



# Spiritual Legacies



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**Prelude:** "Gam Ki Eylech," (Psalm 23, verse 4) music and lyrics by Batya Diamond

**Welcome and Announcements:** Linda Moffat

**Opening Words:** "When Death Comes" by Mary Oliver

**Chalice Lighting**

**A Meditation on Your Spiritual Legacy**

**Music:** "Remember Me Here" by Batya Diamond and Andy Gundell <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBbUusuKs5g>

on the dusty old dirt road  
that leads down to the dunes  
lying on the beach for hours summer afternoons  
where the osprey flew and our children grew and time just disappeared  
remember me here  
In the roar of the ocean  
in the rhythm of the tide  
in the rush of the water  
oh, I'm so alive  
where we can see forever and have no fear  
remember me here  
I've seen the landscape change  
sand shifting all around

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it feels so warm with you holding me right now, right now  
when the time has come and I've breathed my last  
when all of our todays are in the past  
look across the dunes you'll know I'm near  
remember me here

**Candles of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Spiritual Legacies Part 1:** Rabbi Lori Shaller

**Offering**

**Music:** "Gam Ki Eylech," music and lyrics by Batya Diamond  
Gam ki eylech b'gay tzalmavet, lo ira ra (x2)  
Lo though I walk through the valley, no I shall not fear. (x2)

**Spiritual Legacies Part 2:** Rabbi Lori Shaller and Congregation  
**Closing Words/Benediction**

**Closing Music:** "Cat's in the Cradle" by Harry Chapin  
My child arrived just the other day  
He came to the world in the usual way  
But there were planes to catch and bills to pay  
He learned to walk while I was away  
And he was talking 'fore I knew it and as he grew  
He'd say, "I'm gonna be like you, dad  
You know, I'm gonna be like you"

**Chorus:** And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon  
Little boy blue and the man in the moon

"When you coming home, dad?" "I don't know when  
We'll get together then, you know we'll have a good time  
then"

My son turned ten just the other day  
He said, "Thanks for the ball, dad, come on, let's play  
Can you teach me to throw?" I said, "Not today  
I got a lot to do" he said, "That's okay"  
And he walked away but his smile never dimmed  
Said, "I'm gonna be like him, yeah  
You know, I'm gonna be like him"

Chorus

Well, he came from college just the other day  
So much like a man I just had to say  
"Son, I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"  
He shook his head and he said with a smile  
"What I'd really like, dad, is to borrow the car keys  
See you later, can I have them please?"

Chorus

I've long since retired and my sons moved away  
I called him up just the other day

I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"  
He said, "I'd love to, dad, if I could find the time"  
"You see, my new job's a hassle and the kids got the flu  
But it's sure nice talking to you, dad  
It's been sure nice talking to you"  
And as I hung up the phone, it occurred to me  
He'd grown up just like me  
My boy was just like me  
Chorus

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*Websites to visit to learn more about writing your spiritual will:*

<https://www.sinaichapel.org/tools-resources/writing-ethical-will.aspx>

<https://www.funeralguide.co.uk/blog/spiritual-will>

<https://jewishsacredaging.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Expanded-A-Time-To-Prepare-Jewish-Sacred-Aging.pdf>

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