



**CEREMONY FOR PRESENTING COMMEMORATIVE PIN TO  
THOSE RETURNING FROM A PILGRIMAGE TO ERETZ YISRAEL  
~ Rabbi Miriyam Glazer ~**

All those who have returned from a pilgrimage to Israel are called up to the *bimah*, or asked to stand. The rabbi leads them in the following prayer:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ חַי הַעוֹלָמִים אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל -- אֶרֶץ חֵמְדָּה, טוֹבָה,  
וְרַחֲבָה -- לְדוֹר דּוֹרִים, לְהַעֲלוֹת לְתוֹכָהּ, לְבָנוֹת בָּהּ, וּלְשַׂמַּח בְּבִנְיָנָהּ

*Baruch atah Adonai, eloheynu chay ha'olamim, asher nahtan et Eretz Yisrael – eretz hemdah, tovah, oo'rikha'va – l'dor dorim, la'ha'lote l'tokhah, liv'note bah, oo'li sahmay'akh b'vinyannah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai, Life of the worlds, who gave Eretz Yisrael – an ample, good, and delightful land – to the generations forever, so that we may make pilgrimages there, and build the land, and rejoice in its continued prosperity.

*Responsively:*

Let Mount Zion rejoice in the Torah! Let the towns of Judah exult!  
Let us walk around Zion, walk around her, tell her story to generations to come!

*Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem! May all those who love her feel tranquil.*

May there be peace in her ramparts, serenity in her citadels.

*For the sake of our comrades and friends, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem.*

For the sake of future generations, we seek our Jerusalem's good.\*

*Rabbi says:*

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה מִצִּיּוֹן וְרָאָה בְּטוֹב יְרוּשָׁלַיִם כָּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ.

May the Holy One bless you from Zion, and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Amen.

**The commemorative pin is presented.**

\* adapted from Psalms 48 & 122