



Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home Newsletter

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Family Caregivers



According to the National Alliance for Caregiving, nearly 72% of families are providing care for adults who are 50 or older. That number will continue to grow as our baby boomer generation ages. Being a caregiver can be a daunting undertaking, but [here is an article from Hadassah](#) about the importance of caregivers taking care of themselves. There has even been publicity recently about [Millenials becoming caregivers](#).

Here are some links to some resources that we hope you will find helpful:

- [AARP Caregiver Resources](#)
- [Caregiving.org Resources](#)

Levinson's Volunteer Initiative JCC Block Party

Greg King and Steve Silber had a great time guiding participants through an important and easy social action project at the JCC Block Party recently. They helped attendees put together Summer Camp Kits to be given to kids in need - items like sunscreen and water bottles were put together in backpacks so the kids can have some of the summer essentials they might otherwise go without.



Thanks to everyone who stopped by to help. Look for us at the Pikesville Fall Festival where we will be doing a different project!



Presentation to the Bagel Boys

Special thanks to the Bagel Boys at the Edward A. Myerberg Center for being such a great and inquisitive group!

Recently, Matt Levinson presented them with information on The Jewish Funeral and what to expect after someone dies, and Eliza Feller introduced them to the Levinson's Pre-Planning Guide (a free resource given to those who come in to discuss advance planning). The Bagel Boys were great listeners and had a lot of fantastic questions, not to mention being courageous for showing up to a presentation titled "The Jewish Funeral" on a beautiful Tuesday morning.

Do you have a group or organization that might want to learn more? We would be happy to come to you or have you come to us and include a tour of the funeral home.



Meet our "Family": Debbie Garland, Office Administrator, 18 Years at Levinson's

Debbie Garland has worked in the administrative and accounting office for more than 18 years. Debbie is an integral part of our staff - making sure the numbers are reconciled and documented each day. She assists all members of the staff with financial queries and has a quick eye to spot when something doesn't add up. Debbie is also on Levinson's "Social Butterfly" committee, coordinating social events for the staff so they can enjoy each other's company in a non-work atmosphere.

One of five girls, Debbie and her sisters grew up in Pikesville and attended Milford Mill High School. She then went to Catonsville Community College, where she attained her Associate's Degree in Accounting. Debbie came to Levinson's after a 15-year career in the travel industry. When asked what she likes about working at the funeral home, she said "I like helping families in every aspect - whether it's a question about genealogy or talking to a grieving family or member of the community. I have developed special relationships with my coworkers, some of whom feel like family."

When not balancing the financials at Levinson's, Debbie is a busy wife, mother, daughter and sister. She balances a busy schedule of attending her daughter's softball games, teaching religious education classes, and regularly making the drive back and forth to Pennsylvania to visit her son in college. When she has a few minutes left to herself, she likes to plan camping or beach vacations with family and friends, and spend quality time with her mother.

Sol Levinson & Bros is thankful to have such a hard-working and dedicated employee in Debbie Garland, and we appreciate her willingness to help out whenever, and wherever she can.

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.

Now, when you sit down with us to plan ahead for yourself or a loved one, you will get a personalized copy of the [Levinson's Pre-Planning Guide](#), filled with organizational resources. There is no charge to meet with us and you do not need to pay in order to receive your copy of the Pre-Planning Guide.



****The Washington Post agrees that having a resource like our Pre-Planning Guide is incredibly important - [check out this article](#) for their thoughts on the issue.****

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 Columbia ensure that the families we care for have support long after the funeral service ends.

You can find more details by 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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