FROM FUNERAL HOME TO CEMETERY

Offspring at Funeral

Attending a funeral is a *mitzva*--that of honoring the dead person--but in attending a parent's funeral, there is the added *mitzva* 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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