

בְּקָרָם שָׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִסְרָוּ נֶפֶשׁ לְאֹדוֹנֵי הָאֲדוֹנִים.
 « of lords. « to the Lord « their « they « Yisrael, « Shema « When they lives offered up proclaimed,

רָאשֵׁי יִשְׁיבּוֹת וְתַלְמִידִיכֶם, וְהַמּוֹנוֹי עַמּוֹק שְׁמָה,
 « were « of Your « and the « and their students, « of Yeshivahs « Heads there. people multitudes

הַעֲבִידּוֹת בְּעַנוּיִם קָשִׁים, וְהַרְגּוֹת בַּיד רַמָּה,
 « arrogance. « with « and they « that were « with tortures « They enslaved high-slaughtered brutal, them handed them

הַמִּי יְלִדִים רְפִים צֻוְקִים אֶלְיךָ מִן הָאָרֶםָה,
 « the earth, « from « to You « cries out « who were « of « The [saying:] tender babies blood

נְקוּם נִקְמַת טָף וְנֶשֶׁים, לֹא תְחִיה בְּלִנְשָׁמָה.
 « living « any « escape « let « and the « of the « the « Avenge soul! alive not women; children vengeance

עַל שְׁרָפַת אֶלְפי מִדְרָשׁוֹת וּבְתֵי כְּנִסִּיוֹת,
 « and synagogues, « of study halls « of « the « For thousands burning

רְבָבוֹת סְפִרי תֹּורָה וּלוֹמְדִיה נִקְוָן בְּשָׁאוֹת,
 « with raised and « we shall « and their « of the « of « and for screaming voices. lament students Torah Scrolls myriads

שְׁלַחוּ בָּאֵשׁ מִקְדָּשֵׁי אֱלֹהִים הַצִּיתוּ וְעַינֵּינוּ צְוֹפִיות,
 « witnessed. « and our « they ignited « of « the « aflame « They set eyes them, God, sanctuaries

יִשְׁלַם הַמִּבְּעֵיר אֶת הַבָּעֵרָה, יְדִין בְּגּוּיִם מַלְאָ גּוּיּוֹת.
 « with « that are « the « may God « the raging fire; « those « Let suffer corpses. filled nations judge

to rebuild what the Nazis had destroyed. With the help of Hashem the glory of the House of Bobov has been restored and one will find dozens of Bobover institutions and thousands of Bobover Chassidim in every corner of the globe.

In 1984, the Bobover Rav composed a special *kinnah* to bemoan the tragedy of *Churban Europa*, and it is recited in many congregations. When the Rav was asked for permission to include his *kinnah* and its translation in this edition of *kinnos*, he graciously conceded. Then he explained

why he had written it: "For years I had wanted to express my grief over my personal loss and *Klal Yisrael's* loss, in a special *kinnah*, but I hesitated. I felt that in order to compose a *kinnah* one must be on the exalted level of R' Elazar HaKalar, who wrote with *Ruach HaKodesh*, Divine inspiration. Moreover, he was a master of Kabbalistic secrets and knew the mystical incantations of the ministering angels. Still, many *chassidim* requested a vehicle to convey their personal sorrow on this bitter day, but I held back, because I felt

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IN MEMORY OF THE MARTYRS OF CHURBAN EUROPE

מאת הרוב שלמה האלבערשטאם זצ"ל, האדמו"ר מבאבוב by Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam, זצ"ל, Bobover Rav

זְכֻרוּ נָא וְקוֹנְנוּ בְּלִי יִשְׂרָאֵל, קוֹלְכֶם יִשְׁמַע בְּרַמָּה,
 « on high. « be heard « let your « of Israel, « O all « and « please, Remember, voices

בְּיַהֲשִׁמְדָה גִּרְמָנִיא אֶת עַמּוֹנוּ בִּימֵי זָעַם הַמְּלָחָמָה,
 « of the « of the « during « our people « has « destroyed « For World War; wrath the days Germany

בְּמִיתּוֹת מִשְׁנוֹת אֲכֹזְרוֹת, בְּרַעַב וּבְצָמָא,
 « and thirst. « with starvation « and cruel, « horrible « with killings,

אַל תִּשְׁכַּחוּ בְּכָל הַדּוֹרוֹת,
 « the generations, « through all « forget « Do not

עֲדִי תִּזְפוּ לְרֹאֹת בְּנָחָמָה.
 « the [ultimate] « witnessing « you will « until merit consolation.

