BURIAL: SPECIFICS

Pall-Bearers

The pall-bearers usually pause seven times on their walk to the grave. On days when no *tachanun* is said, they walk directly to the grave without pausing.

Who Shovels

It is a *mitzva* but not a requirement for attendees to shovel some earth into the grave. Women should only do this if no men are present.

How To Shovel

Do not hand the shovel from person to person. Rather, stick the shovel in the ground. The next person takes it out, shovels some dirt, and sticks it back in the ground.

Depth of Coffin

The coffin should be buried with at least 12 inches of dirt above it.

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