

# Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom

## Mt. Sinai Cemetery – Est. 1899

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 1. **BURIAL RIGHTS**

The right of burial in Mt. Sinai Cemetery is available for purchase only by a member in good standing of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom, by signing an Agreement for Purchase of Cemetery License and by payment of the fees prescribed therein. Cemetery lots shall be used only for burial of human remains, and for such objects and purposes as are usually incident to sepulture.

#### 2. **LOT SIZE**

Standard lots:

Single burial lot: 4 ft. x 10 ft.

Double burial lot: 8 ft. x 10 ft.

East Circle Urn Plots:

2 ft. x 2 ft.

#### 3. **MONUMENTS**

a. A single headstone shall be permitted for each grave on a standard lot. Footstones are not permitted. Headstones shall conform to the following dimensions:

#### Headstones - Monuments Maximum Dimensions:

<b>Single Monument:</b>	<b>Width</b>	<b>Depth</b>	<b>Height</b>
Stone	24"	8"	26"
Base	30"	14"	10"
<b>Double Monument:</b>			
Stone	48"	8"	26"
Base	60"	14"	0"

b. Special Rules for East Circle Urn Plot (Cremated remains):

Monuments in the East Circle Urn Plots shall be a flush plaque or stone marker not exceeding 18" in width and 12" in length. The monument or plaque shall be placed upon a foundation in compliance with these rules and regulations.

c. Monuments

i.) All monuments shall be placed on cement foundations.

ii. Inscriptions on monuments shall not include religious symbols or ornamentation of a non-Jewish character or appearance.

iii. Mt. Sinai Cemetery reserves the right to remove any non-conforming monument at the expense of the licensee.

4. **BURIAL VAULTS**

Use of a burial vault is required. Cremated remains shall be contained in a fully closed ceramic or metal urn or vault, which shall be placed at a depth of at least thirty inches (30") below grade level to the top of the container. There shall be at least six inches (6") clearance from the container to each lot boundary line. Burial vaults, including for cremated remains, shall be constructed according to generally accepted standards in effect at the time of interment. Arrangements for purchase of burial vaults is handled by the funeral director in charge of interment.

5. **DECORATIONS AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS**

Potted flowers or potted plants and natural cut flowers in vases are permitted. No trees, flowers, vines, ivy, or shrubs or other permanent vegetation, excepting grass, may be planted. Loose flowers or decorations are also prohibited. Mt. Sinai Cemetery reserves the right to remove non-conforming decorations or plants at the expense of the licensee.

6. **PERPETUAL CARE**

Perpetual care of graves, including the cutting of grass and maintenance of the Cemetery grounds, walks, and driveways, is provided by Mt. Sinai Cemetery. Mt. Sinai Cemetery is managed by the Cemetery Committee of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom, which has the sole right to approve any work done on the cemetery grounds. Any work or installation performed without such approval is subject to

removal at the expense of the licensee.

**7. CEMETERY RIGHTS**

Burial rights conferred to a licensee are personal to the licensee, and are subject to the terms of the Agreement for Purchase of Cemetery License, and the Rules and Regulations of Mt. Sinai Cemetery then in effect shall continue so long as the licensee is a member in good standing of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom. A licensee who ceases to be a member in good standing of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom may retain burial rights upon written request to the Cemetery Committee and payment of an annual fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each single grave lot, or urn plot, until such time as the same becomes occupied. The annual fee is subject to change from time to time.

**8. SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Requests for special care or attention shall be directed to the Cemetery Committee.

**OTHER CEMETERY AND FUNERAL INFORMATION**

Bills presented to the Cemetery Committee should be given to the RCOS Bookkeeper. There is a separate cemetery account that takes care of billed items.

**FACILITY FEE**

If the deceased is not a current member of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom, RCOS charges a \$200.00 facility fee for funerals held at RCOS.

People who are not related to a member may not hold their services at RCOS.

**BURIAL COSTS**

Burial rights in Mt. Sinai Cemetery and interment are subject to payment of applicable fees and expenses prescribed by the Cemetery Committee and in effect at the time of burial.

Prices for cemetery lots, burial charges, and perpetual care fees are set by the Cemetery Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Information about prices and fees is available from the RCOS office.

A decedent who is not a current member of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom, is deemed a non-members and cemetery fees are doubled. (This applies to lots,

perpetual care, opening and closing costs, and double depth only. Extra hourly fees are not doubled).

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MT. SINAI CEMETERY**

The Annual Memorial Service is traditionally held on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at 1:00 P.M. Arrangements are the responsibility of the Cemetery Committee.

**VETERANS**

Flags for veterans of the Armed Services of the United States buried at Mt. Sinai Cemetery are provided by the Berks County Veterans Association. Contact person: Pat Stein (610-378-5601). The Veterans Association replaces flags two weeks before Memorial Day in May, takes them down after Veterans Day, November 11 and properly disposes of the old flags.