Beth El -- Perrineville Jewish Cemetery

755 Perrineville Road Perrineville, New Jersey

Cemetery Guidelines

The Beth El -- Perrineville Cemetery is jointly owned and maintained by the Perrineville Jewish Center and Beth El Synagogue of East Windsor, NJ This document outlines the rules and regulations governing the Cemetery. It is a summary of the Cemetery Policy which was approved by the governing bodies of both synagogues.

- 1. A Joint Cemetery Committee consisting of representatives of both synagogues jointly manages and oversees the operation of the Cemetery.
- 2. Only members of the Jewish faith as defined by traditional Jewish law may be buried in the Cemetery.
- 3. The Joint Cemetery Committee selects grave sites.
- 4. Perrineville and Beth El synagogue members are eligible for burial in the Cemetery as long as membership in their respective congregation is maintained.
- 5. Surviving spouses may reserve one adjacent grave site at time of initial need (death of spouse).
- Children of members are eligible for burial if unmarried and 21 years old or younger at time of death.
- 7. Parents may reserve no more than two adjacent sites at time of initial need (death of child).
- 8. Members in good standing will not be charged for a grave site, but will pay a one-time perpetual care fee (now at \$750) for each site at time of need. Perpetual care is mainly limited to mowing grass and maintaining grounds and gravestones.
- 9. Members reserving grave sites (surviving spouse or parents) must pay perpetual care fee for each grave site reserved at time of reservation.
- 10. Under some very limited conditions non-members may be buried in the Cemetery. Non-members must pay the perpetual care fee plus a non-member reservation fee
- 11. Cemetery monuments must be erected in a timely fashion after burial.
- 12. Grave headstones may be single or double and must be approved by the Joint Cemetery Committee through a Cemetery Monument Permit submitted by the monument vendor.
- 13. Headstones may not exceed 48 inches high, nor be greater than 30 inches wide for a single and 60 inches wide for a double headstone. Gray, black or white stone is preferred.
- 14. Stone borders will no longer be allowed around grave sites (they tend to sink unevenly and make maintenance difficult or dangerous).
- 15. Shrubs and trees are not permitted around grave sites.
- 16. Grass cover or sod is recommended for the grave site. Existing plants and annuals are the responsibility of relatives or friends and may be mowed or removed as necessary for cemetery maintenance.
- 17. Records are kept by the Cemetery Committee and by each synagogue office.

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