



Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home Newsletter

May 2017: NEW Levinson's Pre-Planning Guide

Introducing the Levinson's Pre-Planning Guide

The new [Levinson's Pre-Planning Guide](#) is a valuable resource for families, and contains:

- detailed information about funeral selections
- an organizational section to note the location of vital documents
- space to write down important milestones and cherished memories to be used in the eulogy
- resources for families to use at the time of someone's passing
- and much more.

Without the Pre-Planning Guide, the burden of funeral planning falls to your family at a time when they are grieving.

Too many times we have heard from families that they wished their loved one had told them what they wanted for their funeral; or even - [as these families heard](#) - "don't worry, I took care of everything," when, in fact, the only thing their loved one did was purchase cemetery plots and the family is now confronted with the unexpected cost of a funeral.

It is difficult to have a conversation about the choices that go into one's funeral, or the funeral of a loved one, but we make it as easy as possible. You don't have to take our word for it. [Here is some testimony](#) from families who have taken some time to make the necessary decisions. And here is a [Wall Street Journal article](#) about the importance of having this conversation.

When you come in to talk to us there are no obligations and there is no pressure. We give you all of the options and information, allow you to ask any questions you may have, and put together a personalized Pre-Planning Guide with funeral details and valuable instructions for your family.

Funeral directors are available by appointment to meet you at either the funeral home in Pikesville, or at our Columbia Arrangement Center. If you wish to learn more about the benefits of planning ahead, including a video featuring someone who has made pre-arrangements, please [visit our website](#).



Feeling Sandwiched?

A "sandwich generation" is struggling to take care of aging parents, as well as children who may still need financial support, often while trying to work full time or navigate the beginning of retirement. But who is listening to you, taking care of your needs, and making sure you don't place an unnecessary burden on your own family?

You have the opportunity to tell us what **you** want. Whether it is a traditional Jewish funeral or a celebration as unique as you



are. When you meet with us, you will get a personalized Pre-Planning Guide which will help you avoid situations [like this woman's](#).

You will also be able to tell your family "[don't worry, I took care of everything](#)" - and really mean it.

Pikesville Summer Bereavement Groups

Register now for our Pikesville Bereavement Support Group, beginning in June. This 8-week program offers you the opportunity to talk with specialists about grief, and find support amongst a community of others who are grieving.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Jewish Community Services to find out more or request to join the upcoming group: 410-466-9200



Meet Our "Family": Sharon Lisberger, 20 years at Levinson's

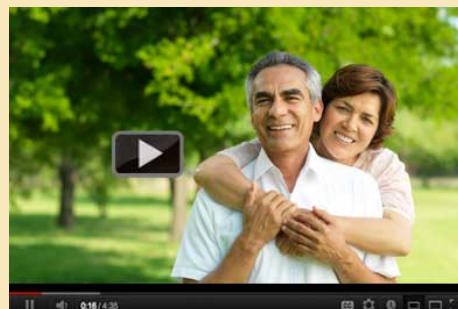
Sharon Lisberger is a vital member of the accounting department and office team. As such, Sharon meticulously checks every detail, making sure that every statistical and financial element is accurate and accounted for. Levinson's relies on Sharon's eagle eye to locate and correct discrepancies and assist in record keeping. Sharon takes tremendous pride in her work, and Sol Levinson & Bros. appreciates her painstaking efforts to ensure that families receive the most accurate information and impeccable service.

Sharon is a native of Baltimore and lives in Reisterstown where she likes spending time with her husband, Ron, and daughter, Ashley. Sharon recently adopted a dog, Twix, which keeps the family entertained and active.

Plan Ahead

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



Aftercare

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

You can find more details going to our [Aftercare Resources](#) page.

Daily Funeral Schedule

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

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