



Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home Newsletter

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What to Do and Say at a Shiva House

When someone we know loses a loved one it is our instinct to comfort them, whether that is with words, food, or a hug. Often times, we find ourselves at a loss for what to say, or accidentally saying the wrong thing, even though our intentions are well-meaning. There are several do's and don'ts when it comes to comforting mourners and, specifically, attending a shiva house.

[Check out our blog](#) for more information on what is appropriate and helpful during someone's mourning period.



Ask the Expert Luncheon



Caregiver Challenges & Resources *Lutherville-Timonium*

Tuesday, December 11

12pm

Tark's Grill, Lutherville-Timonium

Join us for this informative presentation by Jewish Community Services, to cover the challenges facing family caregivers and learn

about helpful resources to ease this burden.

Eliza Feller, Levinson's Director of Advance Planning, will briefly discuss the benefits of the Levinson's Pre-Planning Guide.

Lunch is free but registration is required by November 23 to AskTheExpert@sollevinson.com or 410-653-8900. [See the blog](#) for more details.



Why Do the Pallbearers Sometimes Stop Several Times at the Cemetery?

As Jews, we believe it is our duty to accompany the deceased to the cemetery for burial, as the Hebrew word for funeral is "levaya," which literally means "escorting." Burying the dead is one of the biggest mitzvahs that we can complete, because we know

that there is no way for that person to ever repay us for this act. But have you ever wondered why

we sometimes make several brief stops while carrying the casket from the hearse to the grave? [See our blog](#) for a few responses from local rabbis.



Meet our "Family": Nolan Hurtt, Funeral Assistant, 12 Years at Levinson's

Nolan Hurtt has become an essential part of the team here at Levinson's. Nolan's role as a Funeral Assistant places him with families at all stages of the arrangement process, and he takes immense pride in caring for people's loved ones.

Nolan's quiet, calm and reassuring nature is appreciated by families in their time of need; and his willingness to help out wherever needed is always appreciated by his coworkers. No matter what Nolan is tasked with, he understands the enormity of his role in the funeral process and fulfills his role with the utmost of care and professionalism. He is often one of

the first Levinson's employees to meet with a family, as well as seeing them throughout different stages of the service - such as while delivering shiva materials to a family and driving the limousine at the service.

When asked what Nolan most likes about working at Levinson's, he replied "The Levinsons are great people, and I work with a wonderful group - it's run less like a company and more like a family."

When not at work, Nolan enjoys trying different kinds of restaurants, reading, and listening to various types of music - particularly jazz, classical and rock.

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](#).

Feedback

Did our service exceed your expectations? Did a member of our staff go the extra mile to assist you? Sol Levinson & Bros. is committed to providing the families we serve with compassionate, personalized and detailed care, and we want to hear about your experience. Please take a moment to tell us about it - if you have a gmail account, [click here](#), otherwise, [click here](#). If you would like to reach us privately, please don't hesitate to [email us](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

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