

B'NAI SHOLOM CEMETERY REGULATIONS

[Current through March 4, 2014]

A. Definitions

1. A member in good standing for the purposes of these regulations is defined as a member who is current in all financial matters pertaining to B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation (hereinafter "Congregation.")

2. A cemetery privilege is the right to be buried in a cemetery plot reserved to B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation at the Elmwood Hill Cemetery in Troy, New York, after meeting certain conditions determined by the Board of Trustees of B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation (hereinafter "Board of Trustees").

3. This cemetery is established for members of the Congregation, their families, and the Jewish Community.

4. The term "non-member relative" means those persons for whom a member has the Jewish obligation to mourn (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter and spouse/domestic partner).

B. Cemetery Privileges

1. Members in good standing may acquire cemetery privileges upon such terms and at such prices as determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees. Once acquired, cemetery privileges continue forever, subject to the donation and buyback privileges contained in paragraph 4.

2. Members may obtain burial privileges for non-member relatives and other non-members. An additional charge above the member charge shall be set by the Board of Trustees. Members may transfer their cemetery privileges purchased at the member price to a non-member relative or other person upon paying the additional charge in effect on the date of transfer for the purchase of such privileges and with the consent of the President of B'nai Sholom.

3. Non-members may purchase cemetery privileges upon payment of the non-member rate set by the Board of Trustees, which shall be higher than the rate for a member purchasing cemetery privileges for a non-member.

4. The holder of cemetery privileges, including the Executor or Administrator of an estate, and including the Guardian of an incapacitated person, may donate such privileges back to B'nai Sholom in writing and receive a written statement for tax purposes showing the donation valued at the then current purchase price for a member for such privileges. Alternatively, the holder of cemetery privileges, as described above, may request B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation to repurchase unused cemetery privileges at a cost of fifty percent (50%) of the original purchase price. Upon consent of the Board of Trustees, the Congregation shall make such repurchase.

5. Each cemetery privilege entitles the single member or family to burial of the single member or one member of the family. Additional cemetery privileges may be reserved and paid for at the prevailing price at the time of purchase.

6. No cemetery privilege may be transferred except as provided herein.

C. Memorial tablet

1. Every grave shall be identified with a monument or marker.

2. All monuments or markers must conform to the requirements of Elmwood Hill Cemetery as specified in Elmwood Hill Cemetery's rules and regulations, related sections as appended herein. All monuments or markers must be constructed of natural stone or bronze and shall be simple and dignified. No monuments or markers with colors other than those of natural stone shall be permitted.

3. No symbolism used on the monument or marker shall be reflective of any religion other than Judaism. No monument or marker may be placed until a drawing or blueprint is approved by the Cemetery Committee and the Rabbi of the Congregation for accuracy and suitability. Any such placements done without approval and deemed inappropriate for a Jewish cemetery shall be removed at the expense of the decedent's estate.

4. Every monument or marker erected on the cemetery must have the name of the deceased and the years of birth and death inscribed.

5. Mausoleums will not be permitted.

D. Payment

1. The full purchase price of a cemetery privilege as set by the Board of Trustees must be paid before a burial is allowed except if exceptional circumstances so warrant (as determined by the Congregation's Cemetery Committee).

2. All interment costs must be settled with the Congregation in full prior to the authorization to open a grave.

3. Any obligations in arrears owed to the Congregation for dues, a building fund pledge or for any other reason, by a grantee of a cemetery privilege, or by any other person who has the right to be buried in such lot, shall be paid in full prior to interment in such lot, except if exceptional circumstances so warrant (as determined by the Cemetery Committee).

E. Officiation

1. The Rabbi of the Congregation shall officiate at all interments in the Cemetery, at which an interment ritual is performed, except that the Rabbi of the Congregation may authorize a Rabbi other than of the Congregation to officiate. For members of the Congregation, rabbinic services are included as a benefit of membership.

2. Burials in the Cemetery shall be made in accordance with the practices and customs of Reform Judaism, as determined by the Rabbi of the Congregation. All ceremonies performed will strive to have integrity for the deceased, the family, and the synagogue.

F. Cemetery Grounds

1. The cemetery of B'nai Sholom is bound by the rules and regulations of the Elmwood Hill Cemetery in Troy, New York. Related rules and regulations are appended herein.

G. Cemetery Privilege Costs

1. The cost of a cemetery privilege is set by the Board of Trustees of B'nai Sholom and is subject to periodic review and change.

H. Amending These Regulations

1. The B'nai Sholom Cemetery Regulations may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Trustees.

March 4, 2014