צַעֲקָתֶם וּבְכִיּוֹתֵיהֶם, צָפּוֹפִים וּסְגָרִים בְּקָרְוֹנִים,
 « into the train's « and locked « as they were « and their weeping « [Remember] cattle cars. tightly packed their screams

כַּאן לְטַבֵּח יוּבָלוּ לְשָׁרֶפֶה בְּכַבְשׂוֹנִים,
 « in the crematorium « to be « they were « to the « Like ovens. incinerated led, slaughter sheep

קוֹל שְׂועֵם יִזְכֵּר תְּמִיד לְפִנֵּי שֹׁבֵן מְעוֹנִים,
 « in the « the One « before « eternally « be « of their « May the Heavens. Who dwells remembered pleading sound cries

— Remember, please. The destruction of European Jewry by the Nazis during World War II was the most massive calamity to befall our people since the Destruction of the Second Temple. As explained in the prefatory notes to *Kinnah 25*, which laments the devastation of the Crusades, Torah Jews recognize that all Jewish misfortunes have their roots in the tragic events of Tishah B'Av. Therefore we designate no new days of mourning

to commemorate later events, but include them in our Tishah B'Av *kinnos* service.

The Bobover Rav, Admor HaRav Shlomo Halberstam, זצ"ל, was a scion of Sanz, one of the most illustrious Rabbinic and Chassidic dynasties. The Rav lost everything in the Holocaust: family, friends, followers, disciples, and students in the thousands. The Rebbe arrived in America after the war with nothing but the clothes on his back and a burning determination

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מאת הרב שמעון שוואב זצ"ל, רב דקלה עדת ישורון
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הゾכר* מזוכיריו, דור אחריו וקדשוין,
 « and its after generation those who He Who
 holy ones generation remember Him, remembers*

מעט אשר אז בחרתנו,
 « You chose us – then that since the time

יזכור דראון, של דור אחרון, אודה מה היה לנו.
 « to has What Woe! preceding the of the gruesome May He
 us! happened this generation fate remember

שטופי מבול דם, שמסרו נפשותם,
 « their lives – who of by the Those who
 sacrificed blood flood were swept away

כל שקווי עמקי הבקא,
 « of tears, in valleys who were All sunken

יפקדם אלהים, בארכות החיים.
 « of eternal life. in the lands May God think of them

ונער עדר זכרים לברכה.
 « be for a may their and for ever blessing. memory ever

(1) Eichah 5:1. (2) Cf. Psalms 84:7. (3) 116:9.

הゾכר — *He Who remembers*. Rav Shimon Schwab, זצ"ל, widely recognized as an eloquent spokesman for Torah Jewry, joined the Rabbinate of Congregation K'hal Adas Jeshurun in the Washington Heights neighborhood of New York in 1958, in association with the late revered Rav Dr. Joseph Breuer, זצ"ל.

Rav Schwab was born in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany in 1908, and studied at several well-known Eastern European yeshivos, including Telshe and Mir. In those years, Rav Schwab had the oppor-

tunity to meet with and learn from the foremost *Gedolim* of the time, including the holy Chafetz Chaim of Radin.

In the early 1930's, Rav Schwab was an eyewitness to the rise of Hitler Nazism in Germany and the systematic oppression of the Jews. In 1936, the persecution of the Nazis forced him to leave his pulpit in Germany. He came to the United States, where he assumed a position in the Baltimore Rabbinate.

