

## **SIX-WORD MEMOIRS**

live. contemplate. learn. keep moving forward.

Grace Juhlin

Looking ahead. Looking back. No middle.

Gabe Oppenheim

Striving to remain childLIKE not -ish

Mingo Reynolds

The experience is worth the risk.

Arielle Brousse

Finding balance between meaning vs. happiness.

Chris Rippel

Thanks for the opportunity. Choose one.

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I still do not regret anything.

Katie Antonsson

I am this now and always.

Anita Avent

Talking without action is just complaining

Kevin Wold

We all belong only to time.

Wendy Wolff

love go up down stop forget

Seth Laracy

live and die by your words

Talia Stinson

Felled by dreams, saved by friends

Sylvie Beauvais

It's simpler than they tell you.

Josh Kruger

there's always something to laugh about.

Kirsten Thorpe

Brighter light makes the shadow darker.

Cindia Huang

Make lemonade when life presents them

Lvneisha Dickenson

Never give up the struggle.

Irving Jones

Love, pray, wait on God's time.

Kelly Bonnickson

I never believed this would happen.

Kailey Zitaner

Wings on feet, story in hand.

Gionni Ponce

Saved by grace, free at last.

Angela Vertucci

Let go of it--it's gone.

Patricia Mary

Often, it's not what it seems.

Pallavi Wakharkar

handshakes are good, hugs are better

Sammy Krouse

Have yet to figure it out!

Cami Potter

Dream it. Believe it. Build it.

Anthony LaFlamme

Now only no past no future

Maude Bigelow



## THEMES OF THE SHEMA AND ITS BLESSINGS

After reading the following blessings in your *siddur*, write 2-3 words or sketch an image that captures the themes of the blessing in your mind.

יוֹצֵר אֹוּר	אַהְבָּה רַבָּה (recited before the <i>Shema</i> in the morning)	עָזְרַת אֲבּוֹתֵּינוּ. <b>Avoteinu</b> (recited after the <i>Shema</i> in the morning)
מְעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים <i>Aravim</i> (recited before the Shema in the evening)	אַהְבַת עֹוּלֶם <b>Ahavat Olam</b> (recited before the Shema in the evening)	אֶמֶת וֶאֱמוּנָה <b>Ö Emet</b> ve'Emunah (recited after the Shema in the evening)
	ּהַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ <b>⊅ Hashkiveinu</b> (recited after the Shema in the evening)	



## **WRITING A SIX-WORD MEMOIR \***

1	Consider your theme		

Fill the box with words related to that theme. It can be stream of consciousness writing. Do not worry about grammar or spelling.

- 3. Circle 2-3 items on the page that inspire you to say more.
- 4. From those items you circled, select one.

5.	Free write about those items again for at least two minutes. Again, fill the page with whatever comes to mind.
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6.	Develop a 6-word phrase that captures a sense of your writing.
7.	Refine as needed.

<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from: Susanne Rasely-Philipps, "Tips on Writing a Six-Word Memoir" <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSlen-udJ5A">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSlen-udJ5A</a>