

Congregation Havurah Shalom, recognizing the need to provide Jewish burial services for the Portland Jewish community at large as well as its congregational members, has established a Jewish cemetery in Portland; the first to do so in more than 70 years. Created through the efforts of Havurah Shalom, the cemetery will be maintained in perpetuity by Metro and the congregation.

The cemetery is on a peaceful hilltop surrounded by trees in the southernmost section of the Jones Pioneer Cemetery, which is within five minutes of downtown Portland, just south of Highway 26 at the Sylvan exit. The congregation is committed to providing Jewish burial sites at a reasonable cost. Family plots are available.

There are 750 gravesites in the cemetery, which are physically and visually separated from the other sections of the Jones Cemetery in conformance with Jewish burial traditions.

The cemetery is operated under the rules and regulations of the Havurah Shalom Cemetery Committee. Burial in the Havurah Shalom Cemetery is available to Jews and their spouses and children. Havurah Shalom recognizes

Jews of either matrilineal or patrilineal descent as well as Jews by choice through conversion.

Only Jewish religious ceremonies, symbols and rituals are permitted in the cemetery. In accordance with Jewish custom and law, no burials are conducted on the Sabbath or on Jewish holy days. Havurah Shalom participates in the Chevra K'vod Hamet (Burial Society), which provides traditional services accompanying a Jewish funeral.

The rabbi or cantor of your choice may officiate at a burial in the Havurah Shalom Cemetery. If you wish to make arrangements with our rabbi, please contact the synagogue office at 503-248-4662.

Copies of Havurah Shalom Cemetery policies are available on request.

Havurah Shalom was formed in the summer of 1978 with an emphasis on individual and family participation in all aspects of Jewish life. The congregation joins with the rabbi in planning and conducting religious services, adult education, religious school for our children, and other activities.

We are affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. Our Rabbi, Joey Wolf, has been serving the congregation and the Portland community since 1987 and is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Directions to the cemetery:

From downtown Portland: Take Hwy. 26 west toward Beaverton. Take the Sylvan exit (Scholls Ferry Road). At the top of the ramp, turn left at the traffic signal and cross over Hwy. 26. At the second light, turn left onto Humphrey Blvd. Turn right onto Hewitt, then an immediate left into the entrance of the Westside Vineyard Church, which shares its entrance with the cemetery.

Drive straight into the church parking lot. Immediately ahead, you will see the gates for the cemetery. On foot, you will walk on a paved path to the circular drive up to the right. Straight ahead of the circular drive, look for the "L" shaped hedge, which, together with the wire fence, separates the Havurah section from the rest of the cemetery.

For more information, please contact the synagogue office: 503-248-4662, or David Weil: 503-293-6806