

Kavod v'Nichum presents

Third North American Chevra Kadisha Conference

June 5-7, 2005



Sponsored by Kavod v'Nichum; New York Board of Rabbis; New York JBFCS Jewish Health, Healing and Recovery Network; UJA-Federation of New York.

The Chevra Kadisha Conference

- For lay people and professionals, established and developing Chevra Kadisha groups.
- Hands on training, demonstrations, text study, historical perspectives, organizing techniques, educational resources, networking, emotional

Plenary Sessions

Sunday Afternoon

Chevra Kadisha—History and Practice—Dr. Sylvie Ann Goldberg & Dr. Avriel Bar-Levav—Conference International Scholars

Sunday Evening

The Role of the Chevra Kadisha in the synagogue and the community - Blu Greenberg & Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky

Monday Lunch

The Challenge of Life—How the Chevra Kadisha can change the way we live as Jews - David Zinner

Monday Dinner

Forty years of Chevra Kadisha organizing—Honoring Rabbi Sidney Applbaum—Peter Lunzer, Andy Fier, Rabbi Myron Rackowitz & David Zinner.

Tuesday Morning

Menorah Gardens Cemetery and SCI—Lessons learned from a \$100 million settlement—Neal Hirschfeld & Ken Sobel.



Tuesday Lunch

Expecting the unexpected—preparing the Chevra Kadisha for physical and spiritual care in large and small disasters —Rabbi Stephen Roberts, Rabbi Simkha Weintraub & Rabbi Zahara Davidowitz-Farkas.

Workshop Sessions

Emotional and Spiritual Needs of Chevra Kadisha Members and Families



- ◆ Comforting the soul - creating a safe place for a post-Tahara discussion - Rabbi Mel Glazer
- ◆ Chevra Kadisha first responders - comforting and helping the newly bereaved family make initial decisions about the funeral, tahara, shmira - Jeff Davidson
- ◆ Physical & Spiritual care at the end of life - Balancing the role of rabbi and Chevra Kadisha - Rabbi Felicia Sol, Rabbi Jay Yaacov Schwartz, Helen Radin & Susan Rosenthal.
- ◆ Writing Through Grief: Obituaries, Eulogies and Memoirs - Ari Goldman & Samuel Freedman
- ◆ The One Who Heals the Broken Hearted... - The Psychological Wisdom of Bereavement Halacha and Tradition - Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski

Chevra Organizing and Development

- ◆ Developing good working relationships between the funeral home and Chevra Kadisha - Andy Fier, Wendy Kraft, Rena Boroditsky
- ◆ In the beginning - Educating the community about Jewish death & mourning traditions to help develop interest in the Chevra Kadisha - Rochel Berman
- ◆ "Vigil-Keepers for the Morning": The Spiritual and Communal Significance of Sh'mirah - Rabbi Regina Sandler-Phillips
- ◆ Organizing a Chevra Kadisha - creating a caring culture, identifying models, making it work—panel
- ◆ The Gamliel Initiative: Negotiating funeral and burial contracts—Robert Hausman

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More Workshop Sessions



Tahara and Other Hands On Issues

- ◆ Lessons learned—review of the beginning Tahara demonstration
- ◆ Sew in the Mourning - History and manufacture of Tachrichim - Elizabeth Menkin
- ◆ For Rabbis - rabbinic support for the Chevra Kadisha and how to develop it - Rabbi Stephen Roberts
- ◆ Death burial and mourning Issues for intermarried families and the Chevra Kadisha - Carol Cunradi & Rabbi Stuart Kelman

Historical Basis and Evolution of Chevra Kadisha Practice

- ◆ Rituals, books and people: the emergence and development of the Chevra Kadisha in 17th century Europe - Dr. Avriel Bar-Levav*
- ◆ Preparing for the Last Breath - Death and Mourning in Judaism- Dr. Sylvie Goldberg*
- ◆ Applbaum Archives - 40 years of Chevra Kadisha organizing in the Orthodox world- David Zinner
- ◆ Why do we say/do this? - Taharah prayers and more Rabbi Mosha Epstein
- ◆ ". . . among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem": Parallelism in personal and communal mourning rituals and traditions. - David Wachtel

* International Scholar

New York City

Text Classes

Two hour, small group text study sessions taught by the conference scholars, presenters and other experts. Each attendee will be able to sign up for one class session. The signup will begin on May 1. Space is very limited and will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

Some of the Text Class teachers are:

- Rabbi Bill Cutter
- Dr. Avriel Bar-Levav
- Rabbi Mosha Epstein
- Dr. Sylvie Ann Goldberg
- Rabbi Stuart Kelman
- Rabbi David Kraemer
- Rabbi Steven Moss
- Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski
- Dr. Simcha Rafael
- David Wachtel
- Rabbi Simkha Weintraub

Demonstrations

Hands on—How to—Q&A

- ◆ Beginning Tahara—prayers, washing, purification, dressing.
- ◆ Advanced Tahara—tubes, needles, bleeding, complications
- ◆ Dressing & Knot tying- linen or muslin, knots and bows.



