

INTRODUCTION

It is difficult for most of us to think about the end of life. As Jews, we celebrate the present, honor the past, and look forward to the future. Thoughts of death are fleeting, and planning for such an event is often delayed – beyond the time where choices may no longer be available to us.

This brochure is meant to serve as a guide toward choosing one or more burial sites in the Temple Sinai cemetery before the need should arise. This choice should avoid or lessen the anxiety and stress placed upon close family members who might otherwise be required to make last minute arrangements at a time when they themselves are most in need of support .

There is no simple and easy way to endure the suffering and pain that follow the death of a loved one. Family and friends can offer emotional support. The Jewish rituals of death can help give meaningful expression to one's grief and sorrow. From the beginning of life to its end, a sense of community is essential to finding peace and happiness. It is this concept that Temple Sinai took to heart when it established its cemetery in the Town of Moreau within the boundaries of the Temple Beth-El (Glens Falls) cemetery.

Members should consider purchasing cemetery plots well in advance of need, which will help ease the eventual burden of the bereaved. A detailed map of the cemetery with plot locations shown is available from the chairperson of the Cemetery Committee. An appointment to visit the cemetery with a member of the Temple Sinai Cemetery Committee can be arranged by calling the Temple Sinai office (584-8730). This will simplify the process of choosing sites that are available.

AVAILABILITY OF SITES

Cemetery plots are available to members of Temple Sinai and their immediate families. Non-Jewish members of the Temple Sinai congregational family may be interred here as well, but non-Jewish services or adornments are not permitted. Cemetery plots may be purchased, dependent upon plot availability, by Jewish non-members of Temple Sinai under a separate financial arrangement.

CEMETERY LOCATION

Temple Sinai's cemetery is located at the northern extremity of the Temple Beth El Cemetery in Moreau.

If you wish to visit the cemetery, take the Northway (Rte. 87) north to exit 17N onto Rte. 9 North. Go 1.3 miles to the first traffic light and turn right onto Rte. 197. Go 1.4 miles to Rte. 32 (traffic light) and turn left onto Rte 32. Go 1.1 miles to the entrance to Temple Beth El Cemetery, and turn left into the driveway. You will be facing west, and should walk to the right (north) to the Temple Sinai section, bordering the northern edge of the cemetery, just west of route 32. The cemetery is open between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M., except on Saturdays and Jewish Holy Days.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PURCHASING PLOTS

Members wishing to purchase a plot should contact the Temple Sinai office (584-8730). You will be directed to contact a member of the Cemetery Committee who will make an appointment with you to visit the cemetery in order to choose an available plot, or multiple plots. When a final decision has been made, prompt payment is due. The cost of a plot is \$700, which includes a fee of \$150 for perpetual

care. The cost of plots to Jewish nonmembers, if they are not part of a member family, is \$1000 per plot plus \$150 for perpetual care. Payment for more than one plot must be paid within one year of the purchase of the first plot. Following payment you will be supplied with a receipt acknowledging payment, and a deed indicating plot ownership.

Note: Special assessments may, at times, be levied to cover cemetery maintenance and improvement costs over and above those for perpetual care.

ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO OR FOLLOWING A DEATH

The Temple Sinai Rabbi(s) should be contacted as soon as possible to arrange for the proper services and rituals. Arrangements for interment are made by a funeral home. Tom Simone of Simone-Tunison Funeral Home, 105 Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs (518-584-2240) handles most of Temple Sinai's funeral arrangements. If a plot has not already been purchased, a family member will need to meet with a member of the Temple Sinai Cemetery Committee to select one. The Cemetery Committee liaison will make sure that the gravesite is ready for the burial service.

The funeral director will obtain an interment permit from Temple Beth-El and collect and distribute monies required for opening and closing the gravesite.

Interments are permitted between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., and at least 24 hours notice must be given to one of the Rabbis, a Cemetery Committee contact, or the Temple Sinai president. Interments are not permitted on Saturdays, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, the first and seventh days of Sukkoth, the first day of Shavuot, and the first and seventh days of Passover.

GRAVESITE MARKERS OR MONUMENTS

Selecting a gravesite marker or monument is a significant and often difficult decision for family members to make. The information below is intended to help you with this important and sacred task.

The following rules regarding monuments are quoted from the rules incorporated in the contract between Temple Sinai and Temple Beth El for the provision of cemetery sites.

“The size, design, character and material of every headstone, footstone or marker and all inscriptions to go thereon must be submitted to and approved in writing in advance by the cemetery committee of Temple Sinai. The standards to be applied by the cemetery committee shall, however, be consistent with those adopted by Temple Beth El. No such marker or monument shall be permitted if the same is of unusual height or otherwise shall be excessively conspicuous. The maximum height permitted shall be 4 feet. No marker or monument of a design or bearing an inscription of an improper kind or contrary to the Jewish faith or creed shall be set up in the cemetery and if set up the same shall be immediately removed at the expense of the owner.”

Gravesite marker designs must be approved by both Temple Sinai and Temple Beth El. Once a design (including the written inscriptions) is chosen, it should be sent to the Temple Sinai Cemetery Committee chairperson. A copy of the design will be forwarded to Temple Beth El, and approval or requests for revision will be reported to the purchaser(s) of the monument in approximately one week.

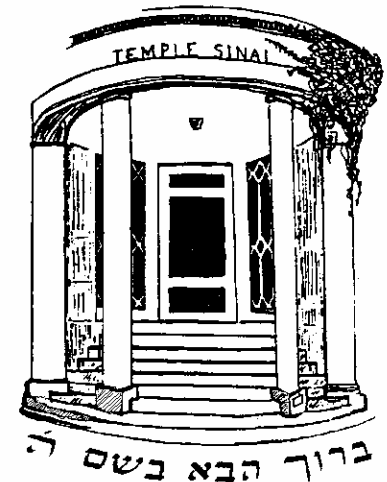
Suppliers of monuments that have been used by Temple members are:

1. Lee Memorials, South Glens Falls (Brian Lee). Phoe 792-6208.
2. La Brake Memorials, Saratoga Springs (Tim LaBrake, Ruth Messick). Phone 584-6660.

POST INTERMENT INFORMATION

Information regarding shiva practices, monument unveiling, etc. should be obtained from the Temple Sinai rabbis.

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