Rav Schwab relates that in 1959, as Tishah B'Av approached, the late Rav

ועקו שם ואדמה על אלפי עירות מבצרי תורה,
 « of citadels for and earth, O heaven Cry out loud,
 thousands

ארצות אירופה珂הלוֹתִיהָ, נוחלי ומקיימי מסורה,
 « of our and the heirs of [Jewish] Europe for the traditions, trustees communities, countries

צדיקים זקנים ונחסידים, רבקי אמונה טהורה,
 « so pure unto a faith all those pious elders, for righteous tzaddikim, who clung chassidim,

ימים גלינו מארצנו לא היה בזוז בליעון נורא.
 « so an such there was from our we were From awesome annihilation as this, never homeland exiled the day

רחים על שאריתנו, הבט נא משימים,
 « from heaven please, look our remnant; on Have down, mercy

למחנות הקדושים, פי עשר ביוצאי מצרים,
 « Egypt as those who left ten times of the martyrs, at the [death] camps

קומים בית קדשו, ונחמננו בכפלים,
 « in a double and provide our holy Temple, Rebuild measure, us with consolation

רוזמניג ובהיבאניג לציון וירושלים.
 « and Jerusalem to Zion and bring us back Exalt us, us back

genuinely unworthy.

"Then, one day, I was studying the laws of Tishah B'Av in the book *Seder HaYom* [by R' Moshe ben Yehudah Makir, Rosh Yeshivah in Safed, and a colleague of the Arizal and R' Yosef Karo]. He writes as follows:

Whoever can wail on this day should wail, and whoever can recite *kinnos* should recite *kinnos*: either those already recorded in the holy books, or the *kinnos* he himself composed with the intellect God has granted him. It is a *mitzvah* for each and every individual to compose *kinnos* for weeping

and moaning and to recite them on this bitter day. One who does this is considered most righteous and is worthy of being described as one of Jerusalem's mourners and one of her holy men. But one who is *not* capable of composing his personal *kinnos* should recite the *kinnos* written by others.

"When I read these words," the Rav concluded, "I saw a clear sign from heaven that the time had come to compose a *kinnah* over the last *churban*. For doesn't the *Seder HaYom* say clearly that any person, even the smallest, should express his own feelings in his original *kinnah*?"

על בְּנוֹת בָּוֹתָה, וִסְבִּים וִסְבּוֹת,
 and and who are the For
 grandmothers, grandfathers trusting, daughters

וְעַל זֶרֶם וְטַפֵּם שִׁילְדוֹ,
 whom and their their and
 they bore, infants offspring, for

וְגַם לְרַבּוֹת, רַבּוֹת נָאָהָבִים בְּחַיִם,
 in life, beloved — the to include and
 myriads [everyone] also

בְּמוֹתָם לֹא נִפְרָדוּ.¹
 parted not and in
 [from God]. their death

אֶת דְּמָם דַּרְוָשׁ,² כִּי תְשָׂא אֶת רָאָשׁ,³
 the headcount You take when seek out Their blood

שֶׁל כָּל נִקְּף לְעָלִים הַטְּרוֹפִים.⁴
 that are torn off, of the the all of
 leaves scattered ones,

כָּל נְפָשׁוֹת מַת, בִּימֵי שְׁבָר וְשָׁאת,⁵
 and of in the that the of all
 calamity destruction days perished souls

שְׁשָׁה אֲלָפִי פָּעָמִים אֲלָפִים.
 a thousand times thousand six

שְׁלִישִׁה לְבָעֵר, בְּבָרֵךְ וְעַם סּוֹעֵר,
 that stormed — of in the light to be An entire third
 [the blitzkrieg], fury ning flash destroyed,

מִבְּרָמֵי הַחֶמֶד אֲהָבָת,
 that You that were of the
 loved. cherished vineyards

(1) Cf. II Samuel 1:23. (2) Cf. Psalms 9:13. (3) Exodus 30:12.
 (4) Cf. Leviticus 26:36. (5) Cf. Eichah 3:47. (6) Cf. Isaiah 27:2; Amos 5:11.

to forget. Eight centuries ago German Jewry was slaughtered by the Crusaders. According to historians, how many Jews were killed? Perhaps 5,000. In World War II more than one thousand times that number were killed! In just one day at Auschwitz more than 5,000 Jews were brutally gassed and murdered. If German

Jewry composed *kinnos* to commemorate the evil that befell us during the Crusades, how much more so must we compose one over the Holocaust!"

