



**TEMPLE ISRAEL**  
MINNEAPOLIS

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## Memorial Park

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42<sup>nd</sup> and Third Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

## Temple Israel Memorial Park\*

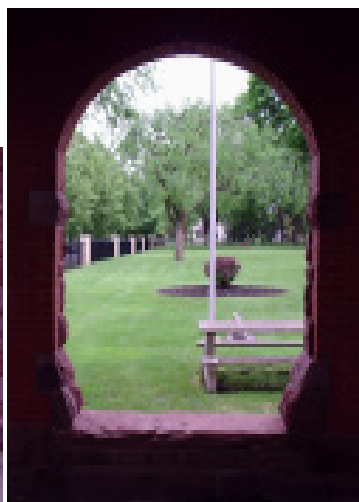
Founded in 1876, two years before Temple Israel was established, Montefiore Cemetery remained an independent association even though it consisted of Temple Israel members.

By 1950, the dedicated “old-timers” who had served Montefiore Cemetery were passing from this earthly scene. Its officers approached Temple to take it under its wing, and on November 26, 1950, the Board appointed a Committee consisting of Amos Deinard and Joseph Nathanson to study this project. At the Annual Meeting of the congregation (April 1951), the merger was confirmed and on May 7, 1952, Montefiore Cemetery became known as Temple Israel Cemetery.

Dedicated volunteers and staff have acquired more land and made improvements in the years since the merger.

*\*The Story of Temple Israel, A Personal Account  
by Rabbi Albert G. A Minda 1971*

*For a more detailed history of the cemetery  
and the early Jewish community of Minneapolis,  
visit [www.templeisrael.com](http://www.templeisrael.com).*



# **Rules and Regulations of Temple Israel Memorial Park**

## **DEEDS**

Deeds for cemetery lots shall be issued to the purchaser upon payment in full of the purchase price. Deeds shall provide that ownership is subject to these rules and regulations.

## **FEEES**

Fees for purchase of lots, opening and closing graves, purchase and setting of markers, installation of monuments and all other fees and charges shall be determined by the Temple Israel Memorial Park Committee ("Committee"), subject to approval of the Temple Israel Board of Directors ("Board").

## **PURCHASE OF LOTS**

### **Temple Members**

Sale of lots is limited to members of Temple Israel and their immediate family members except as provided in paragraph titled "Exceptions."

### **Perpetual Care**

Perpetual care of lots is included in the price of the lot.

### **Terms**

Payment of the balance due for the purchase of a lot must be made within 30 days after billing unless other arrangements are made in writing and approved by Temple Israel.

### **Exchanges**

Exchanges are prohibited except as provided in paragraph titled "Exceptions."

### **Sale or Transfer by Lot Owner**

Sale or transfer of a lot by the lot owner to a third party is prohibited. Any sale or transfer that is approved as provided in paragraph titled "Exceptions" shall be handled through Temple Israel.

### **Repurchase**

Repurchase of a lot is at the discretion of Temple Israel and must be approved in accordance with paragraph titled "Exceptions." If a lot is repurchased, the original purchase price will be refunded when the lot is resold and consideration for the resale is received.

## **REVERSION OF OWNERSHIP**

Ownership of a lot will revert to Temple Israel if the lot owner is deceased without any devise or known heirs.

## **PURPOSE FOR WHICH LOTS MAY BE USED**

Lots may be used only for burial of human remains or cremated human remains. Temple Israel Clergy may also designate an area within the cemetery for Geniza (burial of prayer books, Torah scrolls and other holy books that are no longer usable). Lots may be used for no other purpose unless authorized in writing by the Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel. No person other than a co-owner may be interred in any lot without the written consent of all owners of the lot or their next of kin.

## **DIGGING AND SIZE OF GRAVES**

All graves shall be dug by Temple Israel's contractor at rates determined by the Committee, subject to the approval of the Board. Satisfactory arrangements for payment of the fees for opening and closing graves and setting the marker must be made prior to interment. Only one burial of human remains or one burial of human remains and one cremated human remains or burial of two cremated human remains per lot will be permitted. Only tents, artificial grass, lowering devices and other equipment owned by Temple Israel or its contractor(s) shall be used in making interments or disinterments.

## **DISINTERMENT OR REMOVAL**

No disinterment or removal shall be made without the express written permission of Temple Israel clergy in consultation with the President, Vice President, or Treasurer of Temple Israel. (This provision shall not apply to an exhumation ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.) Requests to disinter or for removal shall not be made on less than two weeks' notice unless otherwise directed by court order. No disinterment or removal shall be permitted until all applicable fees and charges are paid.

## **ENCLOSURE OF INTERMENTS**

Every interment, including interment of cremated remains, must be enclosed in a suitable outer burial container. Delivery of the burial container must be made to the gravesite on the day of interment.

## **RAISING OR DEPRESSING SURFACE OF LOT**

Raising or depressing the surface of the lot is prohibited unless recommended by the cemetery's caretaker and approved under paragraph titled "Exceptions."

## **FUNERAL SERVICES**

All funeral or burial services conducted on cemetery grounds shall be conducted by Jewish clergy or Jewish laypersons. Non-Jewish clergy may participate in such services if approved by Temple Israel clergy. All religious matters shall be determined by Temple Israel clergy. All funerals on reaching the cemetery shall be under the direction of the cemetery caretaker or in his or her absence, of his or her assistant.

