



Arranging a Burial

1. Notify the United Synagogue burial office on **020 8950 7767** IMMEDIATELY and leave your name, the name of the deceased and a contact phone number.

If the burial office is closed and you would like to speak to someone for advice only, please call **07957 119 119** (this service is not available on Shabbat or Yom Tov).

Your loved one may have passed away on a Shabbat/Jewish Festival or out of office hours at home and you are not comfortable about them staying there, or in a private hospital/nursing home which does not have mortuary facilities who may ask that your loved one is removed from the facility. In order to assist you in these circumstances, there are various independent companies whom we would recommend who can help facilitate this request. Carmel Funeral Services, based in Stamford Hill, can be contacted on 020 8880 1655 and 07860 395 420. However this is an Orthodox company and not available to assist on Shabbat or Jewish Festivals. If you live in North West or Central London, Macleans Funeral Services can assist. They can be contacted on 01923 894 116. If you live in Essex or East London, T Cribb and Sons can assist. They can be contacted on 020 7476 1855.

It should be noted that the Funeral Expenses Scheme does not cover these costs.

2. Notify the Rabbi (and voluntary Chevra Kadisha if your synagogue has one). This is optional as the burial office will do this.

3. Obtain a medical cause of death certificate from the doctor or hospital, stating the cause of death.

4. Make an appointment with the Registrar for Births and Deaths in the vicinity where the death occurred and obtain the death certificate.

5. Phone the burial office once you have been issued with the relevant documentation. The burial office will advise what to do next.

6. Once funeral arrangements have been made the burial office will contact the Synagogue Administrator and liaise with the Rabbi about the funeral. If you wish, you may contact your own Rabbi.

7. Speak personally with the Rabbi about the funeral service and shiva arrangements, and consider the text for the eulogy.

8. Notify family and friends of the arrangements.

You may find the following helpful:

[A Brief Guide to Bereavement](#) [1]

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