In deference to this request, Rav Schwab composed the following *kinnah* which, in K'hal Adas Jeshurun, is recited by the Rav on Tishah B'Av night at the conclu-

שָׁאוֹ אֱלֹיו בְּפִים, אֲהָה, אֵי שְׁמִים,
 Heavens! O you to Him Lift up

הָוַי עַל מִיטָּב שְׁבָטִי יִשְׂרָאֵל,
 of Israel, of the tribes the best over Woe

עֲדֹת וִקְהָלוֹת, עָרִים וְגָלִילּוֹת, חַבּוֹרוֹת, מוֹסְדוֹת,
 organizations, fraternities, cities and Communities

כָּל מוֹעָדִי אֵל.
 for God. gatherings all

מִי יַתֵּן פְּלָגִי מִים תְּرִדְנָה עַיְנִים¹
 from eyes would of that can Who pour down water streams grant

אֶל אַשְׁדּוֹת נְחָלִי הַדְּמֻוֹת,
 of tears, of the rivers waterfalls toward

עַל אַלְפִּי אַלְפִּים גּוֹפִים נְשָׁרְפִּים,
 consumed of bodies of the for thousands thousands

בָּמוֹ אַשְׁׁר² הַחֲרָבָן וְזֹעֲוֹת.
 and the of the of fire in the horrors destruction midst

וְעַל שָׁרֵי הַתּוֹרָה, וּמְחֻזְקִי מִסּוֹרָה,
 of tradition, the upholders of Torah, the princes For

וְעַל פָּרָחִי הַפְּהָוָנה הַצְּעִירִים,
 who are young, of the the for Kehuna flowers

וְעַל חֹבְשִׁי מִרְשָׁוֹת, וּמְרוֹרִים וּמְרוֹרֹת,
 and the women the men in the the [scholars] who for teachers teachers study hall, lock themselves

תִּינּוֹקּוֹת בֵּית רָבָן יִקְרִירִים.
 who are of the in the and the precious Rabbis School children

(1) Cf. Eichah 3:48. (2) Cf. Isaiah 44:16.

Breuer made a request of him. "Please compose a special 'Tishah B'Av *kinnah* for our *kehillah*. Each and every one of us is either a refugee or a Holocaust sur-

vivor. We have all lost family and friends in this *churban*, and we German Jews bore the brunt of Hitler's fury. We must not forget, nor can we allow our children

חָלִילָה לְךָ מַלְשֶׁבֶת.
 « to forget. < from You < far be it

וְתִימָרֹת עַשְׁן,¹ וּקְטוּרָמָבְשָׁן,
 < from furnace, < the fumes < of smoke, < The pillars

תָּלִי תְּלִים עֲצֻמוֹת וְגִידִים,
 « and sinews, < of bones < of piles < piles

וְחרָרִי הַרְעֵל, קוֹל שָׁאָגָות מִקְהָלָל
 < of the < of the < the < filled with < halls
 congregation roaring sound poison,

הַנְּחַנְקִים תָּוֹר תָּאִי הָאָדִים.
 « of gas. < the < in < of those
 chambers choking

וְסַרְחֹן גּוֹפּוֹת, וְגּוֹיוֹת סְגוּפוֹת,
 « tortured, < the corpses < of the bodies, < The stench

גָּלֵל דָמֵן אַדְמָת נֹזָאִים,
 « of the blasphemers < for the soil < from < fertilizer
 [Nazis]. dung

אֵיר הַפְּכוֹ טָוְרִיפִּים, לְבָרִית חַלְבִּים,
 « their fat, < into soap < — the < did they < How
 tormentors — transform

וְעוֹר אִישׁ לְקַשְׂוִיטִי הַנְּשִׁים.
 « for women. < into < of < and
 adornments humans skin

