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SOUTH FLORIDA

If your membership is in a NY based YI branch but are currently living in South Florida, please inform your rabbi that you are a member of the Young Israel Benevolent Association (YIBA).

Many rabbis are aware of our Association and its benefits, if yours is not, please have them call our offices at 212 929 1525 x104 for an explanation. Please remember that in your time of need, your first phone call should be (888) YI-BENEV (888-942-3638) to be connected to an officer of the YIBA.

Please contact your NY based YI branch rabbi as well. Our YIBA officer will determine with you which YIBA NY based funeral home to work with. Our NY based funeral directors will then make contact with South Florida based funeral directors to arrange pick-up and airline transportation.

Not following this protocol will mean you are not using your YIBA Membership benefits and could cost you many thousands of dollars more than necessary.

Here are some decisions you will have to make:

- A. If you are planning to accompany your loved one to New York the Benevolent-affiliated funeral director will tell you which airline carrier, the flight number and time the flight is to depart. Transport regulations stipulate how early your loved one is to be brought to the airport. Our Benevolent Association funeral director will guide you about purchasing a ticket to accompany the casket.
- B. Decide if you want a South Florida-based *levaya* (funeral service) in a local chapel before the flight departs; or whether you want the *levaya* to take place in NY at a Benevolent Funeral Chapel, your YI Branch Synagogue (if your rabbi allows) or a grave side service.

All fees associated with transporting your loved one until he or she reaches the NY area will be incurred by the family and is not part of the YIBA membership package. However, our YIBA funeral directors have negotiated stream-lined prices with South Florida funeral homes for our YIBA members.

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