

## Sons of Jacob Cemetery

is a quasi-independent organization servicing the Jewish Community of Litchfield County. The Sons of Jacob Cemetery Association has an appointed Board of Directors and Officers.

50% of the proceeds from the sale of all Cemetery Plots is donated to Beth El Synagogue of Torrington.

Our Corporate Headquarters is located in the office of Beth El Synagogue. Telephone inquiries may be left on the Synagogue office phone number at 860-482-8263.

All written correspondence is to be sent to: Sons of Jacob Cemetery. Post Office Box 1665, Torrington CT. 06790

**“The world we live in is viewed as a corridor that leads to still another world.”**

**(Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin)**

Jewish Burial  
Practices at

## SONS OF JACOB CEMETERY



**WINSTED ROAD  
TORRINGTON, CT.**

## **Sons of Jacob History**

The earliest burial was reported in the early 1900's. A body of a Jewish farmer required burial. A cobbler by the name of Mr. Moss contacted some other early Jewish settlers and \$50 was raised to purchase a cemetery plot.

Mr. Travis was approached for land he owned on Winsted Road. He gifted the land and contributed \$1000 toward building the Chapel on the cemetery grounds. Monies were then raised to place a fence around the cemetery grounds.

## **Burial Plots**

1. The process for purchasing Burial plots begins by leaving a detailed telephone message at the Synagogue.

2. Make burial arrangements with a funeral home of your choice. Many people elect to establish a Burial Trust Account with the funeral home well in advance of their death.

## **Jewish Burial Societies**

Many Jewish families opt to secure the service of a Hevra Kadisha (Sacred Society) in order to guarantee that all Halachic standards of tradition and ritual burial are met. These organized communal societies come into the funeral home, care for the dead, and prepare them for ritual Jewish burial.

Jewish funeral homes routinely utilize a Hevra Kadisha. However, if families use a funeral home that is owned and operated by non-Jews and would like the services of a Hevra Kadisha, they must request this of the funeral home.

The Jewish Burial Society of Northwest Connecticut and the New Haven Jewish Burial Society are two such societies providing service to our area.

## **General Rules for Burial**

1. Burial must take place as soon as possible after death in accordance with Jewish practice. However, it is forbidden to bury the dead on the Sabbath or intervening festivals.

2. Cremation is forbidden

3. Embalming is forbidden. The blood of a deceased is part of himself which must also be buried.

4. The dead are to be clothed in white robes (takhrikhim) after having been carefully washed and cleansed.

5. Male dead are also wrapped in a tallit whose fringes are made invalid, symbolically indicating that the earthly requirements are no longer incumbent upon him.

6. For the deceased to be put on display in an open casket has traditionally been looked upon as a dishonor and should be avoided.