

Program - Chevra Kadisha and Jewish Cemetery Conference Feb 22-24, 2015				
Sunday	Traditional Tahara	Family Centered Tahara	Jewish Burial	Community Building
8:00-9:30	Brunch and Registration			
9:30 -noon	Brunch & Registration		Cemetery Tour	Brunch & Registration
noon-12:15	Informal Networking, Introductions, and Sharing			
12:30-12:45	Welcome From Kavod v'Nichum			
12:45-1:00	Welcome from the Gamliel Institute			
1:00-1:20	Welcome from Agudas Achim - Rabbi Neil Blumofe			
1:20-1:45	Plenary 1 - Conference Overview - Track Leaders			
1:45-2:00	B R E A K			
2:00-3:00	Panel Discussion: Leadership Perspectives - Rosh in the Tahara room, leading a home tahara, infusing leadership skills into the entire community; cemetery board leadership; building the movement - KvN; Gamliel Institute leadership program - panel			
3:00-3:15	B R E A K			
3:15-4:15	The Essence of Tahara, Rabbi Avivah Erlick and Rick Light		Green Burial	Volunteer Recruitment, Care and Support - Part 1
4:15-4:30	B R E A K			
4:30-5:30	Transformational Power of Water - Rabbi T'mimah Ickovits		Burial Liturgy and Rituals - Rabbi Stuart Kelman and Dan Fendel	Austin Shmirah: A Community Based Approach to Honoring the Dead - Gail Tosto
5:30-6:30	Social Hour - Networking			Mincha Ma'ariv 6 - 6:30
6:30-7:30	Sunday Dinner			
7:30-8:30	Plenary 2 - Crypto-Jewish Studies & Hispanic – Jewish Relations – Rabbi Dr. Peter Tarlow			
8:45-10:00	Evening Program			
10:00-11:00	Gamliel Student Reception - Also Networking, Schmoozing, Drinking			
Monday	Traditional Tahara	Family Centered Tahara	Jewish Burial	Community Building
7:00-8:30	Monday Breakfast			Shacharit 7:00-7:45
8:30-9:30	Plenary 3 - Ebola and Infection Control - Lessons Learned			
9:30-9:45	B R E A K			
9:45-11:00	Tahara Demonstration, Rick Light	Tahara at Home: Techniques and Technicalities - Rabbi Avivah Erlick and Holly Blue Hawkins	History of burial societies and congregations in Texas - Debra Winegarten	Sewing Shrouds as a Community Building Activity - Part 1
11:00-11:15	B R E A K			
11:15-noon	Tahara Demo Q&A session, Rena Boroditsky	New Clients, New Approaches - Sally Shannon & Jean Berman	Cremated Remains - Shall You Surely Bury Them? - Panel	Sewing Shrouds as a Community Building Activity - Part 2
noon -1:00	Monday Lunch and Round Tables			
1:00-1:45	Plenary 4 - End of Life Directives - Fred Helms			
1:45-2:00	B R E A K			
2:00-3:00	Tahara Liturgy, Rabbi Stuart Kelman and Dan Fendel	Why We Do This - Intro to Family Centered Tahara - Rabbi Avivah Erlick, Jean Berman, Sally Shannon, Holly Blue Hawkins and Stephanie Sahanow	Developing an Association of Jewish Cemeteries	Establishing Leadership & Community Partnerships
3:00-3:15	B R E A K			
3:15-4:15	Tahara Liturgy Continued, Rabbi Stuart Kelman and Dan Fendel	Tahara at Home: Creative Approaches - Jean Berman and Holly Blue Hawkins	Interfaith Sections in Jewish Cemeteries - Mitzi Chafitz and Fred Helms	Family Support Through Preparatons - Part 1
4:15-4:30	B R E A K			
4:30-5:30	K'rovei Yisrael: Honoring Non-Jews, Rick Light			Family Support Through Rituals - Part 2
5:30-6:00	B R E A K			
6:00-7:00	Monday Dinner			Mincha Ma'ariv 6 - 6:30
7:00-8:00	Plenary 5 - Panel Discussion: Assessing Emotional Readiness of Family Members, Chevra Member, & Celebrants			
8:00-9:00	Evening Program			
9:00-11:00	Networking, Schmoozing, Drinking			

Tuesday	Traditional Tahara	Family Centered Tahara	Training Trainers
7:00-8:30	Tuesday Breakfast 7:00-8:30		Shacharit 7:15-7:45
8:30-9:30	Plenary 6 - Nichum Aveilim - Rabbi Stuart Kelman and Dan Fendel		
9:30-9:45	B R E A K		
9:45-10:45	Organ Donation and Autopsy	The Family-Centered Rosh/Celebrant - Rabbi Avivah Erlick, Sally	Training the Trainers - Part 1
10:45-11:00	B R E A K		
11:00-noon	Working with Your Funeral Home - Mitzi Chafitz and Fred Helms		Training the Trainers - Part 2
noon -1:00	Tuesday Lunch		