

Beit Shalom Cemetery
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Draft Rules and Regulations (March, 2020)

The following are the rules and regulations governing the purchase and usage of burial plots in *the Beit Shalom Cemetery* in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

1. **Purchasing a Plot:** Plots may be purchased at any time prior to the interment of an individual. Cemetery plots may only be purchased for the burial of persons of the Jewish faith, as determined by the Rabbi (or mara d'atra) of Temple Shalom, except that plots may also be purchased for the burial of non-Jewish partners/parents/children of a Jewish person who has purchased a plot in the cemetery. Affiliation with a Jewish Congregation shall not be required for purchase of a cemetery plot.
2. **Cost of Plots:** The Cemetery Committee of Temple Shalom shall establish the price for cemetery plots. Because Temple Shalom subsidizes the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery, Members of Temple Shalom (as defined by the Temple's Bylaws) will be given Member prices. Members' prices shall also be extended to the Member's partner, the Member's children, and the Member's parents. Extended family members shall pay non-Member prices. Information on current pricing is available from, and the purchasing of plots shall be arranged through Temple Shalom's business office.
3. **Grave Markers and Headstones:** In keeping with Jewish tradition, a headstone shall be placed on the grave not more than one year after the funeral. If a headstone is not placed within two years, the Cemetery Committee will place a small stone marker on the grave. If the marker acquired by the Cemetery Committee is replaced with a headstone, the replacement headstone and the cost of its placement shall be at the expense of the person supplying the permanent marker, who also shall reimburse the Cemetery Committee for the cost of the marker supplied by the Cemetery Committee. The deceased's representative is responsible for upkeep of the marker and headstone (e.g. repair due to sinking, tipping or breakage). Following Jewish tradition, the headstone shall face east, so it can be read from the foot of the grave.
4. **Usage of Plots:** When a plot is purchased, it is designated for a specific person. A certificate will be issued that gives plot location and the name of the person to be interred. Thereafter, such plot shall be non-transferrable as to ownership or use, except upon written consent of the Cemetery Committee.
5. **Religious Practice:** Traditional Jewish burial practices are encouraged. Only Jewish burial services will be conducted at graveside, however non-denominational readings are permitted. Interment of ashes is permitted. No more than two urns may be buried in the same plot and co-mingling of ashes is not permitted. Unadorned, wooden caskets are encouraged but not required. Embalmed bodies may be buried.
6. **Prohibited Items:** Non-Jewish symbols shall not be displayed within the cemetery. No crypts, mausoleums or other above-ground structures (e.g., benches) shall be permitted in the Cemetery. Fences, railings, barriers, or other ornamentation may not be placed within the Cemetery. Inscriptions, symbols, designs, and the style of all markers, headstones and monuments must be consistent with the Jewish faith, as determined by the Rabbi (or mara d'atra) of Temple Shalom. A rendering (to include dimensions and materials) of all proposed

markers, headstones, or monuments shall be submitted to the Cemetery Committee for approval before the order is finalized with the monument company.

7. **Funeral Arrangements:** Temple Shalom Members are provided life-cycle services at no charge as a benefit of membership. Non-Members who purchase plots are not automatically provided the services of a Temple Shalom Rabbi. The day and time of funerals shall be determined by agreement among the representative of the deceased, the Cemetery Committee, the funeral home, and the officiant of the funeral service (e.g., the Rabbi). While the Cemetery Committee will make arrangements for the opening and closing of the grave, the cost of the grave opening/closing and all other funeral costs shall be paid by the deceased's representative.
8. **Maintenance:** Arrangements for the maintenance and repair of the Cemetery and all burial plots within it shall be the responsibility of the Cemetery Committee. No cultivated flowers, plants, trees, or shrubs may be placed on plots. Flowers and plants in small, above-ground, hand-movable containers are permitted provided that they do not hinder or obstruct the maintenance of Cemetery grounds. Unauthorized plantings, as well as dead, cut flowers, or damaged artificial flowers will be removed without notice.
9. **Reversion of Plots:** If a purchaser of a plot(s) decides not to utilize the plot(s), the Cemetery Committee is authorized, but not required, to repurchase the plot(s) from the owner for one-half the original purchase price. The owner of the plot(s) will be encouraged to donate the plot(s), at which time they will be given a letter documenting the full current valuation. If it is determined, after reasonable and diligent inquiry by the Cemetery Committee, that a plot has been abandoned, the site shall revert to Beit Shalom Cemetery without any payment to any person. For purposes of this Rule "reasonable and diligent inquiry" shall mean that the Cemetery Committee shall have mailed notice to the purchaser at the purchaser's last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall advise the purchaser that such reversion shall occur without further notice unless written claim is received by the Cemetery Committee within thirty (30) days indicating that the plot(s) in question has/have not been abandoned, or will be used by the purchaser. All records of this notice procedure shall be retained by the Cemetery Committee for not less than 18 years. This notification procedure shall not be required if the Cemetery Committee has positive indication that the purchaser has died and has been buried elsewhere.

I have read, understand, and agree to these Rules and Regulations.

Purchaser's signature

Date