inclusive communities that honor the dignity of those whose lives are in danger, it is then that we truly write ourselves into the book of life for goodness.

Chotveinu b'sefer chaim tovim. May we all be remembered for a life of peace, safety, and liberty.