



## What should I do when a death occurs in my family?

1. **Call Washburn-McReavy Edina Funeral Chapel at 952.920.3996, 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year.** Tell them this is for the Adath Jeshurun Chevra Kavod Hamet and to use only the Edina Chapel.
  - a. Sometimes 911 must be notified of a death. The funeral home staff will tell you if you need to call 911.
  - b. If your loved one was receiving hospice care, call the hospice nurse and the nurse will call the funeral home.
  - c. If your loved one lived at a nursing home, assisted living or other care center, the care center staff will contact the funeral home.
  - d. **If the death occurs out-of-town, call Washburn-McReavy Edina Funeral Chapel.** Washburn-McReavy will handle the arrangements including transporting the deceased to the Twin Cities, **not** an out-of-town funeral home. Washburn-McReavy will contact a funeral home in the out-of-town location anywhere in the U.S. and internationally to handle local arrangements, but Washburn-McReavy will be in charge of arrangements overall.
2. **Call the rabbi, except from 11:30 pm to 6:30 am.** If the death occurs in the middle of the night, please wait until 6:30 am to call the rabbi.
  - a. You can reach the rabbi through the Adath office at 952.545.2424 during office hours.
  - b. After office hours, call Rabbi Kravitz at home at 952.540.0658 and/or leave a voice mail for Rabbi Weinger at 952.215.3907 anytime (he checks for messages frequently).

The rabbi can provide guidance regarding funeral and *shiva* arrangements, Jewish mourning customs, *halacha* and other matters; offer emotional and spiritual support; and activate needed support services in the Adath and broader community.

3. You can ease the stress of arranging the funeral by asking a close friend or family member to help you make decisions and arrange the funeral, burial plot if not already obtained, and *shiva*.
4. Men are always buried wearing a *tallit* and women at Adath may choose to be buried wearing a *tallit*. Decide whether your loved one would want to be buried with his/her own *tallit* or pass it down to family and use a spare Chevra *tallit*. If a



personal *tallit* is to be used, look for it right away so it will be available when needed.

5. Find out your loved one's complete Hebrew name, which includes the Hebrew names of your loved one's parents. This information may be located in your loved one's congregant file at the Adath office. If not, you may be able to find out this information from other sources, including records of past synagogue, Hebrew school records, headstone inscription or contacting the company that produced the headstone, family records, family bible, or asking family members. Provide your loved one's complete Hebrew name to the Adath office for his/her congregant file if it is not already listed. This process can take time, so discuss with the rabbi if you cannot find a record of the complete Hebrew name when needed.
6. For veterans, if an American flag or military honors are desired at the funeral, the military discharge papers (DD 214) are required. Start looking for the DD 214 right away. It can take several weeks to obtain a copy, so if you cannot locate the DD 214, discuss your options with the funeral director.