

Instructions for a funeral ר"ל – Rabbi Levi Y. Garelik 347-415-1122

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בס"ד

Checklist for Funeral

1. Any legal problems/issues with the hospital? Call *Chesed Shel Emes*: 7184362121 or *Misaskim* 718-8544548.
2. **Useful Phone numbers:** Shomrei Hadas Chapel 24/6 even in middle of the night]: **718-4368700.**
Chevra Kadisha: [Do not call between 1130 pm and 630 am:] Rabbi Eli Eber: **917-2877062.** Rabbi Lipsker: **7187718875.**
3. Who is the contact person in the family? _____ His/her cell number _____
4. Did he/she order at least 3 death certificates?
5. Is there a *Tzavoo* (will)? Or any specific instructions?
6. Are all family members here? If not – are any children coming? Or anyone that we must wait for?
7. Is the *Niftar/es* (deceased) a *Kohain* or related to a *Kohain* family? If yes, kindly notify קדישא חברה קדישא right away as this makes a difference regarding the place of burial.
8. **Talis:** Where is the Niftar's *Talis*? (that he wore on Shabbos (or weekday)). Please forward to the *Chevra Kadisha*.
9. **Seudas Havro'o** (first meal after funeral): Who will provide *Seudas Havro'o* (meal after funeral)? It may **not** be a family member, only a friend or neighbor. [Phone number of Bagel shop: 3479555300. Order bagels (*Hamotzi*) and hard boiled eggs for each mourner].
10. **Does the Oinen (mourner) need to sell the business?** Speak to the Rov.
11. To avoid unnecessary headaches, **the scheduling of the funeral MUST receive the approval of:**
1. Shomrei Hadas. 2. Chevra Kadisha. 3. A member of the family. Under NO circumstance may the family decide the time of the funeral without consulting all three.
12. **In NY: Call *Misaskim* (718-8544548) to bring all things necessary for *Shiva*.**

Important information for the family:

1. **Kriah** - "tearing of the garments" which is done at the chapel [On Chol Hamoed only sons and daughters tear. The others do it on Motzoei Yomtov]:
 - a. Some people think that it is an honor for the deceased to tear the best clothing they own. **WRONG:** they tear something that they are going to discard anyway after *Shiva*.
 - b. **Men** – Sons: will tear a Jacket and a shirt. All other men: only a Jacket.
 - c. **Women:** All women will tear only one garment. Suggestion: wear a shell or a tee-shirt underneath (for *Tznius*) and tear a blouse or over-shirt or sweater. **Do not** use a **knit** material for *Kriah* as it unravels.
2. **Shiva Shoes:** At the cemetery, after the burial, the mourners change into the "*shiva shoes*". Therefore, one family member should have a bag with all the *Shiva shoes* and bring it to the cemetery. (Besides for *Chol Hamoed*, *Purim*, *Shushan Purim* and *Erev Pesach* in the afternoon in which you do not change into *shiva shoes* at the cemetery). If one doesn't have *Shiva shoes*, they may be purchased before the funeral.
3. **Checks:** 1. Chevra Kadisha, 2. Funeral home, 3. Cemetery. (4. Officiating Rabbi?).
4. **Be at the chapel:** 45 minutes prior to schedule. Example: If scheduled to leave the chapel at 10:00, be there no later than 9:15. [Address: Shomrei Hadas: 3803 14th Av. Brooklyn NY 11218].

Basic Halochos until the burial (“Aninus”)

1. A *Yohrzeit licht* should be lit.
2. **No Brochois:** When eating do not make a *brocho* nor *Birchas Hamozon*.
3. **Netilas Yodayim** (washing hands): In the morning, or when leaving the washroom, or prior to eating bread – you wash your hands but do not say any *Brochois* (*Al Netilas Yodayim* nor *Asher Yotzar* etc.).
4. **Tefilos:** **No** *Davening shacharis, mincha* nor *maariv* (only *sefiras haomer* is recited without a *Brocho*), even if the funeral is tomorrow. No *Talis* nor *Tefillin*. May say *Tefilas Hederech*.
5. **No** learning *Torah*. Some say *Tehillim*.
6. Sons may go to *Shul* to say *Kadish* **ONLY** if there is still plenty of time to the funeral. (But may not participate in any of the *Tfilos*, may not answer *Omein* nor *Kedusha* etc. they sit quietly and only think of the departed. May counted as part of the minyan **ONLY** for their *Kadish*).
7. **Krias Shma:** Before going to sleep say only: the three *parshiyos* of *Shema, Vehoyo, Tzizis* and *Hamapil*.
8. No haircuts, nail cutting, showering (unless very sweaty).
9. **Chair:** May sit on a regular chair. While **eating:** sit on low chair.
10. May leave the house only for funeral purposes.
11. **Kohanim:** may become *Tome* to father, mother, brother, never married (nor engaged) sister, son, and daughter.

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Friday and Shabbos (or YomTov) and the funeral is on Sunday or later:

1. **On Friday:** Find out (on Chabad.org or zmanim.org) when is *Plag Hamincha* on *Shabbos*.
2. **On Friday:** Until *Licht Benchen* follow the *Aninus* laws above. Before *Licht Benchen* prepare for *Shabbos* and *Daven Mincha*. *Licht Benchen* is with a *Brocho*. *Tzedoko* may be given.
3. *Shabbos* there is no *Aninus Befarhesia*, however, you cannot get an *Aliya* to the *Torah*.
4. **On Shabbos afternoon:** *Daven Mincha* **before** *Plag Hamincha*. After *Plag Hamincha*, **before** nightfall, *Daven Maariv* (with *אתה הוננתנו*) and can also make *havdolo* with wine with **no** *bsomim* and **no** *candle* but **NO MELOCHO** may be performed before *Tzeis Hakochovim*. However, if *Mincha* was not recited before *Plag Hamincha*, then don't *Daven Maariv* nor *Havdolo*.
5. Once the night comes in, at *Tzeis Hakochovim*, resume to *Aninus* as above.
6. If *Havdolo* was not made prior to nightfall, it is done after the funeral at *seudas Havro'o* and in the meantime one may eat without *Havdolo*.

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