

Procedures to hold a funeral at Congregation Etz Hayim

We offer our condolences for your loss. This is a hard time, and our congregation will do everything possible to make this an easy experience for you.

1. Contact the office with the time you need to hold the service.** The service will be held in our sanctuary, and we would like to know the kind of arrangements we need to make. ***Please contact the funeral home first to begin proceedings.*
2. The funeral home will set up before the service. You will be seated at the Memorial Alcove to receive condolences.
3. At the appointed time, you will come into the Sanctuary, followed by the Rabbi.
4. There is no charge for use of the facilities by members. However, if you are not a member of our congregation, you will be charged \$500.00. There is an additional charge for the rabbi's honorarium; the funeral home will bill you separately.

Frequently asked questions:

Q: How do I inform the synagogue of a death in the family?

A: Please call Rabbi Bass at her home (703-746-0665), contact the office (703-979-4466 or office@etzhayim.net), or contact Jerry Jacobs, chair of the Bereavement Committee (301-340-8144 or Jerold.Jacobs.Esq@verizon.net).

Q: How do I inform the synagogue of a death that occurs on Shabbat, Sundays, or after hours?

A: Call the funeral home to inform them of a death that occurs on Shabbat, Sundays, or after hours. The funeral home will contact the Rabbi.

Q: Can I hold a meal of condolence at the synagogue following interment?

A: Yes. The food served must be certified kosher from a kosher caterer. Let the office know approximately what time you would like to hold the meal, and for how many people. The synagogue office can provide a list of kosher caterers, and help with ordering if needed.