

## Hebrew Cemetery Rules and Regulations

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The Hebrew Cemetery of Charlottesville, Virginia, is owned and maintained as a service to the Jewish community by Congregation Beth Israel (CBI). Your purchase of a plot(s) means that you have the right to be buried in that plot(s). CBI owns the land and is responsible for its perpetual care. The purchase of a plot(s) is subject to the following rules and regulations. These rules and regulations may be changed periodically by CBI's Board of Directors, at which time your plot(s) are subject to the most current version. You can obtain a copy of the most current rules and regulations at any time from the CBI office.

1. Records of the cemetery lots are on file with the Cemetery Committee, and a copy is kept at the Congregation Beth Israel office. An additional site plan is maintained at the offices of Hill and Wood Funeral Service and Hartman Memorials.
2. The following non-Jewish relatives of a Jewish person may be buried in the Hebrew Cemetery: spouse, parent, in-law, child, brother, sister, life partner.
3. A section of graves located in the two back rows parallel to First Street, running from the north wall to the south wall and furthest from the entrance gate is available for Jewish burials only (no cremains). No non-Jewish family members may be buried in these two rows. Those who have undergone conversion to Judaism may be buried anywhere in the cemetery including the two back rows.
4. Each entity (person, couple, family) may acquire no more than six plots.
5. Interment ceremonies must be consistent with Jewish custom and must be conducted by a rabbi or other person of the Jewish faith.
6. A headstone for a single grave may not exceed 36" in height and 36" in width, including the base. A headstone for a double grave (two sites) may not exceed 64" in width and 36" in height, including the base. The use of non-Jewish religious symbols in the cemetery is forbidden. Headstones for plots for children may not exceed 24" in height and 24" in width. The markers should be placed on the grave within two (2) years of the burial.
7. To maintain the cemetery landscape as a grassy expanse, no landscaping, planting, additions, or changes to the cemetery may be made without the written consent of the Cemetery Committee. Any item placed on graves that interferes with maintenance will be removed.
8. Congregation Beth Israel members who have paid **full CBI annual dues** and are in good standing for at least two years are entitled to purchase cemetery plots at the current membership discounted price (out-of-town or student dues categories excluded). Exceptions may be made for long-term members who have paid at **reduced member rates** due to financial circumstances. These members can request the membership discounted price for plots by contacting the CBI Cemetery Committee. **Non-members** may purchase plots at the current non-member price. Plots for children cost 50% of an adult plot (plots for children are in rows A-25G, A-27B, and A-18A/B).

9. The rights to plots are non-transferable with the following exceptions:

- (a) The rights to a plot may be donated back to Congregation Beth Israel. The owner of the plot will receive a donation acknowledgement for the full market value per plot based on the current purchase price for members of Congregation Beth Israel regardless of whether the original purchase was made at member rate or the non-member rate.
- (b) As part of the estate upon the death of the plot owner, the rights of the plot may be transferred to another immediate family member (spouse, siblings, children, parents, life partners). In this event, the Cemetery Committee must be notified within one year of transfer so ownership records can be updated. If no such notice is provided, then the ownership of the cemetery plot of the deceased owner shall revert to Congregation Beth Israel.
- (c) The owner of the plot may use the plot for an immediate burial of a close family member (spouse, siblings, children, parents, life partners). In this case, the plot will be "transferred" to the deceased and recorded in that person's name.

10. If the Hebrew Cemetery Committee determines that it is in the interest of the Cemetery to provide additional capacity, the Committee can request re-acquisition of plots from owners. This may occur only with the consent of a current owner. The re-acquisition can take place as a donation from the current owner, or through a re-acquisition price of no more than 25% of the current market purchase price of members of the congregation regardless of whether the original purchase was made at the member rate or the non-member rate.

11. If the owner of a plot is no longer a member of Congregation Beth Israel, the plot owner must provide a status of the owner (address, e-mail, phone number) at least once every 7 years to Congregation Beth Israel to update records. After 7 years of no notice, the plot can be reverted to Congregation Beth Israel for future use with no compensation to the owner.