

SINAI GARDENS AT UNITED JEWISH CEMETERY AT RESTLAND

Rules And Standards For Funeral And Burial Procedures And Markers/Monuments

1. General Statement. The Sinai Gardens at the United Jewish Cemetery is a Jewish burial ground open to all members of the Jewish Community, regardless of affiliation or observance, including families with non-Jewish members.
2. Management. Sinai Gardens are owned and administered by Mount Zion United Jewish Cemetery, Inc. (“MZUJC”).
3. Funerals. The rabbis or cantors of the Dallas Jewish Community may officiate at funerals, burials and unveilings; and if requested, Rabbi Howard Wolk, Community Chaplain at Jewish Family Service, will assist the family in obtaining the services of a rabbi. Military and fraternal rites are permissible. Religious ceremonies of faiths other than Judaism are not allowed at the cemetery.
4. Preparations for Burial. Proper respect and preparation of the Deceased for burial are sacred traditions of the Jewish people. Embalming and cremation are prohibited, and viewings or open caskets are not permitted. MZUJC urges families to call on their congregation’s *Chevra Kadisha* or the Chevra Kadisha of Dallas, to prepare the Deceased for burial according to traditional practices. The funeral home, the *Chevra Kadisha* or your rabbi will assist the family in arranging the necessary preparations and, if request, providing for a “*Shomer*” to remain with the Deceased until burial.
5. Caskets. Only caskets that are made entirely from wood may be used. A velvet cover provided by MZUJC or the funeral director is available if desired.
6. Flowers. Flowers at the cemetery are a non-Jewish custom and are discouraged. Artificial flowers, balloons, Mylar ribbons, figurines, etc. are not permitted
7. Concrete Liner. Only concrete grave liners that have no bottom may be used.
8. Monuments. All monuments, and inscriptions, symbols and designs thereon, must be approved in advance by MZUJC. No monument may be installed without MZUJC approval. All monuments for Jews shall first contain in Hebrew:
 - (a) “*Pey Nun*” (here lies)
 - (b) The Deceased’s Hebrew name (e.g., Deceased’s name; followed by “*ben*” or “*b’reb*” for males or “*bat*” for females; followed by Deceased’s father’s name, or, for Sephardim who follow the custom, the mother’s name may be substituted for the father’s name). If applicable, *Hakohen* or *Halevi*.

- (c) Family Name
- (d) “*Niftar*” for males or “*Niftaharah*” for females, and Hebrew date of death (*Yarhzeit*)
- (e) *Hey’ Vav’ Tzadee’ Nun’ Tav’* (“may his/her soul rest in peace”). (This may be at the bottom following English.)

English language data may follow and may include:

- (f) Names
- (g) Dates of birth and death
- (h) Quotes, endearments or symbols (e.g., lodges, fraternal associations or military affiliations) as approved in writing by MZUJC.

The Family name shall be inscribed in Hebrew on the back side of all monuments, or, if desired by family and approved by MZUJC, a Holocaust memorial for family members.

Inscriptions for all monuments for non-Jews must be approved in advance by MZUJC.

Monuments may include the Jewish symbols approved by MZUJC.

Single or double monuments may be erected at Mount Sinai. Monument spaces may also have flat ledgers if desired. All stones shall be headstones and no stones shall be erected at the foot of a grave.

All monuments shall be made exclusively of granite or other stone as may be approved by Mount Sinai. Bronze markers or plaques, raised lettering and images (e.g., photographs or engravings of individuals) are not permitted. All monuments must otherwise conform to the rules and regulations of Restland Memorial Park. The maximum width for a monument base is 50% of the width of the graves covered plus one foot; for two spaces a base of 4 ½ feet is permitted. The standard double monument is 32 inches in height. The maximum height for a double monument is 40 inches plus 8 inches for the base. The maximum height for a triple monument is 32 inches plus 8 inches for the base. Monuments for estates must be approved in advance by MZUJC.

Permanent vases, urns or other receptacles for flowers are not permitted in Sinai Gardens.

9. Financial Obligations. The Deceased’s family is responsible directly to the funeral home or monument provider for all funeral, interment and monument expenses and costs, and responsible directly to the *Chevra Kadisha* for any charges imposed for its services or articles provided. The Deceased’s family is responsible directly to MZUJC for payment for interment rights (i.e., burial plots). However, the funeral home may collect for MZUJC the applicable fees for interment rights (i.e., the burial plots).

10. Burial/Interment Rights. Burial/interment rights may only be transferred or assigned to lineal descendants and their spouses and with the prior written consent of MZUJC. In no event may burial/interment rights be transferred or assigned to any person who is not eligible for burial as described in Section 1 above. If requested by the purchaser of burial rights, MZUJC may, but shall not be obligated to, repurchase burial/interment rights for two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the purchase price paid.

If a person who has purchased (or, with permission of MZUJC, has been assigned) burial/interment rights at MZUJC shall cease to be eligible for burial as set forth in Section 1 above, such person's burial rights shall immediately terminate; and, in such event, MZUJC shall refund one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the purchase price paid within six months from the date on which MZUJC makes any determination that such person has ceased to be eligible for burial.

Designees acknowledge MZUJC's designation to them of rights of interment are not assignable and may be abandoned. Such designation of rights of interment shall be deemed abandoned if Designees fail to respond in writing to three written requests for verification of current mailing address and desire to retain rights of interment, mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address indicated following Designee's signature. Designees may change address for purpose of this agreement by delivering written notice to MZUJC at 11711 Parwen Drive, Dallas, Texas 75230, or at such substitute address as Mount Sinai shall designate in writing.

11. Disinterment is prohibited without the prior written consent of MZUJC and approval of such rabbinic authority as selected by MZUJC.
12. Further Rules. MZUJC reserves the right to amend, revise, supplement, revoke or add such additional rules, and standards as it deems appropriate; and in doing so, MZUJC may rely on such rabbinic authorities as it deems appropriate.
13. Restland Cemetery Rules. All interment rights purchased shall be subject to the rules and regulations of Restland Memorial Park; provided, however, that neither shall not adopt nor enforce any rule or regulation that restricts or prohibits Jewish funeral or burial practices.
14. Funeral Homes. Restland Funeral Homes, Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home, Dallas Jewish Funerals, and North Dallas Funeral Home are approved by MZUJC for funerals and burials at Sinai Gardens and are accustomed to working with Jewish families, the local Chevra Kadisha and area rabbis. On the express condition that a community rabbi oversees and certifies in writing on such documentation as required by MZUJC compliance with the Rules and Regulations of Sinai Gardens, funeral homes other than the four listed above may be utilized.

15. Spradling Monument Services, Inc., Restland, Schechter Memorials and Sparkman Hillcrest are approved by MZUJC for memorials and are accustomed to working with Jewish families, Hebrew lettering and the Sinai Garden Rules.

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