

## Internet Resources for Rabin Commemorations

### Rabin Videos

#### Hebrew

Israeli television news (6:24 minutes)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlX1jOt6\\_pl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlX1jOt6_pl)

#### English

ABC News post funeral (7:26 minutes)

<http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/video/nov-1995-israel-mourns-yitzhak-rabin-israeli-prime-minister-assassinated-14886682>

His last speech with English translation (6:58 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNmFRNSNBg0>

Signing of the Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles (1:09:51 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8CFL6gHgxl>

A&E Biography (47:37 minutes)

<http://www.biography.com/people/yitzhak-rabin-37246/videos/yitzhak-rabin-full-biography-9982531676>

### Important Speeches (Texts)

Nobel Prize

[http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/1994/rabin-lecture.html](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1994/rabin-lecture.html)

Key Speeches Given by Yitzhak Rabin from the Rabin Center

<http://www.rabincenter.org.il/web/en/archives/1/speeches/default.aspx>



## Lighting the Seven Armed Menorah

- 1) Yitzhak Rabin was born to Third Aliyah immigrants, Rosa Cohen and Nehemia Rabin, in Jerusalem on March 1, 1922. Their family moved to Tel Aviv the following year and young Yitzhak grew up in the youth movement, HaNoar Ha'Oved Ve Ha'Lomed. This first candle is for the first Sabra born into the Rabin family.
- 2) In 1941, Yitzhak Rabin joined the newly formed Palmach, which fought beside the British in defense of Egypt against the Nazis. Later, Yitzhak climbed the ranks and was appointed deputy commander of the First Battalion. During the War of Independence, he served as Operations Officer and deputy to Yigal Alon, during the siege of Jerusalem. Candle number two is in honor of the young adult Yitzhak Rabin and his efforts as a Palmach commander.
- 3) In November 1949, Yitzhak Rabin was appointed commander of the Battalion Commanders School and in the beginning of 1951 he was appointed head of the general staff operations department. He continued to climb the ranks until June, 1963, when Levi Eshkol as Prime Minister approved Rabin's appointment as Chief of Staff. Our third candle is dedicated to the dedicated military career of Yitzhak Rabin.
- 4) At the beginning of 1968, after 27 years of military service, Yitzhak Rabin hung up his uniform and was appointed to his first civil post: Israel's ambassador to the United States. During his tenure, cooperation between Israel and the United States intensified, including an increase in economic aid and improved relations between American ally Jordan and Israel. Our fourth candle is lit in honor of Yitzhak Rabin's early diplomatic work.
- 5) On March 1973, after serving five years as ambassador, Yitzhak Rabin returned to Israel and joined the Labor Party. He became Prime Minister on June 3, 1974, after Golda Meir resigned due to her failed leadership in the Yom Kippur War. Our fifth candle is in honor of Rabin's stewardship of the Labor Party after the devastation of the Yom Kippur War.
- 6) In the 1980's, Yitzhak Rabin served as Minister of Defense under Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres during the turbulent first Intifada. After first failing to recognize the uniqueness of the Intifada, Rabin eventually came around and began formulating a two-stage peace agreement in which he proposed that elections be allowed in the territories to choose a local leadership that would manage the Palestinian autonomy agreed upon in the Camp David Accords and ensure calm in the territories. The second stage of the initiative was to be negotiations with the elected leadership over a permanent status agreement. This sixth candle is dedicated to the military pragmatism that led Rabin to seek peace with his lifelong enemies.
- 7) From 1992 to 1995, Yitzhak Rabin returned to the prime minister's office and led his country to peace with neighboring Jordan and a peace framework, signed on the White House lawn, with the Palestinians. During this time, Rabin, Shimon Peres and Yassir Arafat were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. With this seventh candle we mourn the death by assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and hope that this light will serve as a torch to carry forward his vision of peace.

## Shir L'Shalom

At the close of a peace rally on November 4, 1995, those on the podium—Miri Aloni, the groups Gevatron and Irusim, and the statesmen Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin—led the crowd in singing Shir LaShalom. Just after the rally ended, Yitzhak Rabin was [assassinated](#). In his shirt pocket was found a page with the song's lyrics, stained with his blood.

The song can be found on YouTube with translation and transliteration at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sz8O0OcAA3c>.