Post Conference Sessions

- ◆ “From This World to the Next - Jewish Approaches to Illness, Death and the Afterlife.” View the panels from this outstanding exhibit on the Chevra Kadisha. 1- 3 pm on Tuesday June 7 at the JTS Library.
- ◆ Chevra Kadisha writings in the rare book room of the JTS library. 3-5 pm on Tuesday June 7- David Wachtel will show and discuss Chevra Kadisha content of rare books and documents going back to the 1600's.
- ◆ Aspects of Death and Mourning in the Biblical Narrative on Rachel. – Rabbi David Silber – 9:30 am - 12:30 pm on Wednesday June 8 at Drisha Institute for Jewish Education - 37 W. 65th St., 5th fl.. \$25 please pre-register at www.drisha.org

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Conference Facilities

The home for our conference will be the Kraft Center for Jewish Life at the Columbia/Barnard Hillel, located at 606 W 115th St on New York's Upper West Side. It has easy access to synagogues of every denomination and is steps from public transportation, right across Broadway from the Columbia University campus and just half a block from Riverside Park.

Accessibility

The Center has a small elevator. Conference participants who are able should plan on taking the steps. We are leaving ample time between sessions for travel time.



Food

Six meals will be provided—Sunday dinner; three meals on Monday; Tuesday breakfast and lunch. Our caterer is **Kosher Creations** under the supervision of *Mehadrin Kashrus* - Rabbi Avrohom Marmorstein. They have a *mashgiach timidi* who supervises all food production during every hour of cooking. All of the food products are *Pas Yisrael*. All vegetables are *Bodek*. Feel free to contact Rabbi Marmorstein at (212) 866-3442 if you have any questions.

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Housing

Columbia University Dorms - Carman and Furnald residence halls are located directly on the Broadway corridor a few minutes walk from the conference site. Subway and bus stops are right outside the front doors.
 Carman Hall—545 W 114th @ Broadway
 Furnald Hall—296- Broadway @116th St.

Facilities - Single or shared fully furnished double rooms in newly renovated facilities. Air-conditioned with room thermostats for your individual comfort. Full linen service is available. Corridor or semi-private bathrooms

Communication - Free on-campus telephone service. Free high speed ethernet access in all rooms. Free internet terminals in building lobby. Calling-card-assisted off-campus and long distance service

Lounge areas/TV rooms. 24 hour guard service. Laundry facilities in the building (fee). Small kitchens available. Campus dining options are available. All rooms in both Carman and Furnald are NON-smoking.

Register on-line at www.Jewish-funerals.org and follow the links for conference housing

Hall Name	Single/Double	Bath	Rate	2 nights/person
Furnald Hall	shared double	shared	\$78/night	\$78
Carman Hall	shared double	shared	\$82/night	\$82
Furnald Hall	single	dormitory	\$51/night	\$102
Carman Hall	single	shared	\$56/night	\$112

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You can register for the conference and for housing on-line at www.Jewish-funerals.org

Or mail your registration and payment to:
 Kavod v'Nichum, 8112 Sea Water Path,
 Columbia, MD 21045 Or call 410-733-3700

Cancellation and Refund Policy
 Before May 1—90% refund
 On or after May 1 and before May 15—50% refund
 On or after May 15—for emergencies only—case by case

When you arrive in NYC

At LaGuardia Airport—Take the M-60 bus to Columbia (\$5), Super Shuttle to Columbia (\$15), or taxi (\$21).

At Grand Central Station (arriving by bus) or at Penn Station (arriving by train) - take the #1 subway train North to the 116th Street stop

If you are staying at Columbia University Dorms, go to Carman Hall at 545 W 114th St. 9am to 11pm. After hours arrivals call 212-854-4994 in advance.



Kavod v'Nichum—call us for help with

- ◆ Training Workshops
- ◆ Resource Identification
- ◆ Sample Documents
- ◆ Networking

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Conference Costs

include meals, but not Housing.

Reg-Type	Which Days	Which Meals	Before 5/31	After 6/1
F ull	Sunday (11-9), Monday (9-9), Tuesday (9-1)	Sunday dinner; Monday breakfast, lunch, dinner; Tuesday breakfast, lunch	300	325
D ay-time commuter	Sunday (11-5), Monday (9-5), Tues-	Monday and Tuesday lunch	240	260
S	Sunday	dinner	120	130
SD	Sunday	none	60	65
SE	Sunday Evening.	dinner	60	65
M	Monday	lunch and dinner	180	195
MD	Monday	lunch	120	130
ME	Monday Evening	dinner	60	65
T	Tuesday (9-1)	lunch	70	75

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When will we receive your registration payment?

Regular (Before May 31)

On-Site (June 1 and after)

Consider membership in Kavod v'Nichum. Your support enables us to continue to provide the website, phone assistance & conferences. Your Chevra Kadisha can join for \$180. Individual membership is \$36 or \$72.

When you will arrive at the conference?

Before Shabbat on Friday

By 11am on Sunday

Other

Shabbat

I would like to go to services on Shabbat.

I would like local hospitality on Shabbat.

Where will you stay?

Columbia University dorms

Local hotel - which one?

Local arrangements

Food and other needs for the conference:

(Kosher food will be served)

I am a Vegetarian.

I am allergic to certain foods.

I need certain types of foods Please list-

I can walk the steps

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Registration Form

Send to CK Conf; 8112 Sea Water Path; Columbia, MD 21045

Title First Name Last Name

Organization

Address

City, State, Zip

Work Phone Home Phone Cell Phone

E-mail

Reg Type (From Page 9) ___ Amount \$ _____

[Payment] Regular On-site

[Membership] \$180 \$72 \$36 \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

[Arrival] - Pre-Shabbat... Sunday...Other _____

Shabbat ... Local hospitality

[Lodging] dorms..... hotel.... local housing

Vegetarian Allergies.... Food needs

Other accommodations

Non-Profit
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