



Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home Newsletter

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The Advance Planning Edition

This edition of the newsletter is dedicated to Advance Planning, because it is the number one thing you can do to make the funeral process easier for your family.

Advance planning allows your family to spend the time after someone's death focusing on grief and healing, instead of funeral particulars.



What is Advance Planning?

Advance Planning is deciding ahead of time what your wishes are for your funeral or that of a loved one. We are here to make this conversation as easy as possible. There is no obligation to pay anything, and no fee for the appointment.

How does it work?

Simply schedule a time to meet with or speak by phone with one of the funeral directors who specializes in advance planning. When you meet with us face-to-face, we will provide you with a detailed and personalized Pre-Planning Guide that includes all the information regarding your funeral selections, as well as helpful resources to help you get organized and to make the time surrounding the funeral much easier for your family. If you make arrangements with us by phone, we can email you a copy of your Pre-Planning Guide.

Pre-paying comes with the obvious benefit of your family not having to come up with funds or worry about finances while grieving, and we would be happy to discuss our various payment options to pre-pay some or all of the funeral. However, we feel it is most important that you start the process and put your wishes on paper.

To learn more or start filling out a Begin Planning Form, please [visit our website](#). If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please [email us](#) or call 410-653-8900.

Top Reasons for Advance Planning

- Care for your family by

making the funeral process easier on them

- **Ensure your wishes are followed**
- **Control financial costs** by ensuring your family is not making decisions guided by grief
- **Spend down assets to apply for Medicaid**



Advance Planning Testimonials

"My mother pre-planned and paid for her funeral years ago. All my sister had to do was place a call to you and all was taken care of."

"I didn't want my mother to pre-pay her burial expenses ten years ago but now I'm glad she did."

"[Advance Planning] enabled us to focus on our family and our grieving and not the details."

"We are very grateful that my mother and father-in-law had the foresight to plan ahead for their funerals."



A room full of Bagel Boys listens to Matt Levinson present on The Jewish Funeral

Group Presentations

Our funeral directors are available to present on The Jewish Funeral or a specific topic of your choice at meetings or host presentations and tours at the funeral home at no charge. We have hosted tours for religious schools, adult education groups, and hospice staff, and we have presented to groups such as the Bagel Boys, Hadassah, synagogue brother/sisterhoods and more.

Groups find the presentation fascinating and informative, and it offers an opportunity for people to ask questions they have always been afraid to ask. If you wish to schedule a time for us to either present to you or for you to bring a group to Levinson's, please [email us](#) or call 410-653-8900.

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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