

FOR A MALE:

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עַל בְּנֵי הַשְּׂכִינָה, בְּמַעְלוֹת קְדוּשִׁים  
וְטְהוּרִים כְּזֹהר הַרְקִיעַ מְזוּהָרִים, אֶת נְשָׁמַת (שם הנפטר) בֶּן (שם אבי  
הנפטר) שֶׁהָלַךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ, בְּעִבּוּר שְׁנוּדָבִים צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרָת  
נְשָׁמָתוֹ. בְּגֵן עֵדֶן תְּהֵא מְנוּחָתוֹ, לְכֵן בְּעַל הַרְחָמִים יִסְתַּיְרָהוּ  
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When one takes leave of the grave site, the following is recited:

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לְכִי בְּשָׁלוֹם וְתִנוּחֵי בְּשָׁלוֹם  
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At a distance of approximately eight feet from the grave, those who are present form two lines facing one another, and the mourner(s) file(s) between the rows. As the mourner(s) walk(s) through, the people forming the rows recite the following prayer of consolation:

הַמָּקוֹם יִנְחֵם אוֹתְךָ/אוֹתָךְ/אֶתְכֶם  
בְּתוֹךְ שְׂאֵר אַבְלֵי צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

(The mourner(s) remove his/her/their shoes prior to filing between the rows.  
Some have the custom to remove the shoes prior to the recital of the *Kaddish*.)

Upon leaving the cemetery, many have the custom of tearing out some grass, along with some earth, and throwing it behind them over their shoulder, reciting the following verses:

וַיְצִיצוּ מַעִיר כְּעֵשֶׂב הָאָרֶץ.<sup>1</sup>  
זְכוּר כִּי עָפָר אֲנִחְנוּ.<sup>2</sup>

The custom is that one does not enter a home before washing one's hands three times, being careful to put the vessel upside down after usage and not passing it from one person to another.

Following the *Kaddish*, the traditional *Keil Maleh Rachamim* is recited.  
It may be recited even if no *minyán* is present.

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**אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים** O God, full of mercy, Who dwells on high, grant proper rest on the wings of the Divine Presence — in the lofty levels of the holy and the pure ones, who shine like the glow of the firmament — for the soul of (deceased's Hebrew name) the son of (deceased's father's name) who went on to his world, because people are contributing charity in remembrance of his soul. May his resting place be in the Garden of Eden — therefore may the Master of mercy shelter him in the shelter of His wings for eternity; and may He bind his soul in the Bond of Life. Hashem is his heritage, and may he repose in peace on his resting place. Now let us respond: Amen.

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When one takes leave of the grave site, the following is recited:

*Go in peace, rest in peace,  
and arise to your lot at the End of the Days.*

At a distance of approximately eight feet from the grave, those who are present form two lines facing one another, and the mourner(s) file(s) between the rows. As the mourner(s) walk(s) through, the people forming the rows recite the following prayer of consolation:

*May the Omnipresent console you  
among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

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Upon leaving the cemetery, many have the custom of tearing out some grass, along with some earth, and throwing it behind them over their shoulder, reciting the following verses:

*May they blossom forth from the city like the grass of the earth.<sup>1</sup>  
Remember that we are but dust.<sup>2</sup>*

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(1) *Psalms* 72:16. (2) 103:14.