

**CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
INTERFAITH CEMETERY RULES**

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1. A member in good standing is entitled to plots in the cemetery based on their membership category as defined in CBI By-Laws. The number of plots is based on the number of adults in the family per category and for children deceased prior to the age of 18. The plots are at NO cost after 5 years of membership, but said plots shall be designated by the Cemetery Committee as in-line, and courtesy to be extended for the remaining spouse, if any, to reserve the adjoining plot at NO "reservation" charge.
2. A member in good standing is considered to be one who is not more than 60 days (per By-Laws) in arrears in his/her payment of membership dues per By-Laws.
3. In the event that the location of a plot(s) is selected by a member prior to his/her death or by his/her family after his/her death, the charge for reserving the plot(s) shall be \$500.00 per plot.
4. In the event that plot(s) assigned in-line, or plot(s) selected by a member shall be required prior to his/her having been a member for five (5) years, then a credit of \$500.00 per year shall be applied toward the plot cost of \$2,500.00.
5. The cost for a plot for a non-member shall be determined by the Cemetery Committee as reflected in the attached Fee and Cost Schedule.

6a. The following form of a receipt should be used in the sale of a lot:

Received of: Name _____
Address _____
Amount _____ as payment in full for the reservation of
cemetery plot(s).
Plot #(s) _____ subject to the following restrictions:

- 6b. The rights to these plot(s) are not transferable. The above price is based on the condition that M/M _____ shall remain a member in good standing. Should M/M _____ move outside of a 75 mile radius of Northampton, MA (per By-Laws), he/she shall maintain either a Full Membership or an Out-of-Town Membership to retain the plot reservation(s).
- 6c. If one holding rights to a plot has been interred elsewhere, the rights to said plot shall revert back to the Synagogue with NO REFUND to be made.

- 6d. Receipts will be signed by the Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee or his/her designee.
7. There shall be levied an additional one time charge for “maintenance” to members and non-members at the time of reservation or the assignment of in-line plot(s) and shall be paid in advance at the time of reservation of plot(s), or within ninety (90) days of burial. [See attached fee and cost schedule.]
8. Burial is available to Jewish members of Congregation B’nai Israel, non-Jewish spouses of said members, non-Jewish partners of members by marriage or commitment, and to such others as the Cemetery Committee may, due to special circumstances, allow.
9. No cremated remains will be allowed for burial.
10. Current site opening/closing charges will be incurred at time of use. [See attached fee and cost schedule.]
11. No disinterments will be allowed except for civil/legal, religious or incorrect use of a site reasons.
12. All graves must have a monument or a permanent marker within one (1) year of burial.
13. No vaults or metal caskets unless superseded by law.
14. Flowers and other plantings are not encouraged. However, if a family does decide to place plantings, it is its responsibility to maintain and care for such and if not, they will be removed.
15. No Shabbat (Saturday) burials.
16. Religious symbols engraved on the stone (not extending from the stone) and inscriptions in any language, from any text subject to common sense and good taste, must be placed on the North-facing side of the stones only, with family name and dates on the other side if desired.

17. Monument size and other specifications:

Single plot:	30” – 42” base	36” height maximum
Double plot:	60” base maximum	36” height maximum

Head of deceased buried to the South with the monument at the head.

The shapes of the monuments are to conform to those present at the C.B.I. Jewish Cemetery with nothing extending from the stone.

18. Location of a memorial service: For a Jewish member, use of our sanctuary is permissible.

For a non-Jew, use of the sanctuary is not available.

19. Any question(s) regarding deceased's religion should be referred to the CBI Rabbi or designee.
20. It is the family's decision as to who officiates at a Non-Jewish burial.

FEE AND COST SCHEDULE
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL JEWISH
AND
INTERFAITH CEMETERIES
[as of October 27, 2011]

	Member in Good Standing	Relative of Member in Good Standing	Non-Member	Former Member
PLOT	\$2500* PLUS	\$4000 PLUS	\$10,000 PLUS	\$2500** PLUS
RESERV. FEE	\$500***	\$500***	\$500***	\$500***
OPENING/ CLOSING OF GRAVE	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
MAINT.****	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

* But Members are credited with 1/5 value per successive year of membership, Thus gaining full right to burial without plot cost after five (5) years.

** Former members in good standing who were Members for at least ten (10) years before resigning may purchase plot rights at this rate.

*** Applies to reservation of a plot “out-of-line/out of geographic sequence”, except that a spouse of an interred individual may be accorded reservation of the adjacent plot at the time of interment of the first deceased spouse without such a fee.

**** One-time fee assessed at time of reservation, other assignment of plot rights, or interment.