DECEMBER 2025



KAVOD CONNECTION



Respect, Honor, Esteem, Distinction, Source of Pride



INDEPENDENT JEWISH FUNERAL CHAPELS

601-398-2281 www.nijfd.org 200 N. Congress Street, Suite 501 Jackson, MS 39201

IN THIS ISSUE:

NFDA WEBINARS

HAPPY HANUKKAH
FALL MEETING PICTURES
DEAD TALKS
SPRING MEETING SURVEY
MEMBER NEWS
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR KAVOD COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for making our Fall Meeting in New York such a meaningful and energizing gathering. Your presence—whether across the table at Katz's Deli, on our walk through the layers of New York's Jewish history, during our meeting with Michael Butsch of Secure Community Network, in conversation together, and in welcoming our new slate of officers brought a special sense of purpose and camaraderie to every moment. These meetings require real effort, and I am deeply grateful for your commitment to showing up,



Jonathan Green KAVOD President

grateful for your commitment to showing up, sharing wisdom, and strengthening our Association.

Building on that momentum, I am excited to look ahead to our Spring Meeting in Montréal, Canada. Montréal offers a rich blend of culture, heritage, and Jewish history, and we are planning a program that will combine the unique strengths of the city with opportunities for professional development and the renewal of friendships. I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us.

This is also a fitting moment to reflect on the future of KAVOD. Our strength comes from our shared traditions as independent Jewish chapels, and the sacred responsibility of caring for each family as if they were our own. KAVOD is at its best when we honor where we come from while also embracing how we must grow, adapt, and strengthen the standards and values that have guided Jewish funeral service for generations.

As we prepare to celebrate Chanukah, I extend warmest wishes to you, your families, and your communities for a joyful and meaningful Festival of Lights. May the eight nights remind us of the enduring power of hope and dedication in the face of challenges.

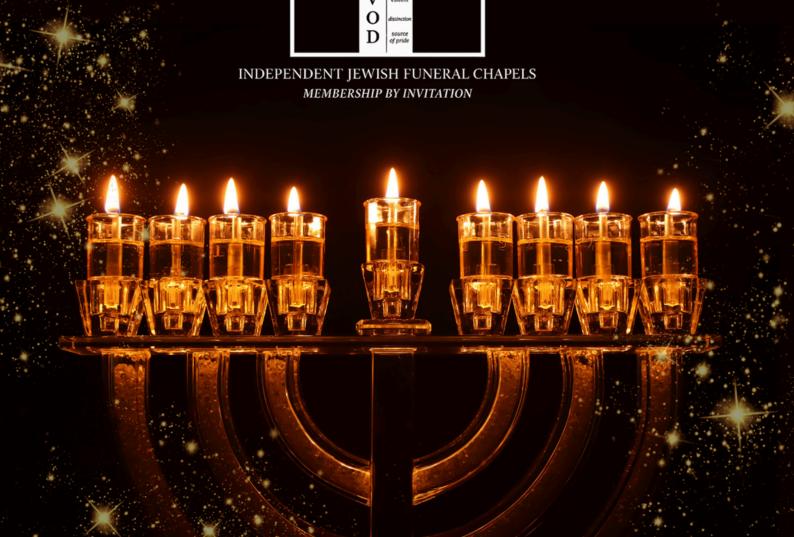
I am grateful to each of you for the work you do, the wisdom you bring, and the trust you place in this Association. I look forward to all we will continue to build together.

With appreciation and warm wishes, Jonathan President, KAVOD

HAPPY HANUKKAH

KAVOD





TOUR WITH LOWER EAST SIDE JEWISH CONSERVANCY





















LaDarion Ammons and Syd Waldman at 2025 NFDA Convention

International Convention & Expo 2026
International Convention & Expo
Charlotte, North Carolina • October 25–28
Charlotte Convention Center
1501 S College St.
Charlotte, NC 28202

DEADTalks Ready. Set. Grow.

GET READY TO GROW AT DEAD TALKS 2026!

DEAD TALKS IS ESSENTIAL FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO ENHANCE THEIR SALES SKILLS IN THE DEATHCARE PROFESSION. WITH A FOCUS ON QUICK, IMPACTFUL SESSIONS, ATTENDEES WILL GAIN ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS AND STRATEGIES TO IMMEDIATELY APPLY IN THEIR OPERATIONS. THIS EVENT, HAPPENING JANUARY 13-15, 2026, IN LAS VEGAS, PROMISES TO BE A GAME-CHANGER FOR PROFESSIONALS EAGER TO ELEVATE THEIR SALES APPROACH!

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 7, 2026 AT 11:59PM ET, BUT ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE.

REGISTER NOW!



MEMBER NEWS



Jonathan Green KAVOD President

CONGRATULATIONS TO JONATHAN GREEN FOR BEING INSTALLED AS THE 2026 PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

I'm pleased to share that I was recently installed as
President of the Connecticut Funeral Directors
Association (CFDA). When I addressed our KAVOD
members at the start of our meeting in November, I
spoke about the strength of our Association and the
mutual support that guides our shared leadership. I
feel very fortunate to have that same encouragement
from my colleagues here in Connecticut.

Of particular note, I have the distinction of being the first Jewish President in the CFDA's 137-year history. I am honored to open this historic door and to lead in a way that is grounded in our traditions values.





A Jewish Response To Hunger

ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025, KAVOD
DONATED \$1,800.00 IN SUPPORT TO
MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



VISIT HTTPS://KAVOD.REGFOX.COM/KAVOD-MEMBERSHIP-RENEWAL-2026

OR CONTACT US AT (601) 398-2281 OR KAVOD@TENONESTRATEGY.COM TO GET A COPY OF YOUR INVOICE EMAILED TO YOU.

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.





Session	Date
Webinar: How to Talk About Adding Services to Direct Dispositions	January 21, 2026 01:00 PM
Webinar: Back to the Basics in the Prep Room	February 25, 2026 01:00 PM
Webinar: Tradition and Innovation in Funeral Service	March 25, 2026 01:00 PM
Webinar: Marketing Funeral Homes: Balancing Sensitivity with Strategy	April 22, 2026 01:00 PM



Welcome to the new

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.



BOARD & STAFF MEMBERS

Jason Goldstein, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PAST PRESIDENT

J.S. Goldstein Funeral and Monuments, Inc. Mays Landing, NJ

Jonathan Green, PRESIDENT

Abraham L Green and Son Fairfield, CT 06824-6002

Syd Waldman, VICE PRESIDENT

Waldman Funeral Care, LLC Houston, TX 77021-5928

Jason Goldstein, TREASURER

J.S. Goldstein Funeral and Monuments, Inc. Mays Landing, NJ

Maggie Early, SECRETARY

Mesnekoff Funeral Home East Amherst, NY

Joseph Sherman, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Sherman's Flatbush Memorial Chapel, Inc. Brooklyn, NY

LaDarion Ammons, ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Email: kavod@tenonestrategy.com

Office Phone: 601-398-2281