



JEWISH MEMORIAL GARDENS





Topics for presentation

- History of the Jewish Memorial Gardens
- Pre-arrangements for cemetery use
- Basic information at time of need
- Service providers and their services
- Your questions



In March, 1892, members of Agudath Jeshurun Congregation established a burial ground for the Ottawa Jewish Community.

This eliminated the need to send Jewish bodies to Montreal for burial.

John Dover purchased one acre of land on what was then called Metcalfe Road. Today, 120 years ago later, the road is named Highway 31 (Bank Street).

The area was known as the Ottawa Jewish Cemetery.



Dates of entry of additional synagogues and land purchase and expansion

- 1907 – Congregation Agudath Achim
- 1913 – Congregation Machzikei Hadas
- 1928 – B'nai Jacob Congregation
- 1940 – Agudath Achim acquires more land
- 1941 – Agudath Israel joins the group and purchases property
- 1943-1950 - Three more transactions by the existing synagogues brings the total to today's fourteen acres.



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Over the years, synagogues merged.
Today Bank Street serves the members of the following congregations:

- Beth Shalom
- Machzikei Hadas
- Agudath Israel
- Beit Tikvah



In 1976, property was purchased on Herberts Corners Road in Osgoode, to allow for the future needs of the Ottawa Jewish Community.

This new cemetery was named Jewish Memorial Gardens

Since 1976, the Osgoode location has been available to all of the congregations. To date, it is used by Agudath Israel, Temple Israel and Young Israel.



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From 1892 until 2008, the individual synagogues controlled the sale of interment rights to their members.

A cemetery committee existed to administer the maintenance of the two cemeteries.



On July 1, 2008, the six synagogues with the two cemetery locations, transferred the ownership of the two cemetery properties to the Jewish Memorial Gardens.

JMG now handles all aspects of the maintenance, finance, and day to day operation.

The synagogues retain halakhic control over what were previously their sections.



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Under the terms of the Founding Members Agreement,
Jewish Memorial Gardens is run by a Board of Directors comprised of members of the six founding synagogues

Beth Shalom

Machzikei Hadas

Agudath Israel

Temple Israel

Young Israel

Beit Tikvah

as well as representation from the Jewish Federation of Ottawa.



Current members of the JMG Board of Directors

- Agudath Israel
Steve Levinson
- Beit Tikvah
Barry Cantor
- Beth Shalom
Peter Greenberg
Harvey Slack
- Machzikei Hadas
Hymie Reichstein,
Vice-Chair
- Temple Israel
Gerald Halpern, Secretary
- Young Israel
Issie Scarowsky
- Jewish Federation of Ottawa
Leon Bronstein, Vice-Chair
John Diener, Treasurer
Jonathan Freedman, Chair

Non-voting Members

- Past-Chair – Lawrence Zinman
- Executive Secretary – Shelly Fine



New Law and Bylaws

- July 2012 Province puts into place a new Cemetery Act.
- Purpose of law is to unify the practices of all elements of service providers to grieving families, meaning funeral homes, cemeteries and all affiliated providers.
- The Tahara and religious service provided by the Chevra Kadisha is exempted as a religious service.



JMG used this opportunity to refresh, clarify and unify its practices in new bylaws.

(available at JMG website)

Lots and plots (multiple lots) may be sold by the owner on the open market, subject to:

- The lot has not been used.
- No lot within a plot has been used.
- The price may not exceed the amount on the current JMG price list.
- The purchaser must meet the eligibility criteria for that section.



- The right to use of a lot is subject to
 - the Rights Holder remaining a member of the synagogue in whose section the lot is located and
 - concordance with the halakhic practices of the synagogue.

- Families are responsible for the ongoing maintenance of their memorial markers.



What to do at time of need - 1

- Call the JMG Executive Director (ED).
 - ❖ Shelly Fine is the ED.
Call her at the JMG telephone number 613-688-3530. To reach the ED, choose the 'in case of a death' option.
 - ❖ Make this call as soon as possible at time of need. The exceptions are during Shabbat or a Yom Tov (in which case wait until the 'restricted' time is over).



What to do at time of need - 2

The ED will ask for the following information:

- name of deceased and Hebrew name
- where the deceased is currently located
- whether the deceased has interment rights and in which synagogue section
- have pre-arrangements been done at funeral home
- arrangements for Tahara/Shomer, if necessary
- if deceased is male, arrange for Tallit to travel with deceased, if possible
- contact information for next of kin or other responsible person



What to do at time of need - 3

The ED will provide information regarding:

- the fees which will be collected by the funeral director for:
 - ❖ cemetery opening/closing
 - ❖ tahara (Ottawa Chevra Kadisha)
 - ❖ Shomer
 - ❖ and interment rights/synagogue fees, if applicable
- timing for the funeral service
- funeral service location



What to do at time of need - 4

Once the basic decisions (such as burial location, choice of funeral home, choice of funeral package, payment of all costs and notification of Rabbi) have been decided, the funeral will take place.

The Executive Director of Jewish Memorial Gardens will assist you with all of the details and will answer your questions as you deal with the many requirements necessary at the time of need. Pre-arrangement, of course, will lessen the number of decisions to be made at that time.

Full details are available on the JMG website.



Flower Planting

- Flower Planting
- 25 Year Planting Plan



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For more information, visit

www.jewishmemorialgardens.org

Among the information posted there are:

By-laws: Governance; Structure; Operations

Price list

Purchase Contract; Resale Endorsement

More will be added as Jewish Memorial Gardens continues to develop information useful to our community.



JMG PRICE LIST

Purchase of an Interment Right

Bank Street - \$3750

Osgoode - \$2400

Opening and Closing of Grave

Summer months - \$2100

Winter months - \$2600

Prices are current as of October 2012, and are subject to change.



Other costs, non-JMG, associated with a funeral

- **-Professional Funeral Director Services**
- **Tahara (Chevra Kadisha)**
- **Shomer**
- **Synagogue Membership Fees**
- **Clergy**

Additional sections will be added to our website to provide more information on these charges

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