

Join the Sarasota *Chevra Kadisha*

What is the *Chevra Kadisha*?

It means “Holy Society” and is usually a group of men and women who are trained in the practices of Jewish burial preparation called *tahara* (purification). This involves the ritual cleaning of the corpse by men for males and by women for females. In Judaism, the responsibility of burial is known as *Chesed Shel Emet*. This may be translated as “the truest act of kindness” or “deeds of loving kindness.” This is so because there can be no expectation of repayment. In other words, when we prepare a deceased for burial, we do so purely out of love and respect, with no motive of expecting reward or compensation.

In Sarasota, the functions of the *Chevra Kadisha* are carried out by volunteers. There is a Men’s group and a Women’s group. For each *tahara* we need 5 volunteers.

The local Sarasota Chevra Kadisha is a community group that is not associated with any particular synagogue or Temple. As more and more of us age, we find ourselves needing more participants to perform this wonderful *mitzvah*. Please join us.

To express an interest or for more information:

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