

AGUDAS ACHIM  
CEMETERY REGULATIONS, PLOT COSTS AND MAINTENANCE FEES

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This document applies to the Congregation's two cemeteries which are located at:

- (1) Tower Avenue, just East of Waverly Street, near Keney Park, Hartford, CT. This cemetery is open for the purchase of single, double and family plots.
- (2) Zion Hill Cemetery, Agudas Achim section on the Affleck Street Side of the Zion Hill Cemetery complex, Hartford, CT. This cemetery section is closed.

REGULATIONS: The cemeteries are restricted, sacred sites, to be used in perpetuity for the sole purposes of the burial of persons of the Jewish faith only, and of sacred Jewish articles. The cemeteries are subject to, and shall follow, normative Orthodox Jewish burial practices, and the rules of Orthodox Jewish cemetery maintenance.

1. The person(s) making funeral arrangements must assure that the chosen funeral service provider will adhere to the performance of *tahara*, the use of *tachrechim*, and that the body is not embalmed. The casket must be kosher and wooden, and a vault of concrete is required.
  - 1A. The funeral service provider must also furnish the synagogue office the appropriate documentation at the time of burial.
  - 1B. The choice of funeral director and the precise arrangements for burial by family or funeral service providers are all subject to approval and supervision by the Agudas Achim Cemetery Committee, and the Rabbi of Agudas Achim shall be the final authority concerning matters of *Halacha*.
2. All arrangements for the purchase of plot(s) and/or for interment in the cemeteries of Congregation Agudas Achim must be made through the chairperson (Sexton of the Cemeteries) or in that person's absence, through another responsible member of the Cemetery Committee and a member of the Executive Board via the Synagogue office.
3. There shall be no burial of ashes.
4. On the Sabbath and Jewish holidays there shall be no work in the cemeteries, no interment, no cemetery visits or the like.
5. The transfer of any human remains to or from any site within or outside of the Agudas Achim cemeteries is subject to Orthodox rabbinical inspection, approval, supervision and requirement of any proof of identity deemed necessary to certify the decedent is a Jew.

6. The Synagogue Cemetery Committee reserves the right to approve the design, size and inscription on any monument before it is erected. Monument plans, therefore, should be submitted to the Synagogue office in ample time before ordering to avoid error and expense.
  7. As of December 1, 2009, vaults will be required for all burials.
  8. At all interments in the Agudas Achim cemeteries, a ranking member or members of the Cemetery Committee shall be in attendance to aid and comfort the mourners; to oversee the work of the excavators and groundskeepers; to assure that both funeral service personnel and mourners observe the appropriate rules and decorum required within an Orthodox Jewish cemetery, and for other conditions and needs that may arise.
  9. RABBI'S SERVICES IN AGUDAS ACHIM SANCTUARY: The services of Rabbi Ari Weiss may be arranged through the Synagogue office and the Cemetery Chairperson. In the event the family wishes to have another rabbi officiate in the sanctuary, the family will advise the Agudas Achim office and/or Cemetery chairperson in advance and will be responsible thereafter for that rabbi's honorarium.
10. USE OF AGUDAS ACHIM SANCTUARY FOR THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

Fees for Sanctuary use for funeral service:

Members: \$250.00

Non-members: 600.00

The family may elect for funeral services to be held both in the sanctuary of Agudas Achim in West Hartford and at the graveside following the formal sanctuary service, or may elect only a graveside service. Should the family elect a graveside service only, Agudas Achim shall furnish an officiant at graveside unless the family has engaged a rabbi separately.

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**PLOT COSTS & FEES FOR INTERMENT & PERPETUAL CARE:**

There are 4 categories of plot purchases: Member in Good Standing; Non-Member; Member Purchasing a Plot for Non-Member; Special Financial Considerations

**MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING** - A member in Good Standing is an individual or a family or a Member in a Special Category whose past and current membership dues are fully paid up, including high holiday tickets and assessments that may fall due during the calendar year in which the purchase of the plot(s) is made. If a member has had a lapse of dues payment for a preceding year, all arrears for the preceding year's dues are also due and payable at the time a plot is to be purchased at the Member's price.

