

"May the Omnipresent comfort you among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem"

Derech HaChaim Cemetery, Ma'ale Adumim -
Information Sheet for Families

Dear family members,

We are very sorry for your loss and offer our condolences on the passing of your loved one.

Please be advised that:

1. Burial at Derech HaChaim Cemetery, Ma'ale Adumim is done in **family plots**. As specified by the Ministry of Religious Services, **a spouse or other first-degree relative of the deceased is entitled to purchase the upper plot, thereby reserving the right to be buried above his/her loved one**. The spouse of the deceased has the first right of refusal for purchasing the upper plot, followed by followed by the parents, and then other first-degree family members.
2. You must notify us as soon as possible regarding your interest in purchasing this plot within 90 days of the funeral, and arrange payment for the purchase. **If payment is made before the interment, three equal installments may be arranged**. After that date, payment must be made in a single installment (**the bill of sale will be sent to the family only after payment has been made**).
3. Should payment not be arranged for reservation of the upper plot within this period, the plot will automatically be considered available for burial and we will be entitled to use it for another deceased person.
4. Please note that a person whose spouse has been buried in a lower plot and who has not purchased the upper plot above his/her spouse may, when the time comes, be buried in an upper plot above someone else. Determining the place of interment is at the Company's discretion.

5. The headstone to be erected should be compatible with your decision regarding the upper plot:

- Please be advised that the National Insurance Institute does not pay for the construction of a headstone foundation, or for headstones. The family is responsible for this payment.
- **Should you wish** to purchase the upper plot – a regular headstone should be erected, in accordance with the rules set forth below. Ensure that room is left on the headstone for the name of a future addition.
- Should you not wish to purchase the upper plot – a single headstone (half-headstone) should be erected on the burial plot, and room left for another headstone behind it, for whomever will be buried in the upper plot.

A full headstone will be permitted on the plot only after you have purchased the upper plot.

6. Upper burial plot rates are based on the rates listed by the Ministry of Religious Services, minus the legally specified discount. **The rate listed for 2023 is NIS 9,222.**
7. According to Ministry of Religious Services guidelines, the headstone height may not exceed 1.3 meters from the highest ground level on the path adjacent to the grave. The headstone must be appropriate for the size and type of the plot – once erected, at least 40 cm of space will remain between the graves, and 60 cm between the rows.
8. Payment for the headstone foundation may be made solely by the headstone contractor to the Economic Development Company at Giv'at HaMeyasdim, Sunday through Thursday from 08:00-13:00. The Company will not collect payment directly from the family of the deceased.
9. Headstone contractors may also pay via bank transfer to the following account: _____. An e-mail should also be sent to _____, with a copy to: _____, with notification of the transfer.

10. **Admission to the cemetery for purposes of erecting the headstone will be conditional upon presentation of a receipt of payment for the foundation. Admission should be scheduled by phone with Rabbi Gerson: 050-8981777.**
11. **No element of any kind may be placed outside of the burial plot area and/or on the public paths.**
12. Please note: Employees of the Company are strictly forbidden to accept work-related gifts of any kind from the families of the deceased, including presents, tips, valuables, discounts, benefit cards, and the like. This prohibition applies even in cases where the family wishes to confer the gift of their own free will, with no demands on the employee.
13. Employees of the Company make every effort to ensure dignified burial for your loved one, and will strive to honor all requests whose fulfillment is not contraindicated by Jewish or Israeli law. We ask that you honor their guidelines and instructions, even at this difficult time.

“An act of kindness performed for the deceased is a true act of kindness made with no expectation of reward”

Family Statement

1. I hereby affirm that I have been informed that should I or other first-degree relatives of the deceased so wish, we are entitled to apply to the Company for the purchase of the burial plot adjacent to the burial plot of the deceased _____, and that this option will be reserved for us for 90 days from the date of interment of the deceased, that is, until _____.
2. The purchase price of the upper burial plot will be as stated in the rates listed by the Ministry of Religious Services, minus the legally-specified discount. For 2023 the rate is NIS 9,222.
3. I am aware that, should no family member announce his/her intention to purchase the upper plot within 90 days of the deceased's interment, the Company will be entitled to inter any other deceased person on the upper plot.
4. **I hereby undertake that, so long as no application to purchase the burial plot above that of the deceased has been submitted to the Company (in a case where the deceased has been buried in the bottom portion of a family plot), we will erect a half-headstone only (and not a full headstone) on the grave.**
5. I am aware that no elements of any kind may be placed outside the burial plot area and/or on the public paths.

Name: _____ I.D. no.: _____ Relation to the deceased: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____