



Bereavement Guidelines

Confirmation of death

At home

Call the ambulance - Magen David Adom - 101.

Hatzola medics on motor bikes, who work with MDA, often arrive first.

The ambulance crew will examine the person and try to revive them.

When death is confirmed, they will call the police to certify there are no criminal causes and issue a burial permit.

The medic issues the death certificate. No action can be taken until this and the burial permit are issued.

Weekday

Call **Rabbi Katz 054 767 3421**, the **shul office 09 861 4591** or **Laura at home 052 483 3659**.

Shabbat or Chag

Call the non-Jewish ambulance service of Laniado Hospital **050 930 2121**.

They will take the deceased to the hospital mortuary.

The charge for this service is covered by Bituach Leumi.

After Shabbat or Chag

After Shabbat or Chag, call Rabbi Katz.

Wait a full hour after Shabbat before trying to begin making the funeral arrangements.

Ask others to help with the phone calls

Cohanim – if a death has occurred at home and you know that there are Cohanim in your building, one should let them know.

In hospital or care facility

Weekday

The hospital will issue the death certificate.

Call Rabbi Katz **054 767 3421** or shul office **09 861 4591**.

See below for funeral arrangements.

Shabbat or Chag

The deceased will be taken to the hospital mortuary.

After Shabbat or Chag

As above

Overseas

Call Rabbi Katz in any of these circumstances:

- a relative from overseas is to be buried in Netanya
- a mourner has to travel to Israel for the funeral and shiva

- the deceased and the burial are abroad, and the member does not travel and needs to know when the shiva for them begins.

Funeral Arrangements

R' Yossi Shtiglitz can make all the arrangements. He sends the Chevra Kadisha vehicle to remove the deceased. He takes care of the paperwork required by the Chevra Kadisha and the Ministry of Health (Misrad Habriut); and plans the funeral with you. He is an English speaker. The charge for his services is NIS 450.

If you wish to use his services, [recommended] call him at 052 264 6251. Give him the details he requires to remove the deceased and arrange the funeral. He can also organise funeral and shiva posters at extra cost.

Keep Rabbi Katz and the shul office informed about the time of the funeral.

(The alternative of organising everything oneself is time-consuming, exhausting and **not recommended** but given below for your information:

- call the Chevra Kadisha **09 833 3419**; who will come to take the deceased from the home
- go to Ministry of Health (Misrad Habriut), 23 Weizmann, Netanya, 8 am – 3 pm with the relevant papers, tel.09 830 0111
- go to the Chevra Kadisha Office, 12 Rehov Petach Tikva, Netanya, to arrange the funeral)

Surviving spouse

If the surviving spouse wants to reserve a future space in a double burial plot (one above the other), tell R' Shtiglitz immediately. The cost is NIS 5,930. The price for a plot next to the spouse is NIS 27,300.

Disabled mourners

Tell R' Shtiglitz if any of the mourners are disabled and he will try to arrange the burial alongside a path for wheelchair access.

Bus to the cemetery

Notify the shul office if you want a bus to take people to the cemetery and back. The cost is approximately NIS 700 and the shul will book the bus.

Pay the shul after the shiva.

Funeral notices

The synagogue will send out a funeral and shiva notice by e-mail as soon as the secretary has the information. The notice will also be sent to Young Israel Synagogue.

Hespedim

Provide information of the deceased to Rabbi Katz for his hesped. Tell him who else will be eulogising. The total time should not make people have to stand for too long. There are days in the Jewish calendar (such as Chol Hamo'ed) where it is not the custom to make hespedim at the funeral. Check with Rabbi Katz.

Shiva chairs

The shul will deliver the shiva chairs, siddurim, a portable ark and Sefer Torah to the shiva house. It is customary to have a tzedaka box available.

If there are not enough men to make up a minyan during the shiva, please inform the Rabbi and the office so that a rota can be arranged to guarantee a minyan.

Meals for the mourners

The family will be contacted by the shul meals' coordinator with regard to the need for meals to be supplied.

Gravestones

There are a number of stone masons for gravestones, *matzeivot*, in the Netanya area and these can be found easily on the internet.

The text on the stone can be in English but the Rabbi should be consulted on the format of the **Gregorian** date (which can be problematic).

For the timing and procedure for the stone-setting consult Rabbi Katz.
Inform the shul office to notify the community.

Questions

For questions regarding the rituals, halacha and customs of mourning, consult with the Rabbi. There are also books on mourning laws and customs in the shul library.

If you are not able to contact the office or Rabbi Katz, please call the Chairman, Jeremy Rosenstein.

Telephone numbers

Rabbi Katz	054 767 3421
Synagogue office	09 861 4591
Synagogue secretary, Laura Shuck	052 483 3659
Jeremy Rosenstein, Chairman	09 862 8328; 052 428 7401

Ambulance - Magen David Adom	101
Chevra Kadisha	09 833 3419
Laniado Hospital	09 8604 666
Ministry of Health	09 830 0111
Rav Yossi Shtiglitz - funeral arrangements	052 264 6251
Non-Jew for ambulance service on Shabbat or Chag to remove the deceased after death is confirmed at home	050 930 2121

May we all live a long and healthy life.

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