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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO MY FELLOW KAVOD MEMBERS,

We are just a few weeks away from our Spring Meeting taking place on Wednesday, April 30th and Thursday, May 1st at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

On Wednesday, we have arranged for a 6:30 PM dinner at Tom Colicchio's Craftsteak followed by a 9:30 PM show to see David Copperfield. To make things easy for everyone, both are at the MGM.

Thursday's schedule includes a Kosher lunch from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM, with a CEU presentation by Angelique Simpson taking place from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. She will discuss Remote Funeral Arrangements and Technology as Game Changers in Funeral Service, courtesy of Richy Adlman and Matthews Aurora Funeral Solutions.

Following the presentation, we will hold a business meeting from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. An email was sent out in March with the registration information.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Passover and looking forward to seeing you in Las Vegas at our Spring meeting.

Warmest regards,

Joseph Sherman
KAVOD President



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Spring Meeting

4/30 - 5/1

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KAVOD SPRING MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025



6:30 pm

Tom Colicchio's Craftsteak

(Unsanctioned Dinner)

MGM Grand



9:30 pm

David Copperfield

Magic Show at MGM Grand

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Kosher Lunch

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm CEU Presentation

Presented by: Angelique Simpson

**"Remote Funeral Arrangements and
Technology are the GAME CHANGERS
in Funeral Service"**

(applied for 2 CE hours where applicable)

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Business Meeting



Angelique Simpson

Professional Development Director
Matthews Aurora Funeral Solutions



**Meeting and ICCFA Expo Location
Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino**

3950 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89119



The ICCFA Experience

APRIL 30 – MAY 3, 2025 | MANDALAY BAY | LAS VEGAS, NV

The 2025 ICCFA Experience, scheduled for April 30 to May 3 at Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, introduces several enhancements based on attendee feedback. The event now features a two-day exhibition with educational sessions throughout the expo hall, providing attendees with seven additional hours on the show floor compared to previous years. Dedicated lunch hours have been incorporated to facilitate networking between exhibitors and attendees. The keynote speaker, Clint Pulver, renowned for his expertise in employee engagement and retention, will share insights on creating organizations that employees are eager to join and remain with. Additionally, comedian Cristela Alonzo will perform at the President's Welcome Reception on April 30, adding a unique entertainment element to the event. For more details and registration information, visit the official ICCFA Experience website.

Head to www.iccfa.com/annual for more details.



NFDA NEWS

NOW IN EFFECT: NEW USPS SHIPPING REQUIREMENT FOR SHIPPING CREMATED REMAINS

Many small businesses, including funeral homes, operate on tight margins and often rely on personal funds to navigate financial challenges. Relying on personal funds can create significant personal financial risk for owners. Furthermore, while credit cards can provide a quick fix, the often-high interest rates and fees can erode profitability over time, especially in an industry where pricing sensitivity and ethical considerations are important. Securing a working capital loan can often be a strategically sound decision and an alternative to credit cards or personal finances for funeral homes. These loans are specifically designed for flexibility and rapid access to funds, perfectly aligning with the often-urgent needs of the funeral service industry. They can effectively cover all the expenses detailed above and more, offering a financial tool tailored to the unique demands of your profession. Compared to traditional long-term loans, they are typically smaller, feature a streamlined application process, and facilitate quicker funding, allowing you to address immediate financial needs promptly and enabling funeral homeowners to focus on serving families. [Liveoak.bank/funeral](https://liveoak.bank/funeral).

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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.



MEMBER NEWS



David Jacobson
Chicago Jewish Funerals

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAVOD MEMBER DAVID JACOBSON ON PRESTIGIOUS NAJC AWARD

We are delighted to share that David Jacobson, Founder of Chicago Jewish Funerals and a valued member of KAVOD, has been selected as the 2025 recipient of the Anita and Barry Kinzbrunner Award by Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC). This prestigious honor recognizes David's outstanding support of Jewish life and chaplaincy over many years.

The award will be presented at the NAJC Annual Conference Awards Dinner on May 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the DoubleTree Chicago North Shore in Skokie, IL. We are thrilled to see David's dedication and contributions to our community recognized in such a meaningful way.

Please join us in congratulating David on this well-deserved honor. His leadership and commitment continue to make a lasting impact on the Jewish funeral service profession and the families he serves.

Mazel tov, David!

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.

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NFDA WEBINAR SCHEDULE

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Session	Date
<u>Webinar: Mastering Effective Performance Management of Employees</u>	April 23, 2025 01:00 PM
<u>Webinar: Top Legal Issues for Funeral Homes in 2025</u>	May 21, 2025 01:00 PM
<u>Webinar: Annual FTC Funeral Rule Review</u>	June 11, 2025 01:00 PM
<u>Webinar: Alkaline Hydrolysis for Newbies and Professionals</u>	July 16, 2025 01:00 PM
<u>Webinar: The ROI of Avoiding OSHA Fines: How to Increase Productivity and Compliance</u>	August 20, 2025 01:00 PM
<u>Webinar: Preserving Legacies: A Comprehensive Exploration of DNA Preservation</u>	September 17, 2025 04:00 PM
<u>Webinar: Caring for All: Pet Loss Care</u>	October 08, 2025 01:00 PM
<u>Webinar: Mastering the Media: Turning Interviews into Opportunities</u>	November 12, 2025 04:00 PM
<u>Webinar: Cremation - It's NOT about the Price</u>	December 10, 2025 01:00 PM

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