וְקַרְצַת אַצְבָּעוֹת, שֶׁל רָאשֵׁי הַפְּרוּעֹת,
 « of the savagery. < of the leaders < of the fingers < [Remember]
 the motions

לִימִין שַׁעֲבוֹד פָּרָה, צְלָמוֹת לְשָׁמָאָל.
 « — to the left. « The shadow « that is < — slavery « To the
 of death crushing! right

וְאֵיךְ יְרוּ יְרִוּת עַל חַוְּפָרִי הַבּוֹרוֹת,
 « [their own] < those < at < volleys < they < [Remember]
 graves, digging shot ber how

בְּיִסּוּרִי חַבּוֹט קָבֵר הַוּרְדוּם שָׁאוֹל.
 « to the < lowering < of the < of the < in the
 depths. them grave, agony suffering

(1) Joel 3:3.

גּוֹאֵל הַדָּם, נָא זִכְרָעָרָם אֶל תִּמְחָה מִסְפָּר בְּתַבְתַּת.
 « You have < from the < erase < do < of their < the < Please, « of the < O
 written. book not misery memory blood! Avenger

זָכָר הַגְּאָקֹת, וּרְעֵשׂ צַעְקוֹת, אָז יוּבְלוּ לְרַצְחָה,
 « to slaughter — < they < from < of the < and the < the moans < Remember
 were led when screams, tumult

יָאָרֵי דְמֵיכָם, וְדָמָעוֹת פְנֵיכָם, לֹא תַשְׁבַּחַנָּה לְגַנְצָח.
 « ever. < be forgotten < not < on their < and the tears < of their < may the
 faces blood rivers

כָּל חֵיל וְגִנְחִיחָה, וּנְהִי צְרִיכָה, מְשֻׁדּוּרִי לְהַקּוֹת הַפְּלָבִים,
 « of dogs, < by a pack < of those < shriek < [every] < and < tremble < Every
 torn asunder wailing groan,

זָכָר וְסִפּוֹר, בְּנַאֲךָ צָרוֹר,
 « seal them, < into Your < and count < remem- flask [them]; ber

עַד עַת נְקָם עַלְבּוֹן עַלְבוֹבִים.
 « of the shamed < of the < for the < the < until
 ones. shame avenging time

בְּמַחְנוֹת הַפְּרָאִים, בָּאָבָן גְּנִיעָם, וּפְחִי נְפָשֹׁות עֲגָמוֹת,
 « that are < souls < the < and < were < of the < In the camps
 despondent; despairing plagues, pain barbarians

חַרְפּוֹת וְצְחֹקָה, בְּלִימֹות וּרְזָקָה, פְּצַעַי הַבָּאוֹת אִימָׁוֹת.
 « that are < from < wounds < and spit, < shame < and < insults
 horrific. beatings mockery,

וְרַעֲבּוֹן, צְמָאוֹן, שְׁגָעָוֹן, עַצְבּוֹן,
 « suffering, < madness, < thirst, < Hunger,

וּבְשָׁלוֹן נְחַשְׁלִים בְּלִי בְּחָ,
 « strength; < who < of the < the stumbling
 have no weaklings

וְכָל נְאָקֹת חַלָּל, מְכַל יְחִיד אַמְלָל,
 « who is < individual < from < of the < the groans < all
 forlorn, every mortally wounded,

(1) Cf.Exodus 32:32. (2) Cf. Isaiah 50:6.

of the *kinnos* service before the passage which begins with *תְּרַחְמָם צִוָּן*, *Have mercy on Zion*. Although Rav Schwab only composed this *kinnah* to be said in his *kehilla*, many other congregations have adopted the custom of reciting it on Tishah B'Av, either at night or by day, as a memorial of our most recent *churban*.

