



Cemetery Rules, Policies, and Regulations
Governing the Operations of
Hills of Eternity Cemetery and Home of Peace Mausoleum
Temple De Hirsch Sinai
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Cemetery and Mausoleum

Temple De Hirsch Sinai owns and operates the Hills of Eternity Cemetery including the Home of Peace Mausoleum/Columbarium. These rules and regulations, which may be amended from time to time, shall be binding on all transactions. All articles must be read in conjunction with one another. All decisions of the Senior Rabbi regarding cemetery rules and regulations shall be final.

Rules and Regulations

Article I

Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee shall be composed of members of the congregation in good standing, the Chair of which shall be a member of the Board of Trustees appointed by the President. It shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations for the operation of the cemetery and mausoleum, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, and oversee their implementation.

Article II

Burial Privileges

Burial Privileges (which includes placement in graves, crypts or niches) shall be afforded only to those of the Jewish faith, their spouses (non-Jewish included) and legally dependent children. As of June 2015, Temple has suspended new sales of burial privileges to non-members. Non-members who have previously purchased rights to burial in graves, crypts or niches may retain those rights.

Article III

Fees

The basic fees for rights to burial in graves, crypts, niches and services, as fixed from time to time, shall apply to all members of the congregation in good standing, their spouses and their legally dependent children who have been members for three years or more.

No sales of rights to burial in graves, crypts, niches or services shall be made to non-members. Non-members who wish to purchase may become members by payment of three years annual contribution/security assessment and capital fund at the then-current rate in advance of purchase, plus the purchase price and must maintain Temple membership, as set forth in Article V.

Prescribed fees include an amount designated for endowment care of the cemetery and mausoleum.

In extraordinary circumstances, non-members who have a history of family burials may purchase plots, crypt or niche placements at current non-member prices.

Burial rights cannot be transferred to another person but can be re-purchased by Temple at purchase price minus 10% and a member of their family may purchase same at current member or non-member prices as apply.

Congregants unable to pay for the full cost of a plot shall be referred to Jewish Family Service or People's Memorial Association.

Article IV

Purchase and Ownership

Members of the congregation shall be encouraged to make their arrangements well in advance of need.

To facilitate all purchases three payment plans are offered:

1. Payment in full at the time of purchase.
2. Purchase may be made with a down payment of 20% and the balance to be paid in six (6) equal monthly payments. There will be a service charge of \$50 assessed for each grave, crypt or niche position.
3. Purchase may be made with a down payment of 20% and the balance to be paid in twenty-four (24) equal monthly installments. There will be a \$250 service charge assessed for each grave, crypt or niche position.

Any balance remaining on a contract shall be paid in full at the time the cemetery facilities are used.

If payments are not made in accordance with the contractual agreement or within the prescribed contract period, interest will be assessed on the unpaid balance at the annual rate of 10%.

Default, defined as failure to pay amounts due for 120 days or longer, on any contract shall cause purchaser to lose all rights to graves, crypts or niches.

Application for purchase of privileges to graves, crypts or niches shall be made through the business office of the Temple. The transaction shall be formalized by executing the prescribed documents.

Title to graves, crypts and niches shall remain with Temple De Hirsch Sinai.

Article V

Refunds/Re-Purchases

In the event a member resigns or is suspended from membership in the Congregation, rights to unoccupied graves, crypts or niches shall revert to the Temple; except that, the surviving spouse of a person whose remains occupy a grave, crypt or niche may retain rights to a related space. The party

who resigns or is suspended shall be reimbursed for all payments applied to the principal of the original purchase price amount, less ten percent (10%).

Any person may voluntarily relinquish to the Temple their rights to graves, crypts or niches, in which case they shall be reimbursed for all payments applied to the principal of the original purchase price, less ten percent (10%), upon their written request. Burial rights cannot be transferred to another person but can be re-purchased by Temple at purchase price minus 10% and a member of their family may purchase same at current member or non-member prices as apply.

Article VI

Cemetery Fund

Ten percent (10%) of the gross sales price for each grave, niche or crypt sold shall be placed in a separate account to be known as the "Cemetery Fund."

The principal balance of the Cemetery Fund shall remain inviolate and be managed by the Investment Committee of the Temple, in accordance with Temple's Bylaws. Earnings therefrom shall be used in accordance with the policies established by the Board.

The remaining ninety percent (90%) of the gross sales price for each grave, niche or crypt sold shall, first, be utilized for payment of general cemetery maintenance and administration, including tax or other liabilities, and any balance still available at the end of the fiscal year shall, on an annual basis, being added to Temple De Hirsch Sinai's general operating funds.

Article VII

Burials/Placement of Cremated Remains in Grave Sites

Up to two (2) caskets (each containing the remains of one person) may be placed in the same grave provided arrangements have been made before the first placement. In addition, up to four (4) sets of cremated remains may be buried in one gravesite, subject to other rules herein and to charges listed in the current fee schedule.

Additional placement in existing plots by descendants must show proof of succession and attain approval from all other siblings or family members.

Graveside services may be held, upon request, subject to charges listed in the current fee schedule.

All placements of remains in the cemetery, mausoleum or columbarium shall be in conjunction with the appropriate Jewish services conducted by a Rabbi of Temple De Hirsch Sinai or others with prior approval of Temple's Senior Rabbi.

