Temple Micah Cemetery

Temple Micah maintains a cemetery for members and their families at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery on Adelphi Road in Prince George's County, located between New Hampshire Avenue and Riggs Road. The Cemetery Trustees manage the Temple Micah cemetery and assist Micah members in purchasing and managing their burial sites. The Cemetery Trustees have authority pertaining to the Temple Micah Cemetery, and when necessary may revise the guidelines, cemetery rules, and financial rules.

How Do I Select a Plot?

Members may purchase burial rights to a particular plot. The current price of $2,500 per plot includes perpetual care. Although some choose to select their plot without seeing the location in person, others elect to visit the cemetery and select a particular plot. In either event, a Trustee will help you with your selection. You can contact the Trustees at cemetery@templemicah.org.

Members may purchase gravesites for their own use and for others in their immediate family. "Immediate family" is defined as a member's spouse, domestic partner, children (and their spouses or domestic partners), siblings (and their spouses or domestic partners), grandparents, and grandchildren. It does not include cousins, aunts, uncles, close friends, or any other relationship. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Cemetery Trustees retain discretion to limit the purchase of gravesites to ensure there will be a sufficient number for members, their spouses and their children.

Once you have selected a plot, please pay Temple Micah directly, indicating "cemetery" in the memo line of a check or accompanying documents. The Temple mailing address is 2829 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007. When payment is processed, the Trustee secretary will provide you with a "Statement of Ownership" certificate.

Our intention is to show respect to the deceased and comfort to the bereaved, in accordance with the traditions of our people and this community. In the Temple Micah cemetery:

- Only Jewish funeral religious services may be held.
- Non-Jewish religious icons are not permitted on markers (headstones or footstones).

- Flowers are a non-Jewish custom and are discouraged. Artificial flowers, balloons, Mylar ribbons, figurines, Permanent vases, urns or other receptacles for flowers, and artificial flowers, etc. are not permitted.
- The Cemetery Trustees will determine appropriate locations for benches, shrubs, and ornamental trees.

What Happens When a Death Occurs?

For burials in the Temple Micah cemetery, a rabbi will assist in making arrangements with a funeral home, schedule services, and contact one of the Trustees. A Trustee will accompany the family to the cemetery to complete the arrangements.

- If the deceased is married, unless someone else has power of attorney, the spouse is considered next of kin and must sign the cemetery documents.
- NEXT DAY cemetery expenses must be guaranteed by paying with a credit card or certified check. Cemetery burial expenses are approximately $4,500; an additional fee will be charged for burials on weekends, holidays, and after cemetery hours. (The cost of cemetery burials are subject to change without notice; a Trustee will confirm the latest pricing.)
- Cemetery expenses are in addition to the cost of the plot and funeral home expenses. Funeral home expenses are paid directly to the funeral home.
- The cemetery will need the following information:
    - Decedent's name, date of birth, date of death
    - Next of kin's name, address, telephone number, relationship to decedent

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if I move away from the DC area after purchasing a plot?

Members who leave the area or whose circumstances change may sell the plot back to the Trustees at their original purchase price.

Can I prepay cemetery expenses?

Some people choose to pre-pay their burial costs to avoid price increases. Prepayment also may benefit the family members who are making the final arrangements. (Weekend rates or other unanticipated expenses cannot be paid in advance.) The cemetery accepts prepayment in any form (check, credit card, etc.). The certificate issued by the Trustees upon purchase (Statement of Ownership) serves as proof of ownership required by the cemetery.

What if I prepaid the burial expenses but then sell my plot?
Prepaid burial expenses are transferable but not refundable.

What if I want to be buried at another local cemetery?
You may elect to purchase a plot in another cemetery, but you will need to do so independently. Mt. Lebanon is the only cemetery where Temple Micah already has an established set of plots.

What if I choose to be cremated?
Cremated remains are permitted in both sections of the Temple Micah cemetery.

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