

BETH EL TEMPLE OF WEST HARTFORD INCORPORATED CEMETERY
Avon, Connecticut

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

As Amended September 13, 1993

As Amended June 20, 2006

As Amended March 2, 2016

The following are the rules and regulations for Beth El Temple of West Hartford Incorporated Cemetery, Avon, Connecticut:

DEFINITIONS

- A. Footstone is the rectangular stone placed flush to the ground at the foot of an individual grave.
- B. Grave is the location where an individual is interred.
- C. Headstone is the vertical stone placed at the top of a particular plot in the cemetery.
- D. Plot is a number of graves sold as a single unit (*e.g.*, 2 grave, 4 grave, 6 grave plot).

ARTICLE I

Setting of Headstones and Footstones

- Sec. 1. Monument dealers must submit a current Liability Insurance Certificate with adequate coverage limits as determined by the Cemetery Committee, before they may be permitted to set monuments.
- Sec. 2. The monument dealer must submit an Application for Foundation Installation including the grave location, sizes and finishes, inscription and design. The Cemetery Committee will bill the monument dealer upon approval of the application. Upon payment the Cemetery Committee will then have its superintendent install the foundation.
- Sec. 3. If any headstone is erected, footstone installed or inscription added upon same, which the Cemetery Committee deems improper, offensive or not in keeping with the general appearance of the Cemetery, the Committee has the right to remove same at the expense of the purchaser, provided thirty days written notice has been afforded to purchaser.
- Sec. 4. All monument dealers must be sure to use roadways only and clean up plot to original

condition. Failure to do so may prohibit the dealer from future work.

ARTICLE II Foundations

Sec. 1. Due to the need for foundations to be in exact locations, they shall be installed by the superintendent only.

ARTICLE III Headstones

All headstones will comply with the following specifications:

Sec. 1. Only one headstone may be erected per plot and individual graves within that plot shall be designated with flush footstones.

Sec. 2. Headstones and footstones shall be of Barre granite only.

Sec. 3. Headstones must be polished or steeled (smooth) on front, back, ends and top.

Sec. 4. Inscriptions

- A. The names of the owner or owners of the interment rights may be inscribed on the headstone.
- B. The border of the headstone may be outlined by one or more plain lines.
- C. A symbol of Jewish origin appropriate for display in a cemetery, covering not more than 15% of the face of the headstone, may be inscribed. The following symbols are acceptable: menorah, Jewish star, eternal light or flame, Cohan's "hands", water pitcher.
- D. A single line of Hebrew or English text, from a traditional Jewish source and appropriate for display in a cemetery. The text shall be below all of the names on the headstone and shall be in letters no higher than 33% of the height of the letters of the names on the headstone.
- E. All inscriptions must be approved in writing by the senior pulpit Rabbi or the

senior pulpit Rabbi's designee and the Cemetery Committee or its designee both for appropriateness and compliance with these Rules and Regulations.

Sec. 5 The maximum height of the headstone and base is not to exceed 4' 6".

Sec. 6. The maximum depth of the base of the headstone is not to exceed 1' 6".

The maximum width of the base of the headstone is not to exceed:

- A. 1 Grave Plot - 2' 4"
- B. 2 Grave Plot - 4' 6"
- C. 4 Grave Plot - 5' 0"
- D. 6 Grave Plot - 7' 0"

The size of the headstone is to be in proportion to the size of the base.

ARTICLE IV **Footstones**

All footstones will comply with the following specifications:

Sec. 1. All footstones are to be set level with the surface of the ground.

Sec. 2. Footstones must be polished or steeled (smooth) on top.

Sec. 3. All footstones are to be uniform in size: 2' 0" wide, 1' 0" deep, 0' 4" thick

Sec. 4. After an interment the grave shall be marked with a footstone, at the plot owner's expense, at a time appropriate under Jewish law and customs.

Sec. 5. Inscriptions

The following items are permitted on the footstone:

- A. The Hebrew name and the English name of the deceased,
- B. The date of birth and the date of death,
- C. Traditional Hebrew acronyms,
- D. Hebrew or English words descriptive of the individual,

E. A U.S. military footstone is permitted provided that it reasonably conforms to size and inscription limitations.

F. All inscriptions must be approved in writing by the senior pulpit Rabbi or the senior pulpit Rabbi's designee and the Cemetery Committee or its designee both for appropriateness and compliance with these Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE V Planting on Plots

Sec. 1. The Cemetery Committee may direct its superintendent to plant bushes at each end of the headstone once it has been erected. The type of bushes will be in accordance with the Landscaping Plan without deviation.

Sec. 2. Individual families are permitted to leave cut flowers, potted plants, a U.S. flag of modest size, or an Israeli flag of modest size at a grave.

Sec. 3. In order to keep the Cemetery uniform and attractive, the superintendent will remove any unauthorized plantings, or any flowers or plants that have died, and will remove any flags that are no longer in proper condition for display.

ARTICLE VI Traffic

Sec. 1. The cemetery will be open until sunset except for Sabbath, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kipper, and pilgrimage Festivals including the second day of pilgrimage Festivals. On Fridays and the designated Festivals and holidays, the cemetery will close one hour before sunset.

Sec. 2. Automobiles are allowed on roadways as a privilege and not as an inherent right to ownership of a plot.

Sec. 3. Automobiles shall not exceed a rate of speed greater than 10 m.p.h.

Sec. 4. Any person who drives a vehicle on any lawns or borders thereof causing any damage whatsoever, shall be required to pay for such damage.

ARTICLE VII Rituals

Sec. 1. Families shall be encouraged to have all individuals buried at the cemetery undergo

Taharah (ritual purification) and to wear Tachrichen (burial shrouds) while recognizing that Jewish law also encourages organ donation under appropriate circumstances, and that a family's wishes, consistent with Jewish law and customs, should be respected.

Sec. 2. All burial and unveiling services performed at the cemetery shall employ Jewish liturgy and be conducted by Jewish clergy or other individuals approved by the senior pulpit Rabbi of Beth El Temple or the senior pulpit Rabbi's designee.

Sec. 3. No unveiling shall take place on Sabbath, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kipper, or pilgrimage Festivals including the second day of pilgrimage Festivals.

ARTICLE VIII Perpetual Care

Sec. 1. The purchase price of the plot shall include perpetual care.

Sec. 2. Perpetual care includes regular mowing of the grass, trimming around headstones and footstones, and raising and grading sunken graves.

Sec. 3. Reasonable effort will be made to protect headstones and other property from vandalism and theft, but no responsibility for their protection is assumed or implied.

ARTICLE IX Publications

All Cemetery Committee bylaws, and Rules and Regulations shall be printed and distributed to the purchasers of cemetery plots and copies shall be available in the office of Beth El Temple. Electronic delivery is permitted if agreed to by the purchaser.

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