



Jewish Funeral Traditions on Film

A Free Talk by Gail Rubin, CT

Did you know Jewish burial is naturally green burial? Learn Jewish traditions related to death, funerals, mourning, and planning ahead in this upbeat talk!

Using humorous clips from films including *The Cemetery Club*, *My Mexican Shivah*, and *Nora's Will*, you'll understand rituals before, during and after funerals that help us heal from grief. We'll discuss rituals including *tahara* (washing and dressing the body), *shomer* (watching the body before the funeral), burial, and *shivah* (seven days of mourning).

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Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Beth Israel Congregation, 2000 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI

Gail Rubin, CT, is a member of the *Chevrah Kaddisha* and the cemetery committee for Congregation Albert in Albuquerque, NM. The author and host of the award-winning book and TV show, *A Good Goodbye: Funeral Planning for Those Who Don't Plan to Die*, she is a Certified Thanatologist (a death educator) and Certified Funeral Celebrant.

The talk is free, but reservations are appreciated.

Please RSVP to programs@jfsannarbor.org.

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talking about funerals won't make you dead.
Start a conversation today."*