



## Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home Newsletter

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### Contemporary Cemetery Rituals

Families are more spread out than ever, and many people do not believe the cemetery is the only place we can connect with a loved one. In addition, some people are overwhelmed by the idea of going to the cemetery or don't know what to do when they get there.



We spoke with four area rabbis and got their feedback about traditional reasons for visiting the cemetery, as well as suggestions for new rituals you and your family can incorporate in order to make visits easier, more personal, and more meaningful.

Check out [the information on our blog](#) and please share with us if your family has any traditions that may help others.

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### Why we Place Earth in the Grave

Have you ever wondered why it is Jewish tradition to fill in the graves of our loved ones?

It can be both a painful and healing process, and you can learn more about the reasons for it [on our blog](#).



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**Event Tomorrow -**  
**RAISING AWARENESS: A Jewish Community**  
**Gathering & Discussion on Suicide**  
**Jewish Perspective; Depression; Barriers to Mental Health**  
**Treatment; Stigma; Youth/Teen Suicide; Bullying; Grieving;**  
**Coping with the Aftermath; Healing**

Wednesday, August 8 at 7 p.m.  
Chizuk Amuno Congregation  
8100 Stevenson Road, Baltimore, MD, 21208

Join us to learn more on this important and timely topic.

Our featured speaker will be Kat Olbrich, Director of the Maryland office of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Our panelists include:

- Chizuk Amuno Congregation's Rabbi Joshua Gruenberg who will speak about the Jewish Perspective on Suicide

and Jewish Community Services professional staff members:

- Stacey Meadows, Supervisor for Therapy Services, who will speak about Depression, Barriers to Mental Health Treatment, and Stigma
- Howard Reznick, Manager for Prevention Education, who will speak about Youth/Teen Suicide and Bullying
- Rachael Schultz Abrams, clinician and grief counselor, who will speak about Grieving, Coping with the Aftermath, and Healing.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions after the program and speak directly with our panelists.

Free & Open to the Community. RSVP (Preferred): [jcsbalt.org/suicideawareness](https://jcsbalt.org/suicideawareness)

Sponsors: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Chizuk Amuno Congregation, Jewish Community Services, JMore, and Sol Levinson & Bros.



## **Meet our "Family": Scott Cuttler, Funeral Director, 25 Years at Levinson's**

One of Sol Levinson & Bros. veteran funeral directors, Scott has been with the funeral home since 1993. Scott grew up on Long Island, in Merrick, NY, and received his mortuary degree from SUNY - Farmingdale, working as a funeral director in New York, South Florida, and Northern Virginia before finding his home at Sol Levinson & Bros. As a funeral director, Scott assists families from the time someone dies through the funeral arrangement, service and burial. Scott's meticulous attention to detail and encyclopedic knowledge of the funeral industry means that he has become an important resource to all who work here.

When asked what has kept Scott at Levinson's for so long, he said, "I appreciate being able to help families at a difficult time in their lives, and I am grateful to the Levinsons for giving us the freedom to help families to the best of our ability." Everyone who works with Scott would say the same thing - he is one of a kind. He loves a good old fashioned joke, beams with pride about his son and his accomplishments, and is an all-around great employee and coworker. Scott enjoys the detailed nature of the work of being a funeral director, and the family atmosphere of working at Levinson's. His calm demeanor and availability to his fellow directors greatly enhances our office environment.

When not at work, Scott is very involved in community activities and events. He is an avid tennis player and runner, has attended many plays at his son's alma mater, Beth Tfiloh, and is a long-time member of Beth Israel Congregation. Now that he and his wife, Judy, are empty-nesters, Scott regularly takes Judi (to whom he was introduced by a former Levinson's employee!) to live music concerts, and they recently went to a painting class together.

There are several important reasons to pre-plan a funeral. Advance Planning 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 Advance Planning Guide](#), filled with organizational resources. There is no cost to meet with us and you do not need to pay in order to receive your copy of the Advance Planning Guide.



**\*\*The Washington Post agrees that having a resource like our Advance 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.

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## 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.

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## 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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