## **MARKERS**

Permanent markers are required for every interment even if a monument is erected and must be installed no later than one year following interment. Fee for setting the marker shall be paid at the time of interment. Only one marker per interment will be permitted. Markers shall not exceed 24" in width and 12" in length.

Inscriptions must include in English the decedent's name, date of birth (if known) and date of death (if known). Hebrew lettering and Jewish religious symbols may be used if desired. Inscriptions that Temple Israel clergy deem to be offensive or improper are prohibited. Non-Jewish religious symbolism or inscriptions are prohibited except as provided in paragraph titled "Exceptions" and with the approval of Temple Israel's Senior Rabbi. Markers shall be flat and made of granite or similar natural, impervious, nonperishable materials. Markers shall be set at the head of the grave and must be set level with existing grade. Due to frost conditions, markers will not be set during the winter months.

## **MONUMENTS AND BENCHES**

Upright monuments and benches are permitted in all sections of the cemetery except where a monument or bench at the location requested would, in the judgment of Temple Israel in consultation with the cemetery's caretaker, not be feasible due to existing conditions.

A minimum of two contiguous lots is required for a monument or bench to be erected.

No monument shall be erected and no bench shall be installed without approval as provided in paragraph titled "Exceptions." Monuments and benches shall be made of natural, impervious, nonperishable materials.

The width of the monument and base shall not exceed one-half of the width of the total of the lots purchased up to 42" for two lots but not to exceed 48" for more than two lots. The height of the monument including the base shall not exceed 36".

Monuments shall be set at the foot of the graves in the aisle unless the cemetery's caretaker determines that it is not feasible due to the location of other previously placed markers, monuments or benches.

No inscriptions or symbols shall be permitted on any monument or bench other than the family name except as provided in paragraph titled "Exceptions" and with the approval of Temple Israel's Senior Rabbi.

All fees and charges for the installation of monuments and benches shall be paid in full before approval is given.

Monuments and benches must be installed on proper footings to assure stability. Due to frost conditions, monuments and benches will not be set during the winter months.

## **PLANTINGS**

No shrubs or other plantings shall be permitted without the approval as provided in paragraph titled "Exceptions."

Any shrubs or other plantings on the lot not planted by Temple Israel shall be maintained by the person(s) who caused the same to be planted. Temple Israel shall have the right to remove any shrubs or plantings that detract from the appearance of the cemetery due to the lack of proper maintenance.

All floral receptacles shall be of such size and design as Temple Israel shall approve in consultation with the cemetery's caretaker.

No artificial flowers, greenery or other artificial ornamentation shall be placed on graves.

## **EXCEPTIONS**

Exceptions to these Rules and Regulations cannot be made without advance written approval. The following procedure to obtain approval shall apply: All such requests shall be made to Temple Israel, who shall determine if the request requires immediate action or if action can be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee. If the request can be deferred, Temple Israel shall present the request to the Committee for action. When the request by its nature must be acted upon immediately, Temple Israel shall, after consulting with the Memorial Park Committee Chair if he or she is available, submit the request to any one of the following Temple Israel Officers: the President, Vice President, or Treasurer.

## **CORRECTION OF ERRORS**

Temple Israel staff, in consultation with Temple Israel clergy, shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by Temple Israel or Temple Israel's contractor(s) in making any interments or disinterments, or in the sale or deed to any lot and shall have the right to cancel any such erroneous sale, conveyance or transfer and to substitute another lot of substantially equal value and similar location as may be selected by Temple Israel or, with the approval of President, Vice-President or Treasurer, to refund any money paid for such purpose. If correcting any such error shall require the removal or transfer of the remains of any person interred in the lot, such action shall not be taken without the express written permission of Temple Israel staff in consultation with Temple Israel clergy.

## **EASEMENT**

A perpetual right of ingress and egress over and across all cemetery property is reserved to Temple Israel for the maintenance of the cemetery.

## FEE SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Single Grave – Congregant (Grave - \$800 + Perpetual Care - \$800)	\$1,600
Single Grave – Non-Congregant (Grave - \$1,000 + Perpetual Care - \$1,000)	\$2,000
Open/Close Grave (casket or ashes)	\$900
Marker Gate Fee*	\$350
Monument Gate Fee **	\$500
Flower Pot/Monument combination Gate Fee***	\$150

\*Flat markers are required on all graves and must be installed no later than one year following interment. The marker gate fee, which covers the cost of setting the marker and provides maintenance, must be paid at the time of interment. If the marker is for a veteran, you may wish to contact the Veterans Administration regarding the possibility of a free veteran's marker.

\*\* Monuments are allowed on a minimum of two graves, space permitting, and they must be approved by Temple Israel prior to ordering. The gate fee is due prior to installation of the monument.

\*\*\*The combination flower pot/monument requires a gate fee. Other flower pots may be purchased for graves, but must be selected from a group of approved containers. Please check with Memorial Park caretaker, Fred Newberg, at 612-919-6400. For information on purchase of a flat marker, monument, or flower urns, please contact Fred Newberg or the monument company of your choice.

## **AMENDMENTS**

These Rules and Regulations may be amended at any time without notice by majority vote of the Temple Israel Board of Directors.

The foregoing rules and regulations of Temple Israel Memorial Park adopted by the Board of Directors on February 21, 2001 and amended on August 17, 2011, and supersede and replace all rules and regulations governing Temple Israel Memorial Park heretofore adopted by Temple Israel and by the Montefiore Cemetery Association, except to the extent such prior rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the foregoing.

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For more information call 612-377-8680