Remains shall be exhumed only if sanctioned by the Senior Rabbi of the Temple or by court order.

No sale of full gravesites will be made after July 2015 solely for the purpose of burying cremated remains, although full gravesites previously purchased for this purpose may be retained.

Article VIII

Headstones and Markers

Only one headstone may be placed on a single gravesite. Up to four markers may be placed on a single gravesite.

All markers shall be placed at the head (west end) of the casket and face east.

Temple sells memorial benches, which may be purchased directly from Temple in memory of a loved one, and placed in a location identified by Temple. Our goal is to permit families to memorialize loved ones, while also providing seating for visitors in appropriate areas. New benches are not placed directly on gravesites, or in lieu of headstones or other markers; rather, they are placed in common areas.

Article IX

Flowers and Plants

Only containers supplied by the Temple may be used for cut flowers. No plantings of any kind including trees and perennials may be made. No ornamental containers or objects are permitted.

Article X

Grave Markers

All grave markers in the section of the cemetery platted since 1979 shall be placed in the ground, flush with the finished grade. Flush markers are also preferred in the portion platted prior to 1979; however, raised markers may be allowed upon request. Flush markers shall be cast bronze or stone set in concrete and flush mounted.

Flush and raised markers should be no more than these maximum sizes:

Single Grave Marker: 28" x 16" & SGM Base: 32" x 20"; SGM Height: 48"

Double Grave Marker: 62" x 16"; DGM: 66" x 20"; DGM: 48"

Infant Grave Marker: 20" x 10"; IGM Base: 24" x 14"; IGM: 8" (Pillow)

Ground Inurnment Flush Marker (GS 001, 011, 021): 24" x 16"; GIM Base: 28" x 20"

Minimum Marker: 20" x 10"

Jewish tradition encourages a matzevah—a headstone—to mark the final resting place of a loved one. It can be placed any time after the Shloshim mourning period of 30 days, but is traditionally erected close to the first yahrzeit/anniversary as a way to transition between the most intense period of mourning and the changed life that follows.

Stone markers shall be purchased outside Temple. Their procurement and placement shall be the responsibility of the appropriate individual(s). The Temple staff will provide guidance as to dimensions and other requirements upon request. All markers shall be placed at the head (west end) of the casket and face east.

Any company placing a marker at Hills of Eternity will be required to sign a standard indemnification agreement and provide Temple with proof of adequate insurance with Temple as an additional insured in an amount to be determined by Temple. Currently, Temple requires insurance of \$1 million.

Article XI

Mausoleum/Columbarium

Crypts

Not more than one casket, containing the remains of one person, may be placed in a crypt position. The cremated remains of additional persons may be placed in the same crypt position subject to charges listed in the current fee schedule.

Additional placement in existing crypts by descendants must show proof of succession and attain approval from all other siblings or family members.

Inscriptions shall be arranged through the Temple office and be limited to appropriate names and years of birth and death.

Transfer of remains shall be permitted only if sanctioned by the Senior Rabbi of the Temple or by court order. Temple will determine a transfer fee for this service; please inquire at the Temple office.

Flowers may be placed on the crypt shutter providing they are in a container purchased from Temple.

Niches

Niches accommodate multiple placements. The number is determined by the physical dimensions of each niche. Cremated remains of unrelated individuals may be placed in the same niche. To appropriately utilize space, urns shall not exceed established dimensions. Consult the Temple office for details. Urns exceeding these dimensions are subject to charge for additional positions. The established fee includes the placement of each urn in the niche.

Urn may be transferred from one niche to another, with prior approval and payment of the prescribed fee.

Flowers may be placed on the niche providing they are in a container purchased from Temple.

Article XII

Related Facilities

The sanctuaries or chapel of Temple De Hirsch Sinai and the Mausoleum may be used for funeral or memorial services in accordance with established policies and fee schedules.

Article XIII

Records

Duplicate records, including a complete plat, shall be maintained in the Temple and Cemetery offices showing all graves, crypts and niches by number. In addition, such records shall include the name and dates of birth, death and placement of each person whose remains have been placed or in whose name space is reserved.

Separate records of accounts for the Cemetery operations shall be maintained in the Temple office to reflect all income and expenditures for operations, maintenance and improvements and other pertinent data.

Article XIV

Appeals

Any person desiring to deviate from these rules and regulations may appeal in writing to the Cemetery Committee stating the desired deviation and the reasons therefore. The Committee shall carefully consider the request and its consequences before reaching a decision. The Senior Rabbi's decision on all matters concerning the cemetery shall be final.

Article XV

Additional Temple Rights

Temple reserves the right to correct all errors

All rights to replat, determine improvements remain with Temple De Hirsch Sinai.

Temple reserves the right to limit visitors' behavior to preserve the respect and dignity of a place of eternal rest; to require appropriate identification and to bar any visitors whose behavior is deemed to be inappropriate.

Article XVI

Holds on Plots, Crypt, Niche Placements

Plots, crypt and niche placements can be held for a period of one month. After this period, when another purchaser expresses interest, the option to purchase will be extended to the original interested party for immediate purchase or relinquished to the second interested party.

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