וְלֹא מִצְבָּת אֵיפָה לְבִפּוֹת יְבֹות לִבְבֵבֶךְ רֹזַתְחָ.
 « burning of a the sobs to weep at which tombstones with no [with emotion]. heart

רַק נְסֵci הַדָּם, אָזְכָרוֹתֶם, תּוֹסְטִים בְּלִי שׁוֹכֶחֶ.
 « to be not are boiling, « – their memorial of the the Only forgotten; portions – blood libations

וְהַרְיָ אֲפֻרִי עֲקָרְתָּם, תְּרוּמֹת דְשִׁנִי מְזֻבָּחַ.
 « of the from the are elevated from their of and the Altar. ashes portions Akeidah, ashes mountains

מַי יִמְלָל צָעֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל,¹ אֲשֶׁר דַעַתָּו מִפְאָב נִטְרָפָת,
 « is from pain their in that of Israel, the can Who deranged? mind agony express

וְשָׁאָרִית הַפֵּאָר, בְּמַעַט מִזְעִיר,²
 « of a bit, is a of its fraction splendor The remnants

וְאֵיךְ קָומְתָה הַיּוֹם נִכְפְּפָת.
 « been today has its how bent down!

אֵל חַי מְרַחְם, עֲרַתָּךְ נְחָם, אֲשֶׁר לְךָ מַאֲד נִכְסָפָת,
 « yearns, so for that « comfort Your « Merciful Who is O mightily You congregation One! alive! God

אוֹר חֶדֶש פָּרוּיחָה, קָרְנִי הָוד פְּצִימִית,
 « grow; of let rays « shine that is let glory through; new light

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחְפָת.³
 « hover of God and may [over all]. the spirit

(1) Cf. Psalms 106:2. (2) Cf. Isaiah 29:17. (3) Genesis 1:2.

אֵיךְ עָנוּ אֲחִיוֹתִינוּג, וִסְרָסוּ בְּנוֹתִינוּג,
 « our and our sisters they And daughters, mutilated afflicted how

כּוֹסֹתְרַתְּלָה מִידִי רֹוְאִים אַכְזָרִים.
 « who were doctors from of poison doses sadistic,

וּפְלִיטִי הַשְּׁרִידִים בְּמַחְלוֹת וִסְתְּרִים,
 « and secret in tunnels survivors And fugitive hideouts,

וְטִמְיוֹן יְלִדִים בְּבָתִי שְׁמַד כְּמַרְיִם.
 « [supervised of in of and the by priests. apostasy houses children disappearance

שָׁה תְּמִימִים לְעֹזָלה, דָם בְּנֵי הַגּוֹלָה,
 « of the of the as a burnt- unblem- A Diaspora, children blood offering, ished, lamb,

הָיִ אַרְיָאֵל¹ מְנַבֵּלָת חַסִּידִיה,
 « of your because of Ariel [the Oh devout ones. the corpses Temple Altar],

צָאן קְרָשִׁים² מִי יְמָנָה, אֲשֶׁר אָשָׁם לֹא תְבַבָּה³,
 « be will their those could who that is The extinguished, never flame that count; sacred flock

בְּחֻווֹיְךָ הַיּוֹ מְקֻדְשֵׁי שְׁמֵךְ.
 « of Your Sanctifiers were Your tested Name, ones

בְּקוֹל שָׁמָעַ יִשְׂרָאֵל מִסְרָרוֹ נִפְשָׁלָא לְאל שְׁהָוָא יַאֲסָפָם.
 « might so that for their they Yisrael, of Shema With gather them in. He God, lives gave up

וְעַד יוֹם אַחֲרֹון הַצְדִיקָוָה דָין, וְאֶפְ אָנִי מַאֲמִין עָנוּג,
 « they believe ... and His they the very last day And called out, even judgment, justified until

וְשָׁרוּ שִׁירַת בְּתַחַן.
 « of trust. a song and they sang

וּבְכֵן נִשְׁאָר עָם, בִּתְוּמָם נְדָחָם, בְּלִי קְבָרִים לְהַשְׁתַּחַת,
 « at which to graves without is who like a there And stretch out [one's bewildestered, an orphan people, is left now, hands in prayer],

(1) Isaiah 29:1. (2) Cf. Ezekiel 36:37-38. (3) Cf. Isaiah 66:24.