

2019 Preliminary Chevrah Kadisha Conference Program

Sunday	Welcome			
Preconference Possibilities	Storefront Funeral Home tour	Hike in nearby mountains	Coffee and networking downtown	Other options
5:00 – 7:00	Welcome Dinner			
7:00 – 11:00	Dessert Reception			

Monday	Taharah	Liturgy	Facing Death	Funeral and Burial
7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast			
7:30 – 8:30			Shacharit	
8:30 – 8:50	Walk to Student Center			
8:50 – 9:00	Opening Circle Jean Berman			
9:00 – 10:00	Creating Community – Role of the <i>Chevrah</i> in the 21 st Century Holly Blue Hawkins and Nina Rubin			
10:00 – 10:15	Break			
10:15 – 11:15	<i>Taharah</i> Basics: Practical and Emotional Rick Light	Text Study TBD	Spiritual Eldering Rabbi Eva Sax-Bolder, Rabbis Victor and Nadya Gross	Educating Funeral Directors Howard Jampolsky
11:15 – 11:30	Break			
11:30 – 12:30	<i>Taharah</i> Basics: Practical and Emotional Continued Rick Light	<i>Ma'avar Yabbok</i> Text Study Rabbi T'mimah Ickovits	Jewish Advance Directives Edna Stewart and Elizabeth Menkin	Forming Your Own Jewish Funeral Home Howard Jampolsky
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch Tables with Discussion Topics			
1:30 – 1:45	Gamliel Graduation			
1:45 – 2:45	Understanding <i>Tahor</i> and <i>Tamei</i> Nina Rubin			
2:45 – 3:00	Break			
3:00 – 4:00	Panel: Complex Issues in <i>Taharah</i> Rena Boroditsky, Isaac Pollak, Kerry Swartz	<i>Taharah</i> Liturgy Rabbi Stuart Kelman and Dan Fendel	Medical Aid in Dying Arielle Friedtanzer	Store Front Funeral Homes Adele Eastman and Chris Goes
4:00 – 4:15	Break			
4:15 – 5:15	Comparing Islamic/Jewish <i>Taharah</i> Rabbi Hillel Katzer and Tawfik AboEllail	<i>Taharah</i> Liturgy Continued Rabbi Stuart Kelman and Dan Fendel	Mourning for What Was Not Rabbi Janet Madden	Today's Challenges in Jewish Cemeteries Kohenet Kashirah Halev and Jonathan Shachter
5:00 – 7:00	Dinner			
7:00 – 7:30	Break		Mincha / Ma'ariv	
7:30 – 9:00	Sewing <i>Tachrichim</i> , <i>Shmirah</i> Box, Making <i>Aronim</i> Fort Collins Chevrah Kadisha	Movie: <i>To Dust</i> (tentative)	Spiritual Wills and Ethical Wills Holly Blue Hawkins	Seven Sacred Circles Rabbi T'mimah Ickovits

Tuesday						
Traumatic Community Crisis						
7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast			<i>Shacharit</i>		
7:30 – 8:30						
8:30 – 8:50	Walk to Student Center					
8:50 – 9:00	<i>Kavanah</i> for the Day Jean Berman					
9:00 – 10:00	The Pittsburgh Shooting Those Who Were There and Those Who Came					
10:00 – 10:45	Providing Comfort Rabbi Yitzhak and Shonna Husbands-Hankin					
10:45 – 11:00	Break					
11:00 – 11:30	Life Before Tragedy Eric Lidji					
11:30 – 12:00	The Tree of Life is Weeping Rabbi Me'irah Iliinsky					
12:00 – 12:15	Music and Healing Jean Berman, Rabbi Avivah Erlick, Malke Frank, Holly Blue Hawkins					
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch					
1:15 – 2:15	Dealing with Death at the IDF Yakir Englander					
2:15 – 2:45	Kavod v'Nichum and Gamliel Institute Appeal David Zinner					
2:45 – 3:00	Break					
3:00 – 4:00	Gleaning Emotional Lessons David Zinner	TBD Yakir Englander		Chevrah Kadisha and Perpetuating Memories Eric Lidji		
4:00 – 4:30	Break					
4:30 – 5:30	Gleaning Community Preparation Lessons TBD	Dealing with <i>Chevrah</i> Trauma Malke Frank and Pat Cluss		TBD Rabbi Ebn Leader		
5:30 – 6:00	Break					
5:00 – 7:00	Dinner					
7:00 – 7:30	Break			<i>Mincha / Ma'ariv</i>		
7:30 – 9:00	Expanding <i>Kavanot</i> Rabbi Eva Sax-Bolder and Rabbi Me'irah Iliinsky	Divine Names Rabbi T'mimah Ickovits	Shuk Display Eric Lidji and Shonna Husbands- Hankin	GoWish Cards Elizabeth Menkin	Music Therapy for Transitions Beth Mosko	

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7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast			
7:30 – 8:30			<i>Shacharit</i>	
8:30 – 8:50	Walk to Student Center			
8:50 – 9:10	Conference Feedback David Zinner			
9:10 – 10:10	TBD Rabbi Ebn Leader			
10:10 – 10:20	Break			
10:20 – 11:20	Gender Issues in <i>Taharah</i> Today Rabbi Avivah Erlick	Text Study TBD	Poetry of Bereavement Yakir Englander	Cremation and Ground Burial Hal Miller-Jacobs
11:20 – 12:20	Red Heifer Ritual Heidi Katz, Matt Harle, David Zinner	Text Study TBD	Death Movies Abe Friedtanzer	Green Burial Today Stephany Goes
12:20 – 12:30	Closing Circle Jean Berman			
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch and Goodbyes			