

Emergency Jewish Burial Checklist

This checklist will guide you through the first hours after a loved one passes, ensuring Jewish traditions are honored and the process is handled with care and urgency.

1. Make the First Calls

- If at home: Call emergency services to have the death officially pronounced.
- If in a hospital or hospice: Notify staff you wish to follow Jewish burial traditions.
- Avoid unnecessary handling of the body (kavod hamet).

2. Contact a Rabbi

- Call your rabbi immediately.
- If you don't have one, contact EverJewish to connect you with a trusted local rabbi.

3. Call a Jewish Funeral Home

- Arrange for burial ideally within 24 hours.
- Ensure they coordinate with the chevra kadisha for tahara and shrouding.
- Arrange transport to the cemetery.

4. Choose the Burial Location

- Use a pre-purchased plot if available.
- If purchasing now, consider proximity, Jewish sections, and cost.

5. Plan the Funeral Service

- Work with rabbi and funeral director on timing, readings, and customs.
- Include Tehillim and Kaddish.

6. Care for Yourself & Family

- Ask friends/community to help with meals, errands, and childcare.
- Focus on honoring your loved one.

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