

19th Annual Chevrah Kadisha and Jewish Cemetery Conference

Preliminary Program as of April 21, 2021

Sunday June 13, 2021 Preliminary Program

Tracks:	General	Chevrah Kadisha	Taharah	Taharah Liturgy	Funeral Homes	Nechamah	Cemetery
11:30 – 12:45 EDT 8:30 – 9:45 PDT	Conference Opening and Welcome Plenary: Future Directions and Challenges of the Chevrah Kadisha Movement						
12:45 – 1:15 EDT 9:45 – 10:15 PDT	30-minute Break						
1:15 – 2:30 EDT 10:15 – 11:30 PDT	Death: What Jews Do	History of Chevrah Kadisha	Panel: Returning to In-Person Taharah		Establishing Community-Owned Jewish Funeral Homes	Spiritual Care and Presence Online During Pandemic	What is and Why Have a Jewish Cemetery
2:30 – 3:00 EDT 11:30 – 12:00 PDT	30-minute Break						
3:00 – 4:15 EDT 12:00 – 1:15 PDT	Poster Session Presentations, Discussion Groups, and Networking Breakouts						
4:15 – 4:45 EDT 1:15 – 1:45 PDT	30-minute Break						
4:45 – 6:00 EDT 1:45 – 3:00 PDT	Sephardic End-of-Life Practices	21st Century Chevrah Kadisha in Context	Taharah Overview	Text Study: Ma'avar Yabbok Taharah and the Divine Body		Community Indigent Burial Programs	Brief History of Jewish Cemeteries
6:00 – 6:30 EDT 3:00 – 3:30 PDT	30-minute Break						
6:30 – 7:45 EDT 3:30 – 4:45 PDT	Plenary: A Little Bit of Comfort						

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Monday June 14, 2021 Preliminary Program

Tracks:	General	Chevrah Kadisha	Taharah	Taharah Liturgy	Funeral Homes	Nechamah	Cemetery
11:30 – 12:45 EDT 8:30 – 9:45 PDT	Plenary: TBD						
12:45 – 1:15 EDT 9:45 – 10:15 PDT	30-minute Break						
1:15 – 2:30 EDT 10:15 – 11:30 PDT	Death and Values: Why We Do What We Do	Text Study: Caskets from Kitchen Table	The Organic Process of Evolving Taharah Liturgy		How Much Does and Should a Funeral Cost?	The Witch of Endor As a Model for Chaplaincy	Cemetery as Integral Part of Community
2:30 – 3:00 EDT 11:30 – 12:00 PDT	30-minute Break						
3:00 – 4:15 EDT 12:00 – 1:15 PDT	Poster Session Presentations, Discussion Groups, and Networking Breakouts						
4:15 – 4:45 EDT 1:15 – 1:45 PDT	30-minute Break						
4:45 – 6:00 EDT 1:45 – 3:00 PDT	Eliciting Remarkable Stories, A Hands-on Training	Starting a New Chevrah, Enhancing an Existing Chevrah	TBD	Women's Prayer – Can We be Faithful?		Enhancing Spiritual Involvement in Ritual through Kavanah	Cemetery Interfaces with the Chevrah Kadisha, Funeral Home, and Community
6:00 – 6:30 EDT 3:00 – 3:30 PDT	30-minute Break						
6:30 – 7:45 EDT 3:30 – 4:45 PDT	Plenary: Our Remarkable Stories and Why They Matter						

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Tuesday June 15, 2021 Preliminary Program

Tracks:	General	Chevrah Kadisha	Taharah	Taharah Liturgy	Funeral Homes	Nechamah	Cemetery
11:30 – 12:45 EDT 8:30 – 9:45 PDT	Plenary Panel: Carrying Joseph's Bones						
12:45 – 1:15 EDT 9:45 – 10:15 PDT	30-minute Break						
1:15 – 2:30 EDT 10:15 – 11:30 PDT	History and Mystery of Yizkor: Wisdom from Our Ancestors	Chevrah's Unique Ability to Build Community	Da Lifnay MiAtem: Know Before Whom You Stand		History, Evolution of Funeral Homes in Relation to Chevrah Kadisha	TBD	Halakhic Mythbusters: Expanding the Jewish Conversation Around Alternative Burial Practices
2:30 – 3:00 EDT 11:30 – 12:00 PDT	30-minute Break						
3:00 – 4:15 EDT 12:00 – 1:15 PDT	Gamliel Graduation followed by Support Appeal and Poster Session Presentations, Discussion Groups, and Networking Breakouts						
4:15 – 4:45 EDT 1:15 – 1:45 PDT	30-minute Break						
4:45 – 6:00 EDT 1:45 – 3:00 PDT	Exploring Personal Wishes about Death	Unearthing the Jewish Roots of Environmentally Sustainable Burial Practices	Advanced Taharah Topics and Q&A	Chesed Shel Emet Taharah Liturgy Part I		Traumatic Grief Care in Pandemic Times	Jewish Thought on New Disposition Methods
6:00 – 6:30 EDT 3:00 – 3:30 PDT	30-minute Break						
6:30 – 7:45 EDT 3:30 – 4:45 PDT	Plenary Panel Picks a Peck of Policies in Partnership						

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Wednesday June 16, 2021 Preliminary Program

Tracks:	General	Chevrah Kadisha	Taharah	Taharah Liturgy	Funeral Homes	Nechamah	Cemetery
11:30 – 12:45 EDT 8:30 – 9:45 PDT	Plenary: “When My Soul Was in The Lost-and-Found” – Reclaiming that which Covid-19 has Claimed						
12:45 – 1:15 EDT 9:45 – 10:15 PDT	30-minute Break						
1:15 – 2:30 EDT 10:15 – 11:30 PDT	Living with Loss, One Day at a Time	Text Study: Standing before God with Integrity: Blackmail and Extortion	TBD		Becoming a Funeral Director, Doing Home Funerals	TBD	Greener Options for Cemeteries
2:30 – 3:00 EDT 11:30 – 12:00 PDT	30-minute Break						
3:00 – 4:15 EDT 12:00 – 1:15 PDT	Poster Session Presentations, Discussion Groups, and Networking Breakouts, followed by Conference Feedback Session						
4:15 – 4:45 EDT 1:15 – 1:45 PDT	30-minute Break						
4:45 – 6:00 EDT 1:45 – 3:00 PDT	Text Study: Uncovering Afterlife Teachings in Psalms 88 and 23	Building aNew	Illuminating Chevrah Kadisha Work	Chesed Shel Emet Taharah Liturgy Part II		Community Memorials for COVID Victims	A Conversation: Jewish Liturgy for Natural Organic Reduction
6:00 – 6:30 EDT 3:00 – 3:30 PDT	30-minute Break						
6:30 – 7:45 EDT 3:30 – 4:45 PDT	Plenary: TBD						

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