BURIAL: LEAVING

Walking between Rows

All non-mourners stand in two rows on the way back from the grave. The mourners walk between the rows and are greeted with this phrase:

Ha'makom yinachem etchem b'toch she'ar aveilei tzion v'yerushalayim.

Then, the mourners remove any shoes which contain leather from their feet before walking between the rows of people. (Take other non-leather shoes to the cemetery so they can switch into them after the burial).

Stepping on Graves

For rules on how to treat graves, see Graves: Stepping on.

"Three-Times" Hand Washing

After leaving the cemetery, wash hands using the *Three-Times Method* without a blessing; see How To Wash Hands Using the *Three-Times Method*. You can take a container of water with you in your car.

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