

Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey Cemetery Rules And Regulations

SECTION ONE: GRAVE CONFIGURATIONS

- 1) Graves may be purchased singly or in multiples. Purchases may only be made with the permission of the committee.

SECTION TWO: PRICING AND OWNERSHIP

- 1) The price of graves owned by JCNWJ shall be determined periodically.
- 2) The price shall be the same for graves in the Jewish section or in the interfaith section.
- 3) Any fees due Easton Cemetery are the responsibility of the grave purchaser.
- 4) If a purchaser of a grave or graves determines that for any reason they cannot or will not make use of a grave or graves, then JCNWJ has no obligation to repurchase the grave or graves.
- 5) The committee may charge a premium to persons purchasing a grave or graves if they are members of the congregation for less than two years.
- 6) If a grave owner resigns his or her membership in JCNWJ, he or she may retain ownership and the right to use that grave so long as a fee of \$150 is paid yearly to JCNWJ.
- 7) If a grave owner moves and retains membership as an associate then he is considered as a member in good standing for purposes of this paragraph.
- 8) If a grave owner dies as a member in good standing then the remaining unused graves he owns shall be available for use by immediate family members as would otherwise be qualified for internment therein.
- 9) Any other situation as may arise is to be dealt with by application to the committee who shall have final authority in the matter.

SECTION THREE: BURIALS

It is the duty of the committee to see that proper burials are conducted according to Jewish tradition. Neither non-traditional services nor services of a faith other than Jewish will be permitted at the gravesite.

SECTION FOUR: INQUIRIES

All inquiries and problems shall be referred to the cemetery committee for adjudication and disposition. The decisions of the committee shall be final, except as referenced in Articles 7 and 8 of Section 7 of the By-laws, and all Halachic issues shall be directed to the JCNWJ rabbi for adjudication and decision making.

SECTION FIVE: DISINTERMENT

Disinterment requires obtaining permission from the committee. All applicable permits must be secured from the appropriate governmental bodies, as well as from Easton Cemetery and a receiving cemetery if transfer is the object of the disinterment. All costs shall be borne by the family, including an advance to JCNWJ of a refundable deposit to secure against possible incurred damages.

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SECTION SIX: PROCESS

1) A: PURCHASE OF GRAVES AND TITLES

- a. JCNWJ will provide a prospectus to prospective buyers prior to purchasing of graves.
- b. Graves may be purchased from Easton Cemetery or JCNWJ.
- c. The title or deed, if purchased from JCNWJ, is to be transferred from JCNWJ only after full payment is made and an agreement is signed by the purchaser and two members of the committee; such document shall include a memorandum of understanding.
- d. There shall be no transfer of title after purchase.
- e. The deed shall be kept by the grave owner and a copy of the deed shall be sent to the JCNWJ and to the committee.

2) PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW UPON A DEATH.

- a. The family of the deceased shall notify Easton Cemetery, [Wayne Unangst, director, at 610-252-1741] plus a member of the cemetery committee starting with the chairman, depending on availability. The names and numbers of the committee members shall be posted on the JCNWJ website. Alternatively, if the Easton Cemetery is notified first, then they [Easton Cemetery] shall call a committee member, all of whose names and numbers shall be available,[and updated yearly], to them.
- b. The committee member receiving the notification shall confirm the status of the owner of the gravesite and of the deed and the relationship of the deceased to the owner. That is, the owner shall be a current member of the congregation [excepting under the circumstances as described in Section 2 Part 6 above] and the deceased, if not the owner shall be a nuclear relative of the member.[spouse, parent, or child]; the congregational fees shall be up to date as to payment;
- c. A grave deed copy shall be in the possession of the committee and JCNWJ.
- d. Two committee members shall then agree to give authorization to Easton Cemetery to proceed with the burial, by electronic means followed by written means.
- e. Each year the members of the cemetery committee shall be given, by JCNWJ, an updated list of grave owners, the status of financial obligations of the grave owner to the JCNWJ, and whether a copy of the deed is in the possession of JCNWJ and the committee.
- f. All current grave owners shall forward a copy of the deed of grave ownership so that a complete list may be compiled.
- g. A grave owner who is not in good standing regarding financial obligations shall correct any deficiency by check or money order before the committee gives authorization to Easton Cemetery to proceed with burial. Any person unable to meet this requirement shall be referred to the president or treasurer of JCNWJ for resolution.