

# Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home Newsletter

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# Memorialization and Unexpected Deaths

\*\*This is an incredibly emotionallychallenging topic, and we ask you to please use your judgment as to whether this is an appropriate article for you at your personal stage in the grief journey.\*\*

Funerals serve many purposes - to remember a person's life, provide comfort and community



support to surviving family, and begin the long grief journey. Sometimes, in case of sudden loss, families have a singular focus to just get the final arrangements taken care of as quickly as possible, especially in the case where a death was as a result of a loved one's decisions. This is a coping mechanism that helps them get through the first few days, but may not be the best for the family's healing process.

<u>Our blog post discusses some common grief responses</u>, explains how our funeral directors are available to provide guidance and assistance at a time of unimaginable loss, and provides links to several resources on this topic.



## Why do we have a Shomer?

Have you ever wondered what the word Shomer means? Or what the purpose is of the Jewish tradition of someone staying with a deceased at all times?

Our blog post explains this custom and how our building has been designed to specifically incorporate space for a shomer.

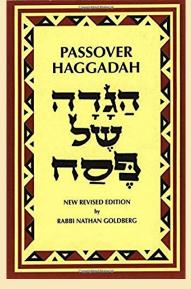
### Haggadahs

In the Levinson family tradition, Haggadahs for your Passover Seder are now available.

<u>Please contact us</u> about stopping by to pick some up, or arranging for us to get them to you in Columbia.

From our family to yours, best wishes for a healthy and

meaningful Passover holiday.





### Meet our "Family": Laine Janoski, Office Administrator, Two Months at Levinson's

Welcome, Laine!

Laine Janoski is a member of Levinson's administrative staff who recently joined our team after working in the Carroll County public school system for seven years. It was Laine's can-do attitude and positive demeanor that made her the perfect fit for our close-knit team. Bringing along a background where she managed many moving parts and dealt with many members of the community has helped her adjust quickly to her new role in the funeral home.

Laine grew up in Bowie and attended the University of Maryland, where she studied Marketing. When asked what she likes about working at the funeral home, she said "I like helping people, and working at Levinson's gives me so many opportunities to step in and assist someone in their time of need. I know the work I am doing really makes a difference."

Laine is a busy mother of four, and she balances a packed schedule of her children's lacrosse and basketball games. When she has a few minutes to spare, she likes to go out to dinner with family and friends, and spend time with her two dogs.

Sol Levinson & Bros. is thankful to have found such a hardworking and dedicated employee in Laine. We appreciate her enthusiasm and willingness to step in and help whenever she can.

### **Grief Support & Educational Programs**

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. You are welcome to email us, as we are constantly trying to improve our service.

If you feel like sharing the benefits of your experience with others, we ask that you take a moment to review your experience with us online. Your online review can be a useful tool for those who need to make funeral arrangements for their own families.

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