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HONORING LOVED ONES
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Memorial Unveiling Guide

THE LEVINSON EXPERIENCE

Sol Levinson Funeral Home has been family owned and operated since 1892. For over 130 years, the Levinson family has served the Baltimore, Columbia, Annapolis and surrounding areas with compassion and respect. Each family's needs are handled with an emphasis on the details and personal attention they deserve. The Levinson family oversees every aspect of each funeral to ensure excellent service.

Guided Outline for Honoring Your Loved One

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This guide provides everything you need for a meaningful, family-led unveiling ceremony, including the full text of traditional poems and prayers.

Feel free to adapt or personalize as you wish.

GATHER AND WELCOME

Begin by inviting everyone to gather at the gravesite.



Sample Welcome

We gather here today to honor and remember *[first name]* as we dedicate this memorial in their loving memory. This moment invites us to pause — to reflect on the life they lived, the love they shared, and the lasting impact they made.

This marker stands as a tribute to their life and a place of connection for all who come to remember. Though *[first name]* is no longer with us, their presence continues to live on in our hearts, our memories, and the stories we carry forward. May their memory always be a source of comfort and blessing.

OPENING POEM

(optional)

“We Remember Them”

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.
In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share,
We remember them.
So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now
part of us,
As we remember them.

PSALM READINGS

Choose one or both traditional Psalms.
Anyone present may read.

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד ה' רֹעִי לֹא אֶחָסֵר

בְּנֵאוֹת דָּשָׁא יִרְבִּיצֵנִי, עַל-מִי מְנַחוֹת יִנְהַלֵּנִי

נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבָב, יִנְחֵנִי בְּמַעְגְלֵי-צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ

גַּם כִּי-אֶלֶף בְּגִיָּא צִלְמוֹת לֹא-אֵירָא רָע

כִּי-אַתָּה עִמָּדִי, שִׁבְטֶךָ וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ הֵמָּה יִנְחֵמֵנִי

תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי שְׁלֹחַן נֶגֶד צִרְרִי, דִּשְׁנָתָךְ

בְּשֶׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי כֹּוֹסֵי רוּחַ

אֵף, טוֹב וְחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל-יְמֵי חַיִּי, וְשִׁבְתִּי

בְּבֵית-ה' לְאַרְךָ יָמִים

Psalm 121

שִׁיר לַמַּעֲלוֹת אֲשָׁא עֵינֵי אֶל־הַהָרִים מֵאֵין יְבֹא עֲזָרִי:
מֵעַם יְהוָה עֲשֵׂה שְׂמִימִים וְאָרְצִי: אֶל־יִתֵּן לְמוֹט רַגְלִיךָ אֶל־
יְנוּם שְׁמֶרְךָ: הִנֵּה לֹא־יָנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל: יְהוָה
שְׁמֶרְךָ יְהוָה צִלְּךָ עַל־יַד יְמִינְךָ: יוֹמָם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא־יַכְכָּה
וְיָרֵחַ בַּלְיָה: יְהוָה יִשְׁמְרְךָ מִכָּל־רָע יִשְׁמֹר אֶת־נַפְשְׁךָ: יְהוָה
יִשְׁמְרֶצְאָתְךָ וּבֹאֲךָ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם:

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Unveiling Prayer

A thousand years, in the sight of our eternal and merciful Father, are but a day; the years of our life but a passing hour. He grants us life and life
He has taken away; praised be his name.

[Insert deceased first name] has been taken from our midst. We are pained by the gap in our lives.
Yet love is strong as death; the bonds love creates are eternal.
And ours is the blessing of memory, through which the lives of our departed continue to be with us.

Almighty G-d, Master of mercy, whose compassion endures forever, let neither death nor sorrow have dominion over us.
Grant us comfort, strength and consolation, as it is written.
“The Lord shall be your enduring light, and the days of your mourning shall come to an end.”

Bless us with love and peace, that we may serve You with a perfect heart. Accept our act of devotion, O Lord, as we consecrate this monument to the memory of *[deceased full name]* with love and respect.

May his/her soul be bound up in the bond of life.

Amen.

UNVEILING THE MARKER

Remove the cloth or covering from the stone.

