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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR FREINDS,

As we reflect on our recent Spring Meeting in Montreal, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Paperman family and staff for creating such a memorable event, and to everyone whose attendance made the gathering such a meaningful success. From thoughtful programming and spirited discussion to the camaraderie that always defines our time together, the meeting served as a powerful reminder of the strength and uniqueness of our KAVOD community.



Jonathan Green
KAVOD President

At the same time, every meeting also reminds us of something equally important: the opportunities we miss when participation is absent. Our association thrives through engagement and a willingness to share experience and perspective with one another. Participation is how we fulfill the commitment we make to each other as colleagues, and it reflects our collective investment in the future of Jewish funeral service.

Recognizing the demands placed on all of us professionally and personally, KAVOD continues to explore initiatives aimed at making participation more accessible and inclusive, including expanded opportunities for virtual gatherings and engagement throughout the year. While nothing can fully replace the value of gathering together in person, we hope these efforts will help more members remain connected and involved.

That effort must also include cultivating the next generation within our own firms. I encourage every member to consider sponsoring, mentoring, or inviting staff members and emerging professionals to participate in KAVOD meetings and programs. More familiarity with the association helps ensure that the values, relationships, and traditions that define KAVOD continue well into the future.

With that in mind, I would like to issue a simple challenge to every member of KAVOD: let's see every firm represented at our Fall Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. Whether by an owner, manager, apprentice, or staff member attending for the first time, your participation matters. Our association is stronger when every firm has a seat at the table.

Warm regards,
Jonathan Green
President, KAVOD

SAVE THE DATE

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FALL

MEETING

CHARLOTTE, NC

OCTOBER 24-26, 2026

MORE INFO COMING SOON



AI POEM FROM ROSS PAPERMAN FROM SPRING MEETING



Picture here (from L to R): LaDarion Ammons, Johnathan Green, Steven and Robin Sisskind, Maggie Early, and Lisa and Joseph Sherman

From Fairfield's halls where legacy's kept,
A family business where generations have wept—
He stands with pride, tradition in hand,
Proof that roots still matter in this modern land.

From Mississippi, big leagues once his game,
Corporate calls and a nationwide name—
Now in a small shul, where hearts beat slow,
He traded scale for meaning... and wouldn't go.

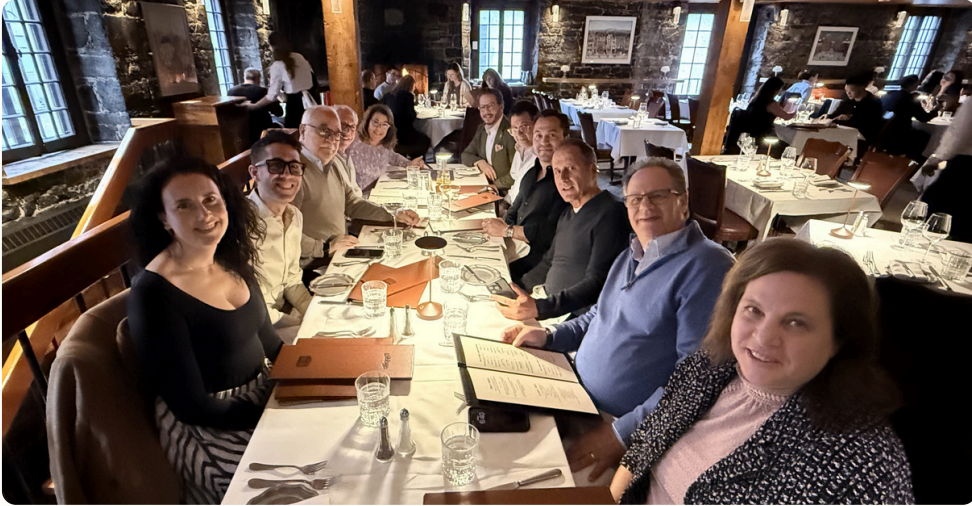
One stitched suits in the rag trade scene,
Measuring hems, keeping collars clean—
Thirty-six years now, he's tailored grief,
Turns broken hearts to quiet relief.

From Syracuse snow to a brand-new track,
A psychologist mom who never looked back—
Three kids, big courage, a bold career switch,
Now comforting souls—with a mom-level pitch.

From Brooklyn roots, fourth-gen pride,
And Montreal's fifth-gen right beside—
A crew like this? You couldn't rehearse it...
Now off for fries—because even we need to rehearse "service."



