Your Beth El
Memorial Park

2010
This document is intended to inform the members of Temple Beth El (TBE), Allentown, Pennsylvania and those other Jewish nonmembers who buy lot rights, about the rules and regulations regarding burial in Beth El Memorial Park (BEMP), preparation of the deceased and some estimated costs concerning funerals, lot purchases, memorials and the like.

What should you do when someone passes away in your family?

1. Call the Rabbi or Cantor of Temple Beth El if you are a member. For those who own lots who are not members of TBE, you may contact the Jewish clergy of your choice.

2. Contact a funeral director so he/she will:
   A. Make arrangements to pick up the deceased.
   B. Contact the Chevra Kaddisha (Jewish Burial Society).
   C. Check with BEMP to secure proper grave designation.
**Contacting the Funeral Director**

Once you have determined the funeral home you wish to use, you meet with the funeral director. He/she should review all costs associated with the funeral, including transportation and preparation of the deceased, casket, services, limos, interment, shiva candles, death certificates, cards, etc. We have listed below information about the cost of an average Jewish funeral in Allentown, PA with interment at our cemetery.

**Funeral Costs**

1. Pick-up of deceased
   preparation (Tahara) {obligatory} 0
2. Funeral services, shomrim (body watchers/optional),
   hearse, shiva candle, kriah ribbons, benches, cards 3,825
   If graveside services only 3,475
3. One Limousine 225
4. Kosher casket (range 895-5,495) average 2,400
5. Concrete Grave liner 740
6. Grave opening Monday through Friday 762
   Grave opening on Sunday 1,227
7. Interment fee 200
8. Sodding fee 100
9. Marking fee 25
10. Ten death certificates 60

**Total average cost as of 2010** $8,337
Who Can Buy?

Any person who is of the Jewish faith can purchase a lot. Only Jews can possess the Certificate of Rights to a lot, entitling the Rights holder to bury a Jew in their lot(s). Those who are paid up members of Temple Beth El pay one fee, non-members are assessed an additional fee. The Association's Board of Directors sets fees from time to time.

How to Buy the Lot

Contact a cemetery representative or call the Temple who will put you in touch with the right person.

Every occupied grave must be permanently marked by either a granite foot-marker at the foot of the grave or an inscribed granite monument at the head of the grave. There are NO exceptions to this rule.

Beth El Memorial Park is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation
Your Certificate of Rights

Beth El Memorial Park Association, Inc.
Allentown, Pennsylvania

This is to Certify, That

is the owner, for burial purposes only, and subject to the present and future provisions of the charter, by-laws, rules and regulations of Beth El Memorial Park Association, Inc.

The designation of the burial lot is: Section _____________ Lot _____________

Which has within it _____________ graves.

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as shown on the plan thereof on file in the office of the corporation. Perpetual care of the said lot will be maintained in accordance with the charter and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In Testimony Whereof, Beth El Memorial Park Association, Incorporated has caused this attested to Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate seal hereunto affixed and attested to this _____________ day of _____________, 20___

Beth El Memorial Park Association, Inc.

By _____________
President

Attest: _____________
Secretary
The answer is anything you want. Generally, the inscriptions include the name of the deceased and dates of birth and death, and many include similar information in Hebrew. Cemetery rules require that at least the English name of the decedent, dates of birth and death, be placed on the stone. Phrases, symbols, sayings, etc. are permitted, providing they are in keeping with Jewish tradition.

Memorials for 2 and 4 grave lots begin at $3,000+. Memorials for 8 grave lots and larger begin at $5,000. Footmarkers start around $725 and go up from there.

These prices do not include the concrete footers that must be poured to prevent the stone from either settling or tipping. The cost for the pouring of footers for monuments ranges between $500-700, depending on size of the memorial. Costs for pouring footmarker bases range $200-225. This cost will be added to the fee charged by the monument maker.
Some Names of Stonemakers

Erich Schlosser Memorials
Contact: Andrea Fidishun
301 Fullerton Ave.
Whitehall, PA 18052
Tel: 610/433-7012

Keystone Memorial Company
Contact: Buddy Slifkin
2336-52 Walbert Ave.
Allentown, PA 18104
Tel: 610/435-9597

Wenz Company Inc
1928 Hamilton St
Allentown, PA 18104
Tel: 610/434-6157

Earl Wenz, Inc.
Contact: Bill Wenz
P.O. Box 99
9038 Breinigsville Rd.
Breinigsville, PA 18031
Tel: 610/366-7335

Northampton Memorial Co.
Contact: Ben Porobenski
3211 Grandview Circle
Whitehall, Pa 18052
Tel: 610/262-5568
Operations and Conduct in the Cemetery

1. No person or persons other than those of the Jewish faith shall be permitted to hold the Certificate of Rights, have any interest therein, or to be buried in any part of Beth El Memorial Park (BEMP). Any conveyance to the contrary, shall be void both at law and in equity.

2. A person who holds (owns) The Certificate of Rights shall be allowed to use their lot for the burial of themselves, their family members and such other persons as they shall choose to admit, providing, however, such admissions are free of charge and the decedent is Jewish. Certificate of Rights owners, provided there are no burials on their lot, will be permitted to return these lots to the Park for the sum they paid to secure the Certificates of Rights from Beth El Memorial Park.

3. No interment or reinterment may be made until all necessary papers have been submitted to the appropriate person(s) duly authorized by the cemetery board to approve such documents, and including, but not limited to any State or local burial certificates, Chevra Kadisha certificate, proof of Jewishness, and the like.
Only footmarkers are permitted on a single grave lot and must conform to the specifications set forth by the cemetery board.

Each grave must be identified with a permanent monument and/or a footmarker.

All monuments and footmarkers must meet the specifications and standards as set forth by Bth El memorial Park, which may be modified from time to time.

Only one monument may be erected on each two or more grave lot. In addition, each individual grave may be identified with a footmarker flush with the ground. Monument and/or footmarkers cannot be erected until the lot(s) is fully paid for.

No living or inanimate object(s) shall be erected or placed on any grave or lot(s) except the monuments and footmarkers as approved by BEMP. Specifically prohibited, without limitation, are flowers, urns, shrubs, trees, objects d’art or the like.
No grave or lot(s) shall be enclosed or defined in any manner by any object living or otherwise such as, but not limited to, fences, hedges, curbs, coping, etc. All objects or living plantings except those placed by the cemetery board, shall be removed except by due authorization of the board or its assigns.

No disinterment from the cemetery shall take place without written request of the lot owner or their assigns. Disinterment shall be performed according to Jewish Law, laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and by consent of Beth El Memorial Park or their assigns.

Concrete vaults are required for all burials at BEMP.

Only caskets conforming to Jewish Law are permitted.

No voluntary cremations will be allowed to be buried, notwithstanding their Jewishness, in the current, developed parts of the cemetery.
Memorialize a Loved One at Beth El Memorial Park

Endowment Opportunities

There are opportunities for memorializing a loved one within Beth El Memorial Park. Endowed items range from a tree for $1,000, to benches for $3,600. Naming of an entrance pillar is $5,000. The front flower garden is $10,000, and the road is $25,000. All contributions are deductible to the full extent of the law as we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Please consult your financial advisor.

To find out the details for each endowment, how it will be recognized and under what circumstances benches over gravesites will be permitted, please contact a representative of the board or call the Temple for referral 610/435-3521.
Beth El Memorial Park
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*Represents sections in the cemetery.

Undeveloped Area

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Undeveloped Area

Mechanicsville Road