SHARING MEMORIES

Invite those present to share a memory, story, or reflection about your loved one.



MEMORIAL PRAYER

El Maleh Rachamim

G-d, full of compassion, who dwells on high,
grant perfect rest on the wings of Your Divine Presence
to the soul of [Name], who has gone to his/her eternal rest.
Master of mercy, may he/she find shelter in Your
presence forever.
May his/her soul be bound up in the bond of life.
The Lord is his/her portion. May he/she rest in peace.
And let us say: *Amen*.

for a man

El malei rakhamim,
shokhein bam'romim,
hamtzē menuchah nechonah
al kanfei haShekhinah,
b'ma'alot kedoshim ut'horim
k'zoar haraki'a maz'hirim,
l'neshamat [shem ha-menuch] ben
[shem ha-av],
shehalakh l'olamo,
ba'avur she'anachnu mitpalelim
l'ilui nishmato.
Lachen, Ba'al harakhamim,
yastireihu b'seter k'nafav l'olamim,
v'yitzror bitzror hachayim et
nishmato,
Adonai hu nachalato,
v'yanuah b'shalom al mishkavo,
v'nomar: Amen.

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יציור בצור החיים את נשמתו
הוא נחלתו
ונח בשלום על משכבו
ונאמר אמן.

for a woman

El malei rakhamim,
shokhein bam'romim,
hamtzē menuchah nechonah
al kanfei haShekhinah,
b'ma'alot kedoshim ut'horim
k'zoar haraki'a maz'hirim,
l'neshamat [shem ha-menuchah] bat
[shem ha-av],
shehal'khah l'olamah,
ba'avur she'anachnu mitpalelim
l'ilui nishmatah.
Lachen, Ba'al harakhamim,
yastirehah b'seter k'nafav l'olamim,
v'yitzror bitzror hachayim et
nishmatah,
Adonai hu nachalatah,
v'tanuach b'shalom al mishkabah,
v'nomar: Amen.

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Mourner's Kaddish

וַיְתַגְדַּל וַיְתַקְדָּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ,

וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית

יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֻגְלָא וּבְזִמּוֹן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

וַיְתַבְרַךְ וַיְשַׁתַּבַּח וַיְתַפָּאֵר וַיְתַרְוֶמַם וַיְתַנְשָׂא וַיְתַהַדֵּר

וַיְתַעַלֶּה וַיְתַהַלֵּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקָדְשָׁא בְרִיךְ הוּא, לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל

בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא, דְּאָמִירוּ בְּעָלְמָא,

וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,

וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל

יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

Vitgadal v'ytkadash sh'mei raba b'alma di v'ra chir'utei; v'yamlich malchutei b'hayeichon u-v'yomeichon, uv'hayei d'chol beit yisrael, ba-agala u-vi-z'man kariv, v'imru amen.

V'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam u-l'almei almaya.

Vitbarach v'yishtabah, v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam, v'yitnasei v'yit-hadar, v'yit'aleh v'yit'halal sh'mei d'kudsha, b'rich hu, l'ela min kol birchata v'shirata, tushb'hata v'nehemata, da-amiran b'alma, v'imru amen.

V'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya, v'hayim, aleinu v'al koi yisrael, v'imru amen.

Oseh shalom bi-m'romav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru amen

Magnified and sanctified is the great name of G-d throughout the world, which was created according to Divine will. May the rule of peace be established speedily in our time, unto us and unto the entire household of Israel. And let us say: *Amen*.

May God's great name be praised throughout all eternity. Glorified and celebrated, lauded and praised, acclaimed and honored, extolled and exalted ever be the name of thy Holy One, far beyond all song and psalm, beyond all hymns of glory which mortals can offer.

And let us say: *Amen*.

Placing Stones

You are invited to place a stone upon the grave —
a traditional sign of respect and remembrance.
In Jewish custom, this act honors the departed, signifies
a visit, and offers solace to those in mourning.
It is believed that each stone helps anchor the soul,
affirming its enduring connection to this world.



CLOSING

Thank everyone for coming and supporting the family.

Sample Closing

“Thank you all for being here.
May *[deceased first name]*’s
memory always be a blessing.”



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