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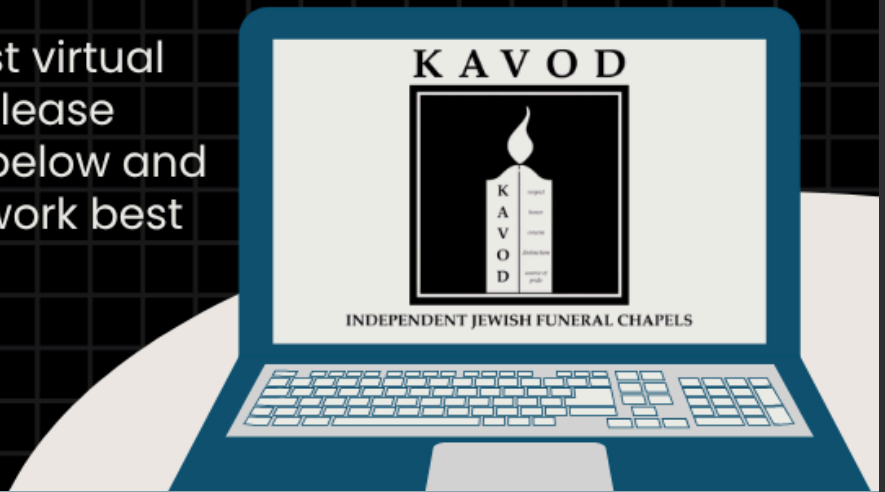


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Charlotte, North Carolina • October 25–28
Charlotte Convention Center
501 S College St.
Charlotte, NC 28202

KAVOD VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

To help us schedule our first virtual meeting, we ask that you please complete the brief survey below and select the day that would work best for you to attend.

[SURVEY HERE](#)



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MEMBERSHIP BY INVITATION

Welcome to the
**MEMBER
LISTSERV**

KAVOD members can now connect with each other through a dedicated listserv. To use it, simply send an email to kavodmembers@tenonestrategy.com.

If you haven't received this notification or need to add an alternative email address, please reach out to us at kavod@tenonestrategy.com.

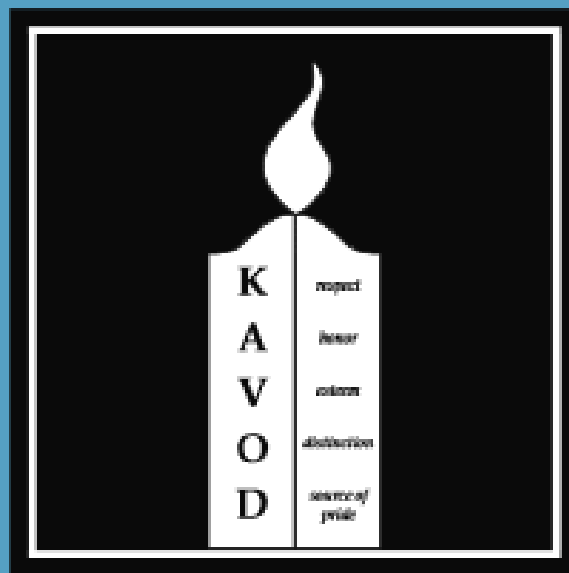


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SHARE YOUR MEMBER NEWS

“Member News” is a regular feature in KAVOD Connection highlighting you, our valued members. If you have news about your business or family you would like to share with your fellow KAVOD members, please send it to kavod@TenOneStrategy.com.

We also invite you to share obituaries of loved ones who have died, so your fellow members can keep you in their prayers.

NFDA WEBINAR SCHEDULE

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Session	Date
<u>Webinar: Annual FTC Funeral Rule Review</u>	June 17, 2026 01:00 PM
<u>Arrangement Solutions Academy- June/July 2026</u>	June 30-July 9, 2026

NFDA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

THE NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS THOUSANDS OF FUNERAL PROFESSIONALS WHO SERVE FAMILIES IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. EVERY DAY, FUNERAL DIRECTORS SUPPORT GRIEVING FAMILIES AND OPERATE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE FABRIC OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

NFDA'S LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PRIORITIES ARE GROUNDED IN REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE AND REFLECT THE NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES WE SERVE, THE COMMUNITIES WE SUPPORT AND THE PROFESSIONALS WHO CARRY OUT THIS IMPORTANT WORK. WE WORK TO ADVANCE POLICIES THAT PROTECT FUNERAL SERVICE STRENGTHEN SMALL BUSINESSES AND SUPPORT FAMILIES GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE.

LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

- PROTECT GRIEVING FAMILIES AND RESTORE TRUST: THE CONSENSUAL DONATION AND RESEARCH INTEGRITY ACT (S.1270 / H.R.2589)
- A COMMONSENSE SOLUTION FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES: FUNERAL COVERAGE ACT (H.R. 2436)
- KEEPING OUR NATION'S PROMISE TO VETERANS AND THE FAMILIES: VETERANS FUNERAL AND BURIAL LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
- PROTECT FAMILY-OWNED FUNERAL HOMES AND COMMUNITY STABILITY: DEATH TAX REPEAL ACT (S.587 / H.R.1301)
- PROTECT WORKERS AND PRESERVE ESSENTIAL FUNERAL SERVICES: NO IRIS ACT (S.623 / H.R.1415)

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