

Instructions for Funeral Form:

While there are standard practices found at most Jewish funerals, a number of variables are involved, among them: local customs; the normal practices of a given congregation; the degree of adherence to Jewish law (*halakha*) on the part of the family; variations contingent on the Jewish calendar; the recommendations of the officiating clergy. A conversation with a rabbi about Jewish funeral practices can be a helpful part of end of life planning. For an overview of Jewish funeral practices click [HERE](#) .

1. My preference is for _____ burial _____ cremation

2. If burial, my preference for the funeral service is _____ at a chapel [or] _____ at graveside [or, where customary and in keeping with synagogue policy] _____ at my synagogue.

3. If cremation, my preference is a memorial service is:
_____ at a funeral home chapel
_____ [or, where customary and in keeping with synagogue policy] at my synagogue.
_____ no memorial service

4. For those choose, I would like memorial donations to be made to the following organizations (name, address, and website):

5. Jewish tradition indicates the following guidelines and customs for a funeral. Please check all that you want to be included in your end of life planning. You can also discuss pre-planning a funeral with a funeral home and indicate your choices at that time.

_____ plain pine /wood casket
_____ traditional Jewish burial shroud (*tachrichim*)
_____ someone to sit with the body between death and funeral (*shomer/shomeret*)
_____ traditional washing and preparation of the body by those trained to do so (*hevra kadisha*)
_____ burial in a *tallit* and *kipa*

(While a traditional custom is to bury someone in the tallit they used in life, many people today prefer to keep a family tallit to pass on to future generations. A funeral director can usually provide a generic tallit if preferred.)