אֵלֶה אָזִכְּרָה, נוּסַח פִּיטִסְבּוּרְג Eileh Ezkarah for Pittsburgh

אֵלֶה אָזְכְּרָה וְנַפְּשִׁי עָלַי אֶשְׁפְּכָה These things do I remember and my heart is grieved!

,פִי בִּלְעִוּנוּ זַרִים כִּעָגַה בִּלִי הֲפוּכָה, How the arrogant have devoured our people!

,בִּי בִימֵינוּ אֲנוּ לֹא עֶלְתָה אֲרוּכָה, Who would believe that in our day there would be no intervention

הַקְּדוֹשָה הַקְּדוֹשָה For the eleven slaughtered from our holy community?

That Shabbat morning was like every Shabbat

The twenty early-risers from the three shuls

וּבָאו לַקְרֹא אֶת פָּרַשַּׁת וַיֵּרַא מָן הַתּוֹרָה Came to read Parshat Vayera from the Torah

וְלֹא יַכְלוּ לִּרְאוֹת בְּאַסְפָּקְלַרְיָה And they did not know nor could they see in the reflection of God's

יַקְבֶּה מְאַשֶּר אוֹתְם יִקְבֶה mystery, That the portion would reveal what would happen to them.

:וְקַרְאוּ: And they read:

בְיַשְׁכֵּם אֲבְרָהָם וַיִּקְח אֱת־נְעָבִיו Abraham rose early and brought his servant lads

אָהַב And his only son who he loved

They went to Mount Moriah together וַיֵּלְכוּ אֵל הַר הָמּוֹרְיָה יַחְדָּוֹ.

יִצְחַק בְּנוֹ עֵל יָדוֹ וּשָׁנֵי נְעָרֵיו מֵאֲחוֹרֵיו. His son Isaac by his side and two lads behind

דוֹם הָלְכוּ שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים They walked three days in silence.

דַּבְרישׁוּ כִּי לֹא מָצְאוּ דְּבְר They went in hushed voices for nothing occurred to them.

וְהְנֵה הָגִיעוּ אֶל הָהָר Finally they arrived at Moriah

. וְשֵׁם נְסָה הָאֵלֹהִים אֶת אַבְרָהַם. And there God tested Abraham

הָהָר הָהָר שָׁם בְּתַחְתִּית הָהָר And Abraham let the youths rest at the bottom of the hill.

. פֿי אַנַּסֶּךָ הָּהָרָה אַלִי הָהָרָה עֵּלֵה אֵלַי הָהָרָה פֿי אַנַּסֶּךָ God said to Abraham: Ascend to me on the hill and I will test you there.

וְרָאוּ: And they saw:

בּרַהַם אַבְרַהַם And Abraham rose

הַה הָמוֹרְיָה הוא הַר הְמוֹרְיָה He ascended the mountain of God, the hill of Moriah

וְיַכַס הֶעָנָן אֶת־הָהֶר וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו יְיָ לֵאמֹר And a cloud covered the mountain and God called to him saying:

Thus will you say to the house of Jacob and thus will you tell the

house of Israel: You will be holy for I am holy

אם בּרִיתִי וּלְבַקֵּר בְּהֵיכְלִי, And everyone who wishes to enter my covenant and visit my Sanctuary

יַקְבּים יְקַבּיש יְקָבִישׁ אָת אָת אָת אָת הָעָת אָת יְקִבּים That time when the many will come to sanctify my Holy Name in public

יִים יִקְרָא And to the living God they will call

אָת הְחַיִים וְאָהַבַתוֹ בְּלֶב כֹּל יִיטַע And unto the Sanctity of Life and of Love that is implanted in every heart

בוּ בּוּלְם אַבְרָהָם לִפְּגֵיהֶם And then the group returned, Abraham leading,

בּיתְם לְבֵיתְם And they walked separately to their homes

בינם מפני הַחַזוֹן הַחַבד אַשֶּר רַאַתָה עִינָם And they were silent all of them in reaction to the frightful vision their eyes saw.

יובי הַפַּרְגוֹד: And thus they heard from behind the Veil of Mystery:

,ואם תִּשְאֵלוּ בִּמֵרָה זוֹ תּוֹרָה וְוָה שִׁכָרָה, And if you ask in your bitterness, "This is Torah and this is its reward?"

