

CONGREGATION SHAAKIE TORAH
EXISTING CEMETERY POLICY AND PRICING

CONGREGATION SHAAARIE TORAH
CEMETERY POLICY
July 1, 1999

1. Burials shall be conducted in accordance with the Rites and Customs of Congregation Shaarie Torah. Burial is restricted to members of the Jewish faith.
2. For the purposes of burial, a member is only entitled to graves for a spouse and dependent children. Graves or plots shall not be transferred, assigned, or signed over in any manner whatsoever in whole or in part.
3. Permission for the erection of a memorial stone shall be granted only if all the indebtedness incurred in connection with the purchase of a grave and funeral expenses have been paid.
4. A member is subject to the following charges: opening and closing, perpetual care (which includes general maintenance). The fees are determined by the Board of Directors and are subject to periodic review and change.
5. Perpetual care includes taking care of the site itself and in the case of a double plot, the curbing to be replaced at no cost if damaged during burial of a spouse. It does not include maintenance of curbing or memorial stone, or any other privately contracted work. Nor does it include vandalism to the stone.
6. Burial Charges
 See Exhibit A (Revised July 1, 2011)
7. Charges are to be paid in full within three (3) months after burial.
8. Reservations for cemetery plots shall be limited to members of the congregation. However, plots may be reserved by non-members on payment of a deposit fee of \$500.00 (non-refundable)
9. Size of monuments must be relative to surrounding area. Single monuments are not to exceed forty (40) inches wide by thirty-six (36) inches high. Double monuments are not to exceed eighty (80) inches wide by thirty-six (36) inches high. Grave covers are required to be placed within measurements of graves forty (40) inches wide, ninety-one (91) inches long.
10. Curbs, foundations and monuments may be purchased from, and erected by, any reputable contractor or dealer.

Revised May 1999
Effective Date July 1, 1999

EXHIBIT A

CEMETERY PLOTS, FUNERALS, PERPETUAL CARE, AND MEMORIAL LIGHTS

Funeral Charges*

(Members whose accounts are not current are assessed the Non-Member Rate.)

New Members / Associate Members

Plot Charge	\$5000.00
Open and Close	\$1,600.00
Perpetual Care	\$3900.00
Total Cost	\$10,500.00

Members

Members - After 1 Full Year

Plot Charge	\$3,333.00
Open and Close	\$1,600.00
Perpetual Care	\$3900.00
Total Cost	\$8,833.00

Member -After 2 Full Years

Plot Charge	\$1,667.00
Open and Close	\$1,600.00
Perpetual Care	\$3900.00
Total Cost	\$7,167.00

Member - After 3 Full Years

Plot Charge	\$0.00
Open and Close	\$1,600.00
Perpetual Care	\$3900.00
Total Cost	\$5,500.00

MEMORIAL PLATES

Memorial lights	\$ 500.00
Tree of Life	\$ 500.00

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Revised 12/5/16

CONGREGATION SHAARIE TORAH
REVISED CEMETERY POLICY AND PRICING
FOR SUBMISSION FOR APPROVAL TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TENTATIVE EFFECTIVE DATE
JULY 1, 2014

**CONGREGATION SHAARIE TORAH
CEMETERY POLICIES**

MAY 18 – FINAL COMMITTEE DRAFT

“Congregation” or “CST”	Means Congregation Shaarie Torah, Portland, Oregon.
“Cemetery”	Means Congregation Shaarie Torah Cemetery, 8013 SE 67 th , Portland, OR 97206.
“Board”	Means Congregation Shaarie Torah Board of Directors.
“Cemetery Committee”	Means Congregation Shaarie Torah Cemetery Committee.
“Interment Space”	Means a grave or plot.
“Member”	Means a member of Congregation Shaarie Torah.
“Monument/Marker”	Means any memorial of stone, marble, or other hard material used to mark a grave.
“Perpetual Care”	Means the general care and maintenance of all developed portions of the Shaarie Torah Cemetery.
“Fee Schedule”	Means the list of charges and fees for various rights and services furnished by Congregation Shaarie Torah, and as may be shown on the schedule attached to these Policies, and as may be changed from time to time as recommended by the Cemetery Committee and Board of Directors.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Legal title and ownership of the Cemetery shall be in the name of the Congregation.
2. The Cemetery Committee shall have the authority to regulate the use of the Cemetery subject only to these Policies and as they may be amended from time to time by the Board of Directors.

RIGHTS OF BURIAL

1. For purposes of burial, a Member is entitled only to graves for a spouse and dependent children. Grave plots shall not be transferred, assigned, or signed over in any manner whatsoever in whole or in part.

2. If a surviving spouse chooses not to retain his/her membership in the Congregation but wishes to retain a cemetery plot, non-member plot and burial charges will be assessed. The plot fees must be paid within 180 days of resignation in order to retain a plot.
3. A Cemetery plot belongs to each Member after 3 years of membership in good standing. If the plot is needed prior to the 3 years, plot fees will be charged on a pro-rated basis.
4. Burials shall be conducted in accordance with the rites and customs of CST. A kosher casket is required to be used for all burials. Grave liners shall also be used for all burials so as to minimize the sinking of the grave. Burial is restricted to members of the Jewish faith.
5. CST works in concert with the Portland Chevra Kaddisha whose Rites and Customs are strictly followed.
6. A Member is subject to the following charges: (a) grave opening and closing; and (b) perpetual care, which includes general maintenance of the grounds. Grave opening and closing and Perpetual care fees are determined by the Board of Directors and are subject to periodic review and change.

