

### Newsletter - August 2021



## What is a Green Funeral?

You may have heard the terms Green Burial, Green Funeral, or even Natural Burial in the past few years. But what do they mean? And does Levinson's provide those services?

The terms are essentially interchangeable. Typically, people looking for a green funeral are looking for a burial that impacts the environment as little as possible.

At Levinson's, we consider ourselves to be experts in green burial, given our nearly 130 years of providing funeral services to the Jewish community.

People's preferences about funeral details vary greatly. To learn more, please <u>check out this post</u> or reach out to <u>our funeral directors</u>, who would be happy to answer your questions.

# Jewish Funerals & Advance Planning Webinar



Webinar on Thursday, August 5, 7-8pm

A lot more goes into a funeral than many people realize. Join us as we discuss the decisions that need to be made and the importance of having this conversation ahead of time.

- Rabbi Joshua Gruenberg, of Chizuk Amuno Congregation, will present a highlight of Jewish funeral traditions and the reasons behind them.
- Eliza Feller, Director of Advance Planning at Sol Levinson & Bros., will review the ways you can make funeral planning much easier for your family.

Registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. <u>Please register</u> <u>here</u> by Wednesday, August 4.

Please reach out to Eliza Feller with any questions at 410-653-8900 or<u>via email</u>.

If you are unable to attend but would like to learn more about the importance of Advance Planning and how to get started, please see our website.

# Grief Support & Community Outreach Events

#### **August Cemetery Cleanup Events**

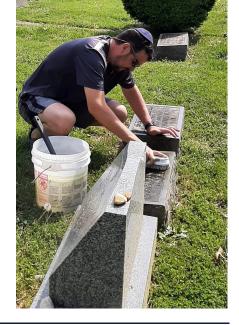
Lend a helping hand to spruce up some of our community's older cemeteries prior to the High Holydays.

Sunday, August 22
10-12 at the Bowleys Lane and German Hill
Road cemeteries.

To register for August 22, please send an email, including your name and telephone number, to Greg King, Director of Grief Support and Community Education at greg@sollevinson.com

Sunday, August 29 10-12 at Hebrew Friendship Cemetery

To register for August 29, please go to the Jewish Volunteer Connection's <u>online</u> registration page.



# Children and Grief: Building a Toolbox for Resilience and Understanding

Save the date: October 14th at 7:30pm



This program will feature a panel discussion with Rabbi Dr. Moshe Schwartz, Donna Kane, Dr. Sara Spinner Block, and Matt Levinson, promoting the various ways that different children grieve and strategies for helping them work through grief.

RSVP and location information to be announced.

For information on other upcoming programs and support groups, please see Levinson's online calendar.

# Join Our Team

Sol Levinson & Bros. Funeral Home is consistently voted one of Baltimore's Top Workplaces by the Baltimore Sun.

Do you know someone who would be a good addition to our team as an Administrative and Accounting Specialist, or a Funeral Assistant?

Please see the <u>Join Our Team</u> page on our website for all current job openings, full position descriptions, and how to apply.

## **Meet Our Family**

### Charles Bagley, Human Resources Manager

Chuck joined the Sol Levinson team in February 2020 as the Human Resources Manager. Starting a new human resources job a month before a pandemic lockdown is certainly a challenge. However, Chuck's easy-going nature and comprehensive experience allowed him to immediately jump into navigating the complex policy changes needed to ensure the safety of our community and employees. Chuck always has an even keel and his quiet sense of humor is even more apparent now that we are back in the office.



Chuck handles all aspects of HR for the company from employee relations and performance management to recruitment, communication, and employee engagement. Chuck brings over 30 years of HR and counseling experience to this role, including more than 20 years in HR leadership at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Chuck was born and raised in Baltimore City and graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and earned an undergraduate degree in History from Messiah College in Pennsylvania. He worked for over 30 years with the State of Maryland as a Vocational Counselor and Human Resources professional. He retired from state service in 2018 as the Assistant Director of Human Resources in Facilities Management at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Chuck has resided in Howard County for almost 40 years where he lives with his wife of 37 years, Michelle, and raised 2 daughters. He enjoys music, playing the piano, both playing and watching sports, and spoiling his two grandkids. Chuck is a community theatre performer and serves as president of the Howard County Summer Theatre. He also works professionally as a living history performer portraying George Washington Carver for middle and high school students from across the nation.

"The commitment of Sol Levinson & Bros. to providing excellent service to their customers, and the warmth and professionalism of their staff is a rare combination to find in the work force. I look forward to working with this staff each day and I'm honored to be part of the SLB team."

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.

### **Our Locations**

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