

**Beth Abraham
Synagogue
Cemetery**

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**Rules & Regulations
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**May their souls be bound up in
the bond of Eternal Life.**

Thank you for purchasing a plot at Beth Abraham cemetery. This brochure is a copy of the rules and regulations that govern the Beth Abraham cemetery.

Please feel free to visit our cemetery. The cemetery hours are 9am – 5pm, Monday through Friday. Other hours can be arranged by appointment with the synagogue office.

SECTION ONE – GOVERNANCE OF THE CEMETERY

1. The name of the cemetery is The Beth Abraham Synagogue Cemetery. The cemetery is owned and operated by the Beth Abraham Synagogue exclusively for the use of the membership of the synagogue.
2. The cemetery shall be managed by the Cemetery Committee and Chevra Kadisha Society. Please refer to the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's "Guide to Jewish Funeral Practices" and "Guide to the Chevra Kadisha Society" for guidance on Conservative practice.
3. The Cemetery Committee will be made up of members of the Beth Abraham congregation. Membership will include a chair appointed by the board of the synagogue, the president of the Chevra Kadisha Society, The Rabbi of

shrubby shall be planted on any plot without the express permission of the Cemetery Committee. No footstones are permitted in the Beth Abraham Synagogue Cemetery. In keeping with Conservative Jewish tradition, no mausoleum may be erected at the Beth Abraham Synagogue Cemetery.

19. All monuments shall be set at the head of the grave or plot and shall be even with the level of the land. Plot owners shall furnish and pay for their own markers. Hebrew lettering of the monument shall be checked and approved by the synagogue.

20. All monuments, signs, and inscriptions require the express permission of the Cemetery Committee. No such consent shall be given unless all obligations and pledges of deceased to the congregation have been fully paid and performed.

the synagogue, and any other members who are appointed by the president of the synagogue.

4. The duties of the Cemetery Committee will include maintaining the rules and regulations of the cemetery; overseeing maintenance and repairs to the cemetery; overseeing the finances of the cemetery; and reporting to the synagogue board of directors.

5. The Chevra Kadisha shall be a standing committee of congregation members functioning under the guidance of and with the cooperation of the Rabbi. Members of the Chevra Kadisha Society shall elect its officers (President, Vice-President, and Secretary). Membership should be regarded as a distinct honor carrying with it the appreciation and respect of the entire congregation.

6. The duties of the Chevra Kadisha will include initial arrangement for the funeral, all preparations for the funeral including *Taharah* and *Shomrim*, attendance at the funeral, and insuring that the family has the ritual items needed for the shiva period.

SECTION TWO -- OPERATIONS

7. The Beth Abraham Synagogue Cemetery is operated for the interment of members in good standing of the Beth Abraham Synagogue, in accordance with the best practices of Jewish tradition. Only Jewish members of Beth Abraham may be buried in the cemetery. Conservative Jewish

practice does not allow cremation ashes to be buried in the cemetery.

8. All internments must first be cleared through the Chevra Kadisha. The use of the Chevra Kadisha is required for all burials in Beth Abraham Synagogue Cemetery.

9. Before a plot is prepared for burial, all financial obligations to the synagogue must be paid in full. This includes, but is not limited to, cost of the plot, perpetual care, synagogue dues, and funeral expenses.

SECTION THREE – SALES

10. Beth Abraham Synagogue Cemetery charges for the burial rights to a plot and a single charge for perpetual care of the plot. At the time of a funeral, there are additional charges. For example, there are charges for opening and closing a grave, services related to the funeral, and ritual attending to the deceased's body by the Chevra Kadisha. A full list of charges is available from the synagogue office

11. The charges are to be determined by the Beth Abraham Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the chairman of the cemetery committee and the President of the Chevra Kadisha Society.

12. Cemetery plots may be sold only to members in good standing of the Beth Abraham Synagogue. Plots may not be resold, transferred, or assigned to another person without

written consent of the Cemetery Committee. Although a single member may buy multiple plots for use by their family, plots may not be sold to, or used by, non-members of the Beth Abraham Synagogue.

13. Upon payment in full for a plot and perpetual care, the synagogue will issue a certificate to the purchaser. The certificate will indicate the location and identifying number of the plot.

14. If the holder of a plot resigns from the Beth Abraham Synagogue, the title to their plot will revert to the Synagogue without a refund.

15. Gratuities to clergy who officiate at funerals are at the discretion of the family.

16. Any waiver or change in the usual fees is at the discretion of the cemetery committee in consultation with the president of the synagogue.

SECTION FOUR – CARE OF PLOTS

17. All graves will be easily accessible and the cemetery grounds will be maintained in an attractive state.

18. Plots must be left free of all obstructions, or any type of enclosures. No plot or grave shall be enclosed by fence, railing, ledge, curb, or enclosure of any description. No gates or sills are permitted on any plot. No trees or