

Sons of Israel Cemetery: Beit Shalom Section

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Rules and Regulations (November 2022)

These regulations replace all prior rules, regulations and guidelines.

The following are the rules and regulations governing the purchase and usage of burial plots in the *Sons of Israel Cemetery, Beit Shalom Section* (non-orthodox section) in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

1. **Purchasing a Plot:** Plots must be purchased 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 Beit Shalom section of 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 is responsible for the administration and interpretation of these Rules and shall establish the price for cemetery plots. Sons of Israel Cemetery operates under the umbrella of Temple Shalom and is subject to its Bylaws. Members in good standing of Temple Shalom may be eligible for a discount. Information on current pricing is available on the Temple Shalom website. Payment for the purchase of plots shall be arranged through Temple Shalom's business office.
3. **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-transferable as to ownership or use, except upon written consent of the Cemetery Committee.
4. **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 or hydrolyzed body matter is permitted. Within a plot, there may be up to two sets of cremains buried but co-mingling of cremains is not permitted. Unadorned, wooden caskets are encouraged in accordance with Jewish tradition. Caskets and urns should be biodegradable. If a family wishes to place an urn and casket in the same plot, the casket and urn must be separated by soil.
5. **Prohibited Items:** The display of symbols inconsistent with the Jewish faith, as determined by the Rabbi (or mara d'atra) of Temple Shalom is not permitted 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.
6. **Grave Markers and Headstones:** 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. 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 has the option

to place a small 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 shall reimburse 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 its inscription can be read from the foot (east end) of the grave.

7. **Funeral Arrangements:** Temple Shalom Members in good standing are provided life-cycle services at no charge as a benefit of membership; others 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). The cost of the grave opening/closing and all other funeral costs are in addition to the cost of the plot and shall be paid by the deceased's representative prior to interment.
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 not permitted because they 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 decides not to utilize the plot, the owner of the plot will be encouraged to donate the plot to the Cemetery, 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, it shall revert to the 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 a written claim is received by the Cemetery Committee within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice indicating that the plot in question has/had 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

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4. **Religious Practice:** All interments in the Cemetery shall be in accordance with the rites and customs of the Jewish faith, as determined by the Rabbi (or mara d’atra) of Temple Shalom. Unadorned, wooden caskets are encouraged in accordance with Jewish tradition.
5. **Prohibited Items:** The display of symbols inconsistent with the Jewish faith, as determined by the Rabbi (or mara d’atra) of Temple Shalom, is not permitted within the Cemetery. No burial of cremation ashes shall be permitted. No crypts, mausoleums or 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.
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