The chords can be found at

<http://www.yourchords.com/407551/Yair-Rosenblum/Shir-Lashalom-Chords/transpose9/>

<p>Tnu lashemesh la'alot laboker le'ha'ir Hazaka shebatfilot otanu lo tachzir Mi asher kava nero u've'afar nitman Bechi mar lo ya'iro lo yachziro le'chan Ish otanu lo yashiv mibor tachtit a'fel - kan lo yo'ilu - lo simchat hanitzachon Velo shirei hallel Lachen rak shiru shir lashalom al tilhashu tfila lachen rak shiru shir lashalom bitze'aka gdola Tnu lashemesh lachador miba'ad laprachim al tabitu le'achor hanichu la'holchim S'u eina'yim betikva lo derech kavanot shiru shir la'ahava velo lamilchamot Al tagidu yom yavo havi'u et hayom - ki lo chalom hu - uve'chol hakikarot hari'u rak shalom</p>	<p>תנו לשמש לעלות, לבקר להאיר, הזכה שבתפלות אותנו לא תחזיר. מי אשר כבה נרו ובצפר נטמן, בכי מר לא יעירו, לא יחזירו לכאן. איש אותנו לא ישוב מבור תחתית אפל, כאן לא יועילו לא שמחת הנצחון ולא שירי הקל! לכן, רק שירו שיר לשלום אל תלחשו תפלה! מוקב תשירו שיר לשלום בצעקה גדולה. תנו לשמש לחדור מבער לפרחים. אל תביטו לאחור, הניחו להולכים. שאו עינים בתקנה, לא דרך פגנות, שירו שיר לאהבה ולא למלחמות! אל תגידו: יום נבוא הביאו את-היום! ובכל-הכפרות הריעו לשלום! לכן, רק שירו . . .</p>	<p>Let the sun rise light up the morning The purest of prayers will not bring us back He whose candle was snuffed out and was buried in the dust bitter crying won't wake him up and won't bring him back Nobody will bring us back from a dead and darkened pit here, neither the victory cheer nor songs of praise will help So just sing a song for peace don't whisper a prayer Just sing a song for peace in a loud shout Allow the sun to penetrate through the flowers don't look back let go of those departed Lift your eyes with hope not through the rifles' sights sing a song for love and not for wars Don't say the day will come bring on that day - because it is not a dream - and in all the city squares cheer only for peace!</p>
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## LIVKOT LECHA - לבכות לך - TO CRY FOR YOU

This song became most well known after the assassination of **Yitzhak Rabin**, when Aviv Geffen sang it in his memory. Originally, it was written for his friend Nir Shpiener who was killed in a car crash in 1992 at the age of eighteen.

**Youtube: Arik Einshtein version - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wULSqerAEEg>**

<p>Ani holech livkot lecha, tihyeh chazak lema'ala Ga'aguai k'mo d'latot sheniftachot balaila.</p>	<p>אני הולך לבכות לך תהיה חזק למעלה געגועי כמו דלתות שנפתחות בלילה</p>	<p>I'm on my way to cry for you; be strong up in the starlight My emptiness is like a door left open after midnight</p>
<p>Lanetzach achi ezkor otcha tamid Venipagesh basof ata yode'a. veyesh li chaverim aval gam hem kavim El mul orcha hameshage'a.</p>	<p>לנצח אחי אזכור אותך תמיד וניפגש בסוף, אתה יודע ויש לי חברים אבל גם הם כבים אל מול אורך המשגע</p>	<p>Forever my friend I'll see you in the end And we will always be the best of brothers The friends I have are fine But in the light you shine I only see the shadow of the others</p>
<p>Kshe'atzuvim holchim layam Lachen hayam maluach Vezeh atzuv shelehachzir tziud efshar Lo ga-aguah</p>	<p>כשעצובים הולכים לים לכן הים מלוח זזה עצוב שלהחזיר ציוד אפשר לא געגוע</p>	<p>In tearful times we walk the shore and salt the sea with crying And tears will fall because there's nothing else to stop my lonely sighing</p>
<p>Lanetzach achi ezkor otcha tamid Venipagesh basof ata yode'a. veyesh li chaverim aval gam hem kavim El mul orcha hameshage'a.</p>	<p>לנצח אחי...  וכמו הגלים אנחנו מתנפצים אל המזח אל החיים</p>	<p>Forever my friend...  And like the tide We crash, collide With the rocks With real life</p>
<p>Uchmo hagalim anachnu mitnaptzim El hamezach el hachayim</p>	<p>לנצח אחי...</p>	<p>And like the tide We crash, collide With the rocks With real life</p>
<p>Uchmo hagalim anachnu mitnaptzim El hamezach el hachayim</p>	<p>אז אני הולך לבכות לך תהיה חזק למעלה</p>	<p>Forever my friend...</p>
<p>Lanetzach achi... Az ani holech livkot lecha Tihyeh chazak lema-ala.</p>		<p>I'm on my way to cry for you; be strong up in the starlight .</p>