(Plot prices listed below as "purchased together" mean purchased at the same time, and adjoining or in immediate proximity to each other, not in widely diverse locations.)

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| <u>Single plot:</u>                               | \$ 850.00   |
| <u>2 plots purchased together:</u>                | 1,600.00  |
| <u>4 Family plots purchased together:</u>         | 3,000.00  |
| <u>Multiple Family plots, purchased together:</u> | *3,000.00 for the first 4 plots<br>*PLUS 700.00 <u>for each additional plot</u> |

that is purchased within 2 - 3 spaces in the same or immediate next row of the family plot of 4, such as back-to-front or side-by-side.

\*This price of \$700.00 to add a plot to a multiple family plot purchase is good only at the time of purchase of 4 or more plots, or within one calendar year of the purchase of the 4 family plots, and only if nearby or adjoining space is still available.

Members' One-Time-Only Per Plot Perpetual Care Fee: \$350.00

This Fee Applies To All Plot Purchases, and Perpetual Care Fees are due and payable at the time of plot purchase(s) except where noted.

**NON-MEMBER** - Any Jewish person who agrees to all of the Agudas Achim Cemetery terms and conditions may apply for burial rights, and purchase a plot or plots.

Per plot, up to 3, and includes Perpetual Care: \$1,600.00

4 Family plots purchased at same time and includes Perpetual Care: \$6,000.00

MEMBER PURCHASE OF PLOT FOR NON-MEMBER - A member in good standing may only purchase a plot for a non-member who is immediate family, which is defined as: mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, husband, wife, half-sibling, step-parent, if member's blood relative parent is already interred in Agudas Achim Cemetery. It does not extend to other step-relatives, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles or in-laws.

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| <u>Single plot:</u>                    | \$ 850.00 (Due at time of purchase)            |
| <u>2 plots purchased at same time:</u> | \$1,600.00 (Due at time of purchase)           |
| <u>Perpetual Care Fee:</u>             | \$ 350.00 (Deferred and due at time of burial) |

INTERMENT FEE - This charge is separate and apart from plot purchase and perpetual care. The amount due is based upon the prevailing charge that is passed on to the Synagogue by the grounds-keeping service on the day of the funeral. This amount can be estimated in advance, but cannot be calculated with certainty due to the following variables:

The fees for pre and post-funeral gravesite preparation and grooming, and of cemetery ground access (such as snow removal when necessary) are fixed annually by contract between the Congregation and its cemetery grounds-keeping service. The annual contract price for these services is subject to change from year to year.

Furthermore, the fees for individual funeral services are also affected by the time and day of burial, and the season, in consideration of such necessities as snow removal, and/or overtime hours required of on-duty groundskeepers.

Surcharges apply for services required for a funeral held on Sunday or a national holiday, and for a funeral that ends after 3 p.m. Eastern time.

[The interment fee is due and payable to Agudas Achim Cemetery Account on the day of the funeral.](#)

SPECIAL FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS - Any family or individual requiring special consideration for the costs of plot and interment may submit a confidential request in writing, accompanied by proof of financial status, to the Chairperson of the Agudas Achim Cemetery Committee. This must be done at least thirty (30) days in anticipation of need. The matter will be brought before the Cemetery Committee for consideration and recommendation will be made to the Executive Board of the Synagogue. The applicant will be notified in approximately two weeks. All matters will be kept in strict confidence.

THE HONOR TO HAVE SACRED ARTICLES BURIED WITH THE DECEASED WILL BE OFFERED AT THE TIME OF EVERY INTERMENT IN THE AGUDAS ACHIM CEMETERY. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS *MITZVAH* AND GIVE US YOUR CONSENT TO PLACE SUCH ITEMS IN THE GRAVE AT THE TIME OF BURIAL.