## FROM FUNERAL HOME TO CEMETERY

## **Offspring at Funeral**

Attending a funeral is a <u>mitzva</u>--that of honoring the dead person--but in attending a parent's funeral, there is the added <u>mitzva</u> of honoring a parent.

Adult (at least *bar mitzva* or *bat mitzva*) offspring should attend their parent's funeral, unless there is a financial, health, or other significant reason not to attend. There is no requirement for minor offspring to attend a funeral for a parent. *RMH* recommends consulting a *rabbi* before having a minor go to any funeral, including for the child's parent.

**NOTE** If both parents are still alive, it is not customary to go to the cemetery for any funeral except for a close relative, but it is a *mitzva* to attend the eulogies and ceremony beforehand.

## Accompanying the Body: Jerusalem

In Jerusalem, *charedim* do not allow sons of a dead father to attend their father's funeral (from the funeral home to the cemetery).

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