



SINAI MEMORIAL

The Bay Area's nonprofit Jewish funeral home

Advance Planning Checklist: Know What to Expect When Planning a Funeral

This is a summarized list of the information we might ask about during an Advanced Planning meeting. If you do not have this information yet, that's no problem. We will support and guide you through the process.

Information about the Person the Plan Applies to (can be yourself)

- Full Legal Name (First, Middle, Last)
- Nickname and Hebrew Name (if known)
- Date and Place of Birth
- Residential Address
- Phone Number and Email
- Marital Status and Name of Spouse/Partner
- Veteran Status (if applicable)
- Names and Birthplaces of Parents
- Social Security Number

Jewish Ritual Care

- Would they wish to have ritual cleansing (*Tahara*) and be dressed in a traditional shroud (*Tachrichim*) at no charge?
- Would they wish to have spiritual guarding (*Sh'mira*) for a modest fee?

Funeral Service and Burial Arrangements

- What type of service are they seeking?
- Will they be placed in a plot, a family estate, or a mausoleum?
- Will they be placed in a designated green or synagogue section at a cemetery?
- Are there burial or non-burial options they would like to explore? We're happy to discuss choices that align with Jewish values and personal wishes.
- Any price range preferences to consider for a casket, monument, or service?

Service Arrangements

- Where would they like the service to be held? (Cemetery chapel, synagogue, graveside, or community space)
- Are there specific details they'd like us to know? (Music, flowers, officiant, speakers, poems, readings, or prayers)

Sinai Memorial is available to you 24/7 at (415) 921-3636