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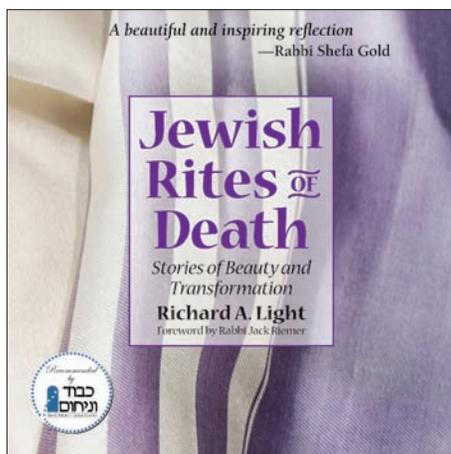
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# New Book Reveals the Beauty and Mystery of Jewish Burial Rites



In *Jewish Rites of Death*, Rick Light has captured the essence of Jewish respect for the body that once housed the soul. Accompanied by sensitive photographs, this moving compilation of personal experiences, poems, and practical guidance walks the reader through *taharah*, the Jewish ritual preparation of the body before burial.

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Richard A Light has been a teacher of spiritual development for over thirty years and is leader in the community of those who prepare Jewish bodies for burial. He has published three books on the subject and has served in leadership roles in organizations dedicated to teach Jewish death and burial practices at the local, state, and national levels.

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