



HaMakom Y'nat chem Etchem: May God comfort you.

This page is intended to help when a loved one passes on. Through discussion in our congregation we have placed this information here to assist you in your time of loss.

Contacts:

Our Principal Rabbi, Rabbi Arnold Saltzman is always available to help you with the sequence of what you must follow for your loved one according to Jewish tradition. Please call him directly at: 202-244-6871 (voicemail) or 202-669-4434 (mobile phone).

You may also contact the Hevrat Shalom Funeral Practices Committee through Jack Goldman at (202-744-0179) who will help you understand how Hevrat Shalom may be of assistance to you at this difficult time, and, if you wish, help you to notify the congregation of your loss.

Rabbinic Services:

- If someone in your family is dying, determine if you wish the Rabbi's recitation of prayers at home, in services, in hospice, or in a hospital.
- Please make of a list of family contacts with whom you would like the Rabbi to speak.
- You do need a Rabbi for funerals and burial. Please contact the Rabbi regarding his availability for the service so that you can schedule accordingly.
- The Rabbi will officiate for services even if you choose to do a memorial service instead of a burial service.
- Please contact Dr. Steven Permison, Jack Goldman or Rabbi Saltzman in order to know what is appropriate for an honorarium for the rabbi, in appreciation for the Rabbi's assistance for officiating at a funeral.

Jewish Practice:

- Please indicate if you wish to have information circulated to the congregation for Shiva (including location), or any other mourning observance. The Rabbi will discuss with you how to accommodate your needs with Jewish practice.
- Jewish law varies on the recitation of the Kaddish. Please discuss this with the Rabbi.

- Arrangements can be made for listing of a beloved in the Yahrzeits for the year of mourning and for notifications of subsequent Yahrzeits. Tzedakah, Jewish charity, and acts of righteousness are part of the practice of mourning and remembering a loved one.

Funeral Homes:

- Please determine if you will make use of our membership in the Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington, which provides a basic funeral at a reasonable cost; if you are interested please contact us to begin this process. You are not obligated to use the Basic Funeral provided by this committee.
- Jewish funeral homes in our area include:
 - Danzansky-Goldberg Memorial Chapels, Inc.
1170 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20852
(301) 340-1400
www.danzanskygoldberg.com
 - Edward Sagel Funeral Direction, Inc.
1091 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20852
(301) 217-9400
www.sagelfuneraldirection.com
 - Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, Inc.
11800 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. 20904
(301) 622-2290
www.hinesrinaldifuneralhome.com
 - Torchinsky Hebrew Funeral Home
254 Carroll Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012
(202) 541-1001
(301) 495-3395
www.torchinsky.com
 - Joseph Gawler's Sons, Inc.
5130 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016
(202) 966-6400
www.josephgawlers.com
 - Sol Levinson & Bros., Inc.
8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, Md. 21208
(410) 653-8900
(800) 338-1701
www.sollevinson.com

Assistance with Funeral Arrangements:

Determine who will be assisting you with the funeral arrangements. If possible, do not go alone to make funeral arrangements.

Cemeteries:

- Garden of Remembrance:

Determine if you already own cemetery plot(s). If you do not, Hevrat Shalom is affiliated with the Garden of Remembrance and you may purchase a cemetery plot in our section. Members of Hevrat Shalom receive financial considerations through their membership. If you would like to purchase a cemetery plot at Garden of Remembrance, please contact Joan Pinsky at: (H) 410-349-4887 or (C) 301.279.7889. Joan is the Hevrat Shalom liaison with the Garden of Remembrance; mention that you are a member of our congregation.

- Other Area Cemeteries: There are other Jewish cemeteries in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.
- Interfaith Couples: If you are part of an interfaith couple, burial is permitted for a non Jewish member of your family at Garden of Remembrance as long as you are a member of a Jewish Congregation such as Hevrat Shalom. The Rabbi can give you information on arrangements for interfaith couples at other Jewish cemeteries.

Memorials and Unveiling:

- It is an obligation under Jewish practice to create a memorial marker for your loved one.
- Rabbi Saltzman can guide you on conducting an unveiling, which customarily occurs within a year of a loved one's death.
- At your request, Funeral homes will arrange for markers, as will several cemeteries. FRAM Monument is considered reasonable and located in Rockville.