

Service of Celebration for the Life of  
Marc Laurence Abrahams

*July 26, 1950 – July 5, 2021*



July 15, 2021

2:00 PM

Wellesley Village Church

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*All hymns are found in the Pilgrim (Red) hymnal.*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE**

David Carrier

**WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION**      Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

**\*SONG**

“Morning Has Broken”, page 38  
Sung at Marc and Carol’s wedding in 1988

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Jeanie Haffenreffer Resetarits, sister-in-law

Steven Gilman, longtime friend

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

David Carrier

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Michael, Marie, and Alex Abrahams

Carol Abrahams

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”

Israel Kamakawiwo’ole, soloist

**REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION**

Rev. Ned Wight

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** “Anytime (I Am There)” from “Elegies” *William Finn*  
Eliomar Nascimento, soloist  
David Carrier, piano

**READINGS AND PRAYERS**

Steven Gilman  
Dr. Emil Horowitz

**Psalm 23, Mizmor l’David, Song of David**

Adonai is my shepherd, I am complete.  
In lush meadows You let me lie down;  
Alongside tranquil waters You lead me.  
You restore my life.

You guide me in paths of righteousness for the sake of Your name.  
Even when I walk through the valley of deep darkness,  
I fear no harm, for you are with me.

Your rod and staff, they reassure me.  
You set a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; wine brims over my cup.  
Indeed, goodness and steadfast love shall pursue me  
all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of Adonai as long as I live.

**“There Are Stars” - A Poem**

*Hannah Senish*

There are stars up above,  
so far away we only see their light  
long, long after the star itself is gone.  
And so it is with people that we loved --  
their memories keep shining ever brightly  
though their time with us is done.  
But the stars that light up the darkest night,  
these are the lights that guide us.  
As we live our days, these are the ways we remember.

## **Mourners Kaddish / Prayer**

*Yisgadal v'yiskadash sh'mei rabbaw (Amen)*

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name  
in the world which God created, according to plan.  
May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime  
and the life of all Israel - speedily, imminently,  
To which we say: **Amen.**

### **Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.**

Blessed, praised, honored, exalted,  
extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded  
be the name of the Holy Blessed One,  
beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort.  
To which we say: **Amen.**

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel.  
To which we say: **Amen.**

May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us  
and to all Israel.  
To which we say: **Amen.**

### **"Eyl Maley Rachamim"** (translated to mean "God full of compassion")

God, full of mercy, who dwells in the heights, provide a sure rest upon  
the Divine Presence's wings, within the range of the holy, pure and  
glorious, whose shining resemble the sky's, to the soul of MARC  
ABRAHAMS for a charity was given to the memory of his soul.  
Therefore, the Master of Mercy will protect him forever, from behind the  
hiding of his wings, and will tie his soul with the rope of life. The  
Everlasting is his heritage, and he shall rest peacefully upon his lying  
place, and let us say: Amen.

**MUSICAL MEDITATION “Eyl Maley Rachamim”**  
Eliomar Nascimento, soloist  
David Carrier, organist

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RECESSIONAL SONG**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”, page 61, vs. 1-3

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All are cordially invited  
to greet the family  
at a reception  
at the Gardens at Elm Bank Reservation,  
The Hunnewell Building,  
900 Washington Street, Wellesley

Officiants: Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter  
Rev. Ned Wight  
Organist: David Carrier  
Soloist: Eliomar Nascimento



Special Thanks To:  
Reverend Dr. Sarah Sarchet-Butter  
Reverend Ned Wight  
David Carrier  
Eliomar Nascimento

The many friends and family who have supported and helped us on our journey  
Marc's wonderful caregivers throughout the years

### **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

The family has requested, with gratitude, that in lieu of flowers donations can be made to one of these 3 organizations:

#### **Compassionate Care ALS**

CCALS is a nonprofit organization with a mission to support people diagnosed with ALS, their families, healthcare providers, and communities as they navigate the complexities, both physical and emotional, associated with ALS. From our first day till our last, CCALS helped us navigate and stay afloat.

**CCALS, P.O. Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA 02574**

#### **Chelsea Jewish Lifecare**

Marc lived in Chelsea at the Leonard Florence Center for Living, in community with about 20 individuals living with ALS. As the nation's first specialized ALS residence, LFCL integrated design and technology to support the residents' needs for physical support while enabling their intellectual and social independence.

**Chelsea Jewish Foundation, 165 Captains Row, Chelsea Ma 02150**

#### **The MGH Healey Center for ALS**

In a tireless pursuit for a cure, the Healey Center for ALS unites the world's leading experts to advance patient care, education, treatment, and research for people living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Marc found great purpose and satisfaction by participating in multiple clinical trials at the MGH.

**The MGH Healey Center for ALS, 15 Parkman Street, Boston, MA 02114**



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