

Newsletter - May 2020

Upcoming Event:



The families that Sol Levinson & Bros. has served since the beginning of the pandemic have not been able to sit, grieve, and pray together as a community in the traditional, therapeutic manner in which we have historically sought comfort.

To help in some way to fill the void of grief in these unusual times, we invite you to a virtual community-wide memorial service. Please join Rabbis Joshua Gruenberg, Chai Posner, and Jessy Dressin, along with Cantor Ben Ellerin, on Wednesday, May 19, at 7pm for a virtual memorial service that will include memorial prayers and ritual.

Additionally, we will read the names of loved ones who have left us during this time. Following the memorial service, Donna Kane, M.A, JCS Grief Clinician, will discuss ways to grieve and cope as the pandemic continues.

You are welcome to join for all or part of this gathering. Pleasesee our blog post for full details and important links.

Resources for Families & Our Community

At Levinson's we know that funerals are a fundamental

part of a healthy grieving process. *Kavod HaMet*-respect for the dignity of the deceased - has always been the highest principle of Jewish burial, and adhering to that is always our main goal.

Levinson's is actively working to do everything possible to ensure meaningful burial services, out of respect for the



Levinson's Response to COVID-19

We are living in exceptional and challenging times and, as you know, we at Levinson's take the current situation very seriously. While we maintain communication with government agencies and are working diligently to reduce exposure to both families and staff, our goal will always be to provide compassionate funeral service to all those we serve.

Funerals are a fundamental part of a healthy grieving process. While there are certain restrictions right now, we urge you and your families to focus on the importance of what can be done, and to make use of the power of modern technology.

Please see below for upcoming events, resources and information regarding our services.

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We have created a special web page, where we are able to provide resources to help families during this unprecedented time.

This site offers:

- Information on all the ways to make a funeral meaningful in these unusual times
- Resources such as online prayer books to aid in hosting a virtual shiva service
- Notifications of upcoming virtual programs relating to grief and loss
- Thoughts on how to support grieving families
- · Links to memorial books and shiva pages
- Links to planting memorial trees, and more.

Our information is updated daily, and can be found by clicking the image above, or from our homepage by clicking on the blue box that says "How Levinson's is Responding to COVID-19 in Our Community."

New Website to Come This Summer

Information regarding the release of our new and improved website was emailed to the community earlier this year. Since coping with the pandemic, its release was delayed.

However, we are pleased to announce that we will now be introducing our new website this summer. Updates to come!

Advance Planning: A Gift to Your Family

We've recently heard from many people who have questions for us, finding they now have a little extra time to think about things.

Are you working on retirement planning and want to know how a funeral factors into your financial plans? Curious about cemetery options? Just have some questions about various types of services we provide? Want to find out what questions we would need answers to, so we don't need to ask them of your family down the road?

Talking to us ahead of time cancan greatly impact your family's experience at the time of a loss.

You don't need to be ready to decide everything. Our goal is to provide you with the information you need in order to make the best decisions for yourself, at whatever speed you are comfortable.

For more information:

- See our <u>online appointment scheduler</u> for how to set up a phone appointment
- 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

Whatever your question is, and wherever you are along the timeline of considering options and making decisions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Levinson's is committed to providing the same caring, professional and personalized service that has been synonomous with our name for over 125 years. If you have any questions regarding our services, please <u>contact us</u> so we can help.

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