# Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home Newsletter



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This issue of our newsletter covers the ways in which families may personalize a funeral. We hope you will find the information interesting and helpful. If you have any feedback or requests for future article topics, please let us know by sending an email to enewsletter@sollevinson.com or by calling 410-653-8900.

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### **Funeral Personalization**

Photographs, special readings, music, cards, video recording...there has been a lot of discussion in the past few years about how to personalize funerals. While Jewish funerals have retained a traditional format for many years, Levinson's offers several options for making a funeral reflect the life of the individual, and we are always open to new ideas.

Often, people let us know their specific wishes during their pre-planning, to ensure they are followed. Sometimes families make those decisions at the time of planning the funeral. To learn what the options are, how to go about personalizing a funeral, and to read some additional resources, we hope you will read this blog post.

## Baltimore Sun Top Workplaces 2014



We are proud to announce that Sol Levinson & Bros., Inc. has been recognized among the 100 companies/organizations selected as a 2014 Top Workplace by The Baltimore Sun.

## Jewish Funeral FAQ: Unveilings

Questions about how to plan an unveiling, and who you need to contact? Our website has a helpful section on how to plan an unveiling, with a link to our blue Prayers of Comfort book, should you need any additional resources.

## The Empty Place at the Table: Coping with Loss During the Holidays

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 7:00pm Temple Isaiah 12220 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, MD

### **Updates & Info**

We regularly add information and event notices to our blog. To receive updates about new posts, click here to "Like" our page on Facebook.

#### **Plan Ahead**



There are several important reasons to preplan 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**



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Family gatherings can be painful for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Join us for help in finding support and comfort during the holidays. Facilitated by Rabbi Craig H. Axler and Donna Kane, M.A., JCS Clinician. Pre-registration preferred <u>via web</u> or by calling 410-466-9200

Presented by Sol Levinson & Brothers and Jewish Community Services.

## Meet Our "Family": Todd Franklin, Funeral Assistant, 19 years at Levinson's



Todd Franklin is one of our best known faces. Except for a year spent in Israel, he has worked at Sol Levinson & Bros. since 1996.

Of all the things Todd does, he finds the most meaning in the seemingly simple act of delivering and picking up shiva items. This allows him the opportunity to ask how families are doing, and he finds they often open up and share personal information about their loved one. Todd also finds that seeing photos of individuals and families around the home really brings meaning to what he does every day.

Todd enjoys spending time with his extended family and riding his motorcycle.

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