FEES

1. The prices for Cemetery plots, perpetual care/maintenance, opening and closing of burial plots, and other services in the Cemetery shall be such amounts as may be recommended by the Cemetery Committee and determined by the Board of Directors and referred to herein as the Fee Schedule. The current effective Fee Schedule is attached to these Policies as **Exhibit A**. The Cemetery Committee will review the Fee Schedule not less than every 3 years.
2. Permission for burial in any grave shall be granted only if indebtedness for membership dues and any other assessments due the Congregation by the Member are fully paid. Requests for exception shall be considered.

PERPETUAL CARE MAINTENANCE

1. The Cemetery Committee will oversee the maintenance of the Cemetery grounds.
2. Perpetual care includes routine maintenance of the Cemetery, and in the case of a double plot, standard curbing will be replaced at no cost if damaged during burial of a spouse.
3. Perpetual care does not include, and the Cemetery Committee and CST shall not be responsible for, the following:

- a. Planting or replacement of any shrubbery or flowers on an individual or family plot.
 - b. Perpetual care does not include the maintenance, cleaning, or curbing of Memorial stones, or any other privately contracted work.
 - c. Repairs to damaged, vandalized, deteriorated, or eroded stones, foundations, Markers, or Monuments. The deceased's family, at its own expense, may choose to make such repairs within 60 days of receiving notice. Otherwise, such repairs may be made by the direction of the Cemetery Committee, and the responsible party will be assessed the cost thereof.
4. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to:
- a. Inspect Monuments/Markers.
 - b. Remove any trees, shrubbery, or plants that are dead or overgrown without the consent of the family.
 - c. Remove any broken curbing not maintained by the family.

MONUMENTS/MARKERS

- 1. Monuments/Markers must be provided to identify all graves in order for an unveiling to take place.
- 2. **CONDITIONS** – The following requirements must be met before a Monument/Marker may be placed:
 - a. All synagogue accounts shall be in good standing. The plot, burial, funeral expenses, and perpetual care fees must be paid in full.
 - b. Monument work, gardening, planting, and all other work upon any of the plots shall be done upon the order and the expense of the owner or the owners of the respective plots or graves. CST reserves the right to supervise and control, but shall not be responsible for, any acts or omissions of an independent contractor or dealer.
- 3. **DIMENSIONS:**
 - a. The size of the Monument must be relative to the surrounding area.
 - b. A single Monument shall not exceed forty (40) inches wide by thirty-six (36) inches high.
 - c. Double Monuments shall not exceed eighty (80) inches wide by thirty-six (36) inches high.

- d. Grave covers are required to be placed within measurements of graves forty (40) inches wide and ninety one (91) inches long.
 - e. Curbs shall be made level with surrounding ground to facilitate mowing.
4. ***DEALERS:***
- a. Monuments, foundations, and curbing may be purchased from and installed by any reputable contractor or dealer.
 - b. Said dealer must schedule any work at the Cemetery with the synagogue office, giving 48 hours' notice. Installation is subject to postponement if it conflicts with a burial. The Cemetery is closed on the Jewish Sabbath and Yom Tov.
 - c. The Monument dealer is responsible for removing all debris as a result of installing the Monument and will remedy any damage to the property caused in the placement of the Monument.
 - d. It is understood that the Cemetery and Congregation Shaarie Torah synagogue accept no liability for the delivery, setting, quality of materials, accuracy of engraving, workmanship, or longevity of any markers sold or set by any contractor or dealer.

UNVEILINGS

Family members of an interred individual may make arrangements for an unveiling service by contacting the Congregation's office.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. The Congregation provides the appropriate Congregation staff to maintain a proper set of accounts for the Cemetery, as well as a record of plots and lots allocated or reserved, and will maintain a record of interments showing the names of all persons buried in the Cemetery. Legal title and ownership of the Cemetery and Interment spaces shall be in the name of the Congregation.
- 2. The Board of Director's decision as to the meaning or construction of any of these rules and regulations shall be controlling. Should any condition arise not covered by these rules, the matter shall be resolved by the Cemetery Committee, subject to review by the Board of Directors.
- 3. Requests for exceptions to any of the above Policies shall be referred to the Cemetery Committee and subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

CEMETERY

The Congregation Shaarie Torah cemetery is located at
8013 S.E. 67th, Portland, OR 97206.

For information on cemetery fees, please contact the synagogue office.

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Perpetual Care Endowment	\$ 500.00
Total Cost	\$10,500.00

Members

Members - After 1 Full Year

Plot Charge	\$ 1,750.00
Open and Close	\$ 1,600.00
Perpetual Care	\$ 3,400.00
Perpetual Care Endowment	\$ 500.00
Total Cost	\$ 7,250.00

Member -After 2 Full Years

Plot Charge	\$ 750.00
Open and Close	\$ 1,600.00
Perpetual Care	\$ 3,400.00
Perpetual Care Endowment	\$ 500.00
Total Cost	\$ 6,250.00

Member - After 3 Full Years

Plot Charge	\$ 0.00
Open and Close	\$ 1,600.00
Perpetual Care	\$ 3,400.00
Perpetual Care Endowment	\$ 500.00
Total Cost	\$ 5,500.00

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