:מְשׁוּבָתִי יְדוּעָה "My answer is known:

גוֹרָה הִיא מִלְפָנֵי It has been decreed ...

יָמְדּוֹתְי. Don't dwell too much on what separates You from Me.

יוֹבֵן קָרָה בְּמִקְדַּשׁ הַמְעֵטֹ שֶׁלְנוּ What occurred in our Holy Sanctuary that day

As the enemy came to tread upon our holy space

His wielding sword to break apart our memories from that place

היו: אָת קדוֹשִׁינוּ מַצֵא כִּמוֹת שֶׁהֵיוּ: The sanctified recalled a few that remained –

בּרֶבְּנָן אָל זֶה לִּפְנִי קָדִישׁ דְּרַבְּנָן Among some their faces turned to one another before "Kaddish d'Rabbanan"

אוֹרְחִים בּנֵיהֶם בְּלַפֵּי חוּץ לְקַבֵּל אוֹרְחִים Among some their faces turned toward the door to welcome new faces

Among some they quickly assisted their friends in finding

their place in the Siddur אֶת מְקוֹמָם בַּסְדוּר

מֶהֶם מְּכִינִים אֶת פַּרַשַּׁת הַתּוֹרָה Among some those engaged in Torah Study

את הַמַנָה הַבָּאָה. את הַמַנָה הַבָּאָה. And among some who were in the kitchen preparing the next meal.

אָמֵר יָיָ בּלַחַשׁ And to the eleven, God spoke in a whisper

הגִיעַ זְמַנְכֶּם לְּקַדֵּשׁ אֶת שָׁמִי בַּרַבִּים "The time has arrived to sanctify My Name in public.

יוֹדֵעַ אֲנִי שֶׁלֹא בִּילַשְהֶּם זֹאת "And I know you did not ask for this." Even so, they would be remembered

יחִיד יְחִיד יְחִיד and looked upon as personally bound to the Altar as one united.

קּהִילוֹת יְזְכֵּרוּ יְלַדִים וּקְהִילוֹת For in the future their children and congregations would remember

That we are Sanctifiers of Life who come to live

פִי קַמְנוּ עַמְדְנוּ הְמְשֶׁכְנוֹ בְּדַרְכְּכֶם For we arose, we stood as your followers in your path

. פִי זְכַרְנוּ אֶמוּנָה וִידִידוּת פַּאן לְאוֹרְכֶם. For we remembered faith and friendship here toward your light.

אֶת חַלְלֵינוּ קַבָּרְנוּ We buried our bodies.

וְעֲלֹיהֶם בָּכִינוּ And upon them we wept

וּבְכָל זאת לא נִשבּרְנוּ. And even so, this did not break us.

וּבְכָל זֹאת אַנַחְנוּ בַּמִקוֹמֵינוּ עַמַדְנוּ! Nonetheless we were steadfast in our place

ונְמְשִיךְ לַעֲמוֹת. And we continued to stand.

אַבְינוּ מַלְבֵּנוּ, עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן הְרוּגֵינוּ And so, Our Father our King, act for the sake of those who were

על שׁם קּדְשֶׁךּ slaughtered for your holy name.

אָמוּנַתֶּדְ And act for the babies and children and for all the people of your faith.

וְבָרִים אַנָחִנוּ לָךְ Remember us, our King, for we keep You in mind.

אַנְחְנוּ לָךְ Help us, our King, for we prayed to You.

וְהַצִּילֵנוּ יוֹצְרֵינוּ, כִּי עָלֶיךְ עֵינֵינוּ. Save us, our Creator, for our eyes are upon you.

אוֹד נְשָׁמְה בְּאַפֶּינוּ As long as this breath is within us

יְבַקֶש עוֹלַמֵנוּ We ponder the world you created for us

וְעֶרֶב וַבּוֹקֶר בְּכֹל יוֹם תַמִיד And evening and morning, each and every day.

יָכְבֵּץ וְנַכְרִיז כְּאֶחְד: We gather and we cry out as one:

שמע ישראל ה' אַלהֵינוּ ה' אַחָד. Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.