

Congregation Shir Chadash

53 Rymph Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540

Dear Member,

September 30, 2008

One of the benefits of your membership in *Congregation Shir Chadash* is the availability of burial plots should the need (may it be distant) arise. This topic is not a pleasant one, but one with which it is always advisable to deal well in advance of need.

The passing of a loved one, an event of unimaginable emotional strain, is the worst possible time to begin making the necessary plans. The pain of loss, worries about the future and immediate family concerns overwhelm us and make it difficult to deal with these final arrangements. And also, Jewish tradition holds that burial should take place *as soon as possible* after a death.

With this in mind we have made arrangements for our members to be buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, in Marlboro, Ulster Co. Our section of this cemetery is a separate part of a large group of plots owned by *Congregation Beth Jacob* of Newburgh.

Several members have already purchased plots. I invite you to explore the enclosed literature which further describes the cemetery and provides financial and other information you'll want to have. I would be happy to answer your questions or provide you with any other information you may need.

Sincerely,

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Cedar Hill Cemetery

*A final resting place
for members of
the Shir Chadash family*



the entrance to Cedar Hill Cemetery

About Cedar Hill Cemetery

Cedar Hill Cemetery is an interfaith cemetery located in Marlboro, New York, 11 miles south of the Mid-Hudson Bridge, between Route 9W and the Hudson River and is immediately accessible from Route 9W. In a setting of gently rolling hills landscaped with flowering trees and shrubs. Families of all faiths are accommodated. We are the third Jewish congregation to have a section there.

The Shir Chadash Section

Plots set aside for *Shir Chadash* are located adjacent to a small lake accented with willow trees, next to Congregation *Beth Jacob* of Newburgh.

We have a section for traditional Jewish burial and an adjoining section for interfaith families. Appropriate natural demarcation is provided between sections.

FAQ's

Who can be buried there?

Plots in our section will be available to members of *Shir Chadash* whose dues payments are current, and their immediate families including members' parents, and all children (including adult children).

What if I am paying my dues monthly and we have a death in the family before the full annual pledge has been fulfilled?

You may purchase a plot at any time if your dues payments, per your pledge, are current.

If I find I will no longer need my plot, can I sell it to someone else?

You can sell your plot to anyone who would otherwise qualify to be buried there.

May non-Jewish clergy take part in a graveside service?

All graveside services will be performed by Congregation *Shir Chadash* clergy or their designees.

Do we permit burial of non-Jewish family members whose funeral service was in another religious tradition?

Yes, in the section open to interfaith burial.

Does the plot include a grave marker?

Cedar Hill Cemetery can provide flat bronze grave markers at additional cost. You may purchase an alternative marker from any source you chose and Cedar Hill Cemetery will provide the footing at an additional cost.

What can be on the grave marker?

Hebrew and/or English may be inscribed on the marker. The grave marker may include traditional Jewish and non-religious symbols, only.

How do I purchase a plot?

A plot may be purchased by sending a check for the full amount, payable to Congregation *Shir Chadash* of the Hudson Valley, to the individual specified in the insert.

May a series payments be made over time?

The ownership of a plot will be transferred to the purchaser only after full payment has been completed.

Costs

The cost of plots, grave markers, etc. are detailed in the insert. The costs therein indicated are for subject to change. They likely change in the future.



the section set aside for Congregation Shir Chadash



a view at Cedar Hill Cemetery

To reach Cedar Hill Cemetery
take the Mid-Hudson Bridge west
to Rt. 9W south.

Cedar Hill Cemetery is on
the east side of 9W

11 miles south of the bridge
near the border

of Marlboro and Newburgh.

Go through the stone entry way.

Keep to the right past the
mausoleum

and continue to keep to the right at
the forks. The area set aside for
Congregation Shir Chadash is the
open area on the right from which
you can see the lake and the willow
trees as depicted in the brochure.

Current information about burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery

Costs

Plots cost \$1,500 each.

Cedar Hill Cemetery will provide a flat bronze 12" x 24" grave marker for a single grave. The cost of this marker ranges from \$800 to \$1,000 including the footing. Alternative markers and monuments may be purchased from an outside supplier, in which case Cedar Hill Cemetery will provide footings for \$87 per square foot.

The opening and closing of a grave is done by Cedar Hill Cemetery staff and costs \$685. Burials on Sunday before 11:00 am carry a surcharge of \$200. There is an additional charge of \$121 per hour after 11:00 am.

Purchasing a plot

Plots may be purchased by sending a check, payable to

Congregation Shir Chadash to:

Victor Feit, 83 King George

Drive Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Please indicate the person for whom each plot is intended.

For additional information

Contact Richard Bordowitz at 462-6854 or email him at rlbordo@verizon.net.