



## *Temple Beth Emeth Memorial Garden at Arborcrest Cemetery*

### *Memorial and Headstone Guidelines*

#### **General Information**

Per Jewish tradition, a headstone or memorial plaque is required at all gravesites where interments have occurred whether full burial or cremation interment.

The family of the deceased is responsible for the desired memorial to be purchased and installed normally within one year.

Two options are permitted at Arborcrest:

Bronze Plaque: Set on a granite base at the head of a full traditional grave or, set on the included granite base for a cremation interment in our cremation section.

Engraved Granite: Alternatively, engraving directly onto the granite headstone or on the included granite cremation space base is permitted.

Memorials should be installed at grade level. No vertical headstones or “multi-tiered” memorials should be used.

#### **Inscription**

As a minimum, marker should be inscribed with name of the deceased and the date of death in Hebrew or English. Additional desired sentiments and/or symbols will be dictated by size and type of memorial.

#### **How Purchased and Installed?**

Memorial plaques and headstones may be purchased directly through Arborcrest, the funeral home, an outside vendor, or on-line. Installation may be arranged by Arborcrest or by an outside vendor with approval of Arborcrest.

#### **Optional Grave Border (Coping)**

A border enclosure (coping) around each grave site is optional. At Arborcrest the only acceptable coping is blue/gray granite as the edging material with natural pebbles placed within the border. Wolmanized wood enclosures are no longer permitted.

Gravesites may either be left natural (grass only) or enclosed with the granite coping and pebbles. Some families prefer to put coping around the headstone only.

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If coping is desired, it must be purchased from and installed by Arborcrest. To see sample gravesites with different coping borders and for current prices contact Arborcrest Cemetery.

### **Non-Permitted Decorations**

To facilitate perpetual care and maintenance of gravesites and to maintain an appropriate and uniform overall cemetery appearance, the planting of flower beds, ground cover, plants, shrubs, or placement of artificial flowers on gravesites is discouraged. Installing flower pots or plants on pole stands is also discouraged. All withered plants or flowers must be removed by November 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

### **Perpetual Care**

All Michigan cemeteries are required by law to maintain separate accounting and funding for perpetual care from the sale of burial property. This includes grass cutting, weeding, maintenance of buildings, grounds, trees and roads in the cemetery. Families will never receive a bill for these ongoing maintenance services.

### **Memorial Marker “Unveiling” (Matzevah)**

The traditional time and practice for the unveiling of the grave memorial marker that some congregants choose to follow is 11 months after death. A short service with family, friends, and clergy is held at the cemetery at this time.

However, the ordering, engraving, delivery, and installation of a memorial marker may take three to four months. Therefore, if families wish to follow this practice sufficient lead time is needed to assure the marker will be delivered and installed by the desired date.

Note that Arborcrest does not install memorial markers during winter months. Please contact the cemetery for these date restrictions so that you may plan appropriately.

### **Further Information/Questions/Current Pricing/Sizes & Types of Permitted Memorials**

Contact Arborcrest Cemetery:

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