



Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home Newsletter

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Announcing Our New Annapolis Arrangement Center!



We are proud to announce that in order to serve our ever-changing community, and to maintain and build our relationship with the Jewish population in Anne Arundel County, Sol Levinson & Bros., Inc. has opened a new arrangement office in the heart of Annapolis, operating as Sol Levinson Funeral Services. We are also excited that Fram Monument Company has joined us in our new office to better serve the families with their monument needs.

Effective immediately, Levinson's will offer families in Annapolis and surrounding areas the ability to make funeral arrangements with a licensed funeral director in our new office located at 170 Jennifer Road, Suite 150, [Annapolis](#), MD 21401. Our team of Advance Planning specialists will also make appointments in our new office in order to make the process of planning ahead as convenient as possible.

At this time, both [Fram](#) and Levinson's will meet with families by appointment only. Levinson's can be reached anytime for questions or to make an appointment by calling 410-881-0801 or [by sending us an email](#). If you prefer to schedule an Advance Planning appointment online, you may also see our [online calendar](#).

It is our hope that by having a presence in the Annapolis area, we provide families with another option when considering their needs for this important life cycle event. We want to offer families traditional Jewish funeral resources, as well as alternative options for those who may be considering a less traditional service.

For over 125 years, we have served Baltimore and the surrounding areas with compassion and respect. Each family's needs are handled with an emphasis on the details and personal attention

they deserve. With multiple generations actively involved, the Levinson family oversees every aspect of each funeral to ensure excellent service.

We look forward to becoming part of the Anne Arundel County community. If you have any questions about our office and the services we offer, please call Matt Levinson directly at 410-653-8900.



Ask the Expert: Social Security Benefits

Confused about when and how to apply for Social Security benefits? Tim Barnaba - adjunct professor and teacher of "Understanding Medicare & Social Security" at CCBC - will help us understand the options.

Eliza Feller, Levinson's Director of Advance Planning, will also briefly speak about the decisions that go into Advance Planning - and how the decisions you make now can greatly impact your family later.

Tuesday, January 14, 12pm
David Chu's China Bistro
7105 Reisterstown Road

Lunch is free, but registration is required by Thursday, January 9 to Eliza Feller at AskTheExpert@sollevinson.com or 410-653-8900.

Grief Support and 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. We invite you to join us for the following program:

THE LANGUAGE OF LOSS An Evening of Education, Conversation and Support



Wednesday, February 5th*
7-8:30 pm
Beth Tfiloh Congregation
Epstein Chapel -- 3300 Old Court Road, Baltimore

Join mental health professionals and educators from Beth Tfiloh Congregation and School, Jewish Community Services, and Sol Levinson and Bros., Inc. to explore grief throughout the life cycle.

Opening Remarks:

Maintaining resilience in the face of today's intense societal pressures

Dr. Zipora Schorr, Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community

School's Director of Education

Rabbi Chai Posner, Beth Tfiloh Congregation

Donna Kane, MA, JCS Grief Clinician

Break-Out Sessions:

Talking to Young Children about Loss

What's the best way to talk to preschool and elementary age children about death? What supports are available for young children?

Talking to Older Children about Loss

How do you talk to middle school and high school age children about death? What resources are available for a grieving adolescent?

Managing Adult Life Losses

What losses do we experience as adults and how do they impact us? Learn strategies to help yourself and others manage grief.

Being a Friend to Someone Who is Grieving

How do you find the right words to comfort a grieving friend? Is there etiquette for shiva, and what happens when shiva ends? Get answers to these questions and more.

Staff and program facilitators will be available to speak with participants following break-out sessions.

Free and open to the community.

RSVP to [Jewish Community Services \(JCS\)](#) Questions? Call 410-843-7457.

*Snow date: March 18th

To request disability accommodations, please contact us at 410-466-9200 or info@jcsbaltimore.org at least 2 weeks prior to the event. In all situations, a good faith effort will be made to provide accommodations.

Program Sponsors: BethTfiloh, Sol Levinson & Bros., Inc., Mitchell David Center for Hope & Healing (a program of JCS), JCS (an agency of The Associated), and The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore

Daily Funeral Schedule

If you would like to receive Levinson's Daily Funeral Schedule every morning by email, [click here to sign up.](#)

Advance Planning: A Gift to Your Family

We are here to help you help your family. By learning about funeral options now, you can greatly impact your family's experience at the time of a loss. Advance Planning allows you to be in charge of what the funeral looks like (and its cost), and makes things much easier on surviving family. That is why several hundred people a year come in well in advance of needing Levinson's services.

An Advance Planning Specialist will meet with you in our Pikesville, Columbia or Annapolis offices, in the privacy of your home, or we can even make arrangements by phone if you live out of town. There is no charge, you don't need to pay anything toward the funeral, you don't even need to make definitive plans. Our goal is to provide you with the information you need in order to make the best decisions for yourself.

For more information:

- See our [online appointment scheduler](#)
- Start filling out our [Advance Planning Questionnaire](#)
- Send an email to [Eliza Feller](#), our Director of Advance Planning
- Take a look at the [Plan Ahead section](#) of our website, or
- Call us at 410-653-8900

If you aren't ready to make decisions but would like to set up a casual evening of learning with friends, one of our Advance Planning Specialists would be happy to join you to answer all the questions you may have about how Jewish funerals work. Whether that is "how do I have a unique or less-traditional service" or "what are all the things that happen between the time someone dies and the funeral?" Contact [Eliza Feller](#) to learn more.

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.

Our Locations

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