CBH Cemetery
Burial and Ritual Policies

Our cemetery shall be a Jewish cemetery, established for the use of members and their family members. Its purpose is for the interment of members of the Jewish faith and for anyone of another faith or no faith whose spouse/domestic partner, parent, and/or child is of the Jewish faith. Other family members will be considered by the Rabbi, the synagogue’s Board of Directors or an oversight group designated by the Board.

Except as specially approved by the Rabbi, the Congregation’s Board of Directors or a designated group, burials within the CBH cemetery shall comply with the Rules and Regulations set forth herein.

All services and rituals within the CBH cemetery shall be conducted by a Rabbi, Cantor or Jewish layperson of the Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservative, Renewal or Orthodox movement of Judaism, with a preference for the Rabbi, Cantor, or layperson from Congregation Bet Haverim. A civil, secular or lay official may conduct a burial if requested by the family of the deceased. No clergy of any other religious tradition may conduct a burial while acting as an officiant of that religion's traditions. CBH members of other faiths or family members of other faiths who wish to have a religious service led by someone who is of another faith may hold a service at another venue.

Within 12 months of burial, the plot owner or designated representative is required to erect and have inscribed an appropriate monument or headstone. The design and inscription of the monument or headstone are subject to review by the Congregation’s Rabbi, Board of Directors or Board designee. No symbols or language unique to other faith traditions shall be allowed on the monument or headstone. The minimum inscription required is the name of the decedent and date of death.

An interment of cremains, the ashes of the deceased, is allowed subject to compliance with applicable Rules and Regulations herein. Rabbinic officiation of cremains is at the discretion of the Congregation’s Rabbi. If the Rabbi declines to officiate, a Jewish lay leader will be permitted to conduct the interment.

The bodies of those deceased by act of suicide will not be barred from burial within the cemetery.