

Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home Newsletter



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This second edition of our newsletter sheds a little light on the role of hospice in supporting patients and their families.

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What is Hospice?

While many families have had experience with end-of-life care, not all are aware of the invaluable benefits provided by hospice organizations. The guiding principle of hospice is to ensure that a person's death is as dignified and comfortable as possible. Hospice organizations help with medical decisions to maintain a patient's quality of life and avoid suffering, and provide emotional support for patients and their caregivers.

Within the Jewish community, there are some important resources, and there are several hospice organizations operating in the Baltimore area. [Click here](#) to read more about the services hospice caregivers provide. For those with professional interest in end-of-life care, Doreen Horan of Stella Maris will be speaking about "Creative Grief Counseling for Children and Adults" at this year's Irvin B. Levinson Memorial Lecture (see below).

2014 Irvin B. Levinson Lecture

This year's 16th Annual Irvin B. Levinson Memorial Lecture will be held on Wednesday, May 21 from 6-9:15pm. We are pleased to announce the following presenters and topics:

Glenn J. Treisman M.D., Ph.D. - "Depression and Demoralization in Patients with Chronic Illness"

Doreen Horan, LCPC, FAMI - "Creative Grief Counseling for Children and Adults"

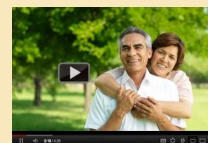
Dr. Treisman is the Director of the AIDS Psychiatry Service, Co-Director of the Chronic Pain Treatment Program, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Internal Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Ms. Horan is the Manager of the Counseling Center at Stella Maris, Inc., a hospice provider in Timonium, MD.

The lecture will be held here at Sol Levinson & Bros., Inc., 8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD. Limited seating. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. on a first come, first served basis. No prior registration or reservations. 3 Category A or I CEUs available for psychologists and social workers. The lecture is provided in conjunction with Jewish Community Services, an agency of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

Meet Our "Family": Michael Kruger, Funeral Director, 20 years at Levinson's



Plan Ahead



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There are several important reasons to pre-plan a funeral. Planning ahead helps provide peace of mind for you and your family, and eases the financial burden of a funeral. It is also an acceptable way to spend down a person's assets.

Click the image above to watch our video, and go to [our website](#) and use the [Plan Ahead form](#) to get started.

Daily Funeral Schedule

If you would like to receive Levinson's Daily Funeral Schedule every morning by email, [click here](#) to sign up.

Aftercare

Levinson's bereavement library, support groups, and lectures in Pikesville and Howard County ensure that the families we care for have support long after the funeral service ends.

[Aftercare Resources](#)

Originally from Wisconsin, Michael has wanted to be a funeral director since around the time he had to decide on a career path. He is known for his attention to detail and thoroughness - a family even recently commented that "there was nothing that was not important to him." Michael finds a great deal of fulfillment from guiding families through the funeral process and putting their minds at ease.



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