

Charleston

Death Cafe

What could be nicer?

A cup of tea (or coffee), a little cake, a chance to talk about death....

It used to be that one would never speak in polite society about money, sex, religion, or death. It seems that the last of the taboos today is death – but being taboo does not eliminate the need to discuss it.

Death Cafés are a venue where that taboo is left at the door and the topic of all conversations is death. Nothing is right or wrong, no view or opinion is censored or judged, those attending are welcomed and supported by others present, and there is no agenda. It is simply a supportive and comfortable setting to raise issues and discuss matters around death.

At a Death Cafe people drink tea or coffee, eat cake, and discuss death. The aim is to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their (finite) lives.

Death Cafés are NOT Therapy, and they are NOT counseling. They are facilitated conversations, set and determined by the attendees. Nothing is sold or pitched, and no one is judged.

The Death Café is simply a venue in which practically any topic of conversation relating to death is welcome and permitted: whether it concerns your own feelings about death, an experience related to the death of another, advance- and pre-planning and practical/logistical issues around death, or any questions you want to ask. Death Cafés are not affiliated with any religion or product, they have no agenda, and there is no sales pitch or pressure.

Death Cafés have been going on worldwide since 2011, with over 7500 official cafés held (and others as well). You can read about the organization here: <https://deathcafe.com/>.

Death cafés are often drop in – no reservations required for most of them (though this varies by location).

What we ask: we ask for contact information from those attending so we can send notices (emails) of the next café.

Many Death Cafés will accept free will donations to help offset the cost of the refreshments, but there is no obligation (and we are fortunate here to have the costs underwritten by Temple Israel). Attend or not, donate or not, speak or not, as you wish, – it is entirely optional.

CHARLESTON DEATH CAFÉ

Please consider attending a Charleston Death Café. They are scheduled for Sundays, March 17th, April 28th, and June 16th at Temple Israel, 2312 Kanawha Blvd E. The time is set at 6:00 -8:00 pm. Charleston Death Cafés are Free, and we invite anyone interested to come. The facilitator will be Rabbi Joe Blair. Rabbi Blair has facilitated Death Cafes since 2015.



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304-989-4014 for more information.