

Temple Israel Cemetery Policy

Charleston, West Virginia

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This compilation of Cemetery policy is based on rules promulgated by the Board of Trustees of Temple Israel over the past quarter-century as well as by tradition and experience. The overarching theme is: "Maintain the Jewish character of the Cemetery."

Rules

1. Artificial or cut flowers in containers are permitted.
2. Non-Jewish religious symbols are not to be displayed.
3. The only religious ceremonies to be conducted at the Cemetery are Jewish ones.
4. Concrete or metal vaults are not required.
5. A marker is required to identify the deceased buried in the lot. The marker may be placed up to a year later.
6. The head of the deceased is ordinarily pointed to the west.
7. Cremated remains may be buried at the Cemetery.
 - a. Cremated remains must be buried in a container that is biodegradable.
 - b. One set of cremated remains shall be buried in either the 'upper' or 'lower' half of the lot, and the location will be annotated on the cemetery plat.
 - c. A second set of cremated remains may be buried in the 'upper' or 'lower' half of the lot, whichever was not used for the first set of cremated remains. In this case, there must be an indication of who is buried in each half of the lot on the marker or markers placed on the lot.
 - d. No more than two sets of cremated remains may be buried in any lot.
8. Subject to prior approval of the Warden or the Cemetery Committee, respectful monuments and head and foot stones are generally acceptable.
9. Planting of plants or trees require prior permission of the Warden or Cemetery Committee.
10. Current cost per lot of \$700 (\$800 for nonmembers) includes Perpetual Care.
11. Unoccupied lots will not be expropriated by the Temple without permission of the family that owns them.

Eligibility for Burial

- A. All Temple members
- B. Immediate family of Temple members, including spouse and children, even if they are not Jewish.
- C. The local Jewish community

Perpetual Care Services

- I. Maintenance of lawn, plantings and vegetation
- II. Repair of damage caused by acts of nature or vandalism
- III. In season, water spigots are available
- IV. Periodic clearing, removal and disposal of materials placed at gravesites