



Case Statement

Hebrew Cemetery Association

Why Create Your Jewish Legacy with the Hebrew Cemetery Association?

Three powerful words are at the core of the Hebrew Cemetery's sacred mission: **Honor - Celebrate - Embrace**. These words capture the essence of the cemetery's purpose: to honor the past, to celebrate the present and to embrace the future.

The Hebrew Cemetery (HCA) is a community cemetery, not governed by any one synagogue. These sacred grounds unite the community since they are available to all Jews, regardless of affiliation. Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis supervise the cemetery's religious policies.

Honoring our departed is a central value of Judaism. Our rabbis teach that the mitzvah of honoring our dead is among our most sacred. Caring for the Hebrew Cemetery that hosts the physical remains of our loved ones is a tangible way to perform this mitzvah. To embrace the future we need your assistance. Your legacy gift ensures that these holy grounds will endure as a historic haven with its beauty secured forever.

The Hebrew Cemetery was the first Jewish organization in Charlotte. When Jews settled here in 1867, they created the cemetery before they built a school or even a synagogue. Our forefathers founded the cemetery on 11 acres of land near the city center. Today, the Hebrew Cemetery is a vital participant of our Jewish community serving the Greater Charlotte area and parts of North and South Carolina.

Over the last couple of decades, the Hebrew Cemetery has been transformed into a place of beauty and serenity. In anticipation of future needs, the cemetery recently doubled the number of plots available. The expansion included a new Memorial Building, which provides space for small funerals, memorials and unveilings. Mourners have access to a kiosk which helps locate the graves of their loved ones.

Membership in and support of the cemetery is separate from support of one's own congregation, and membership fees are set at just a few dollars per month. Members have an opportunity to pre-plan, or to make burial arrangements in advance, saving their families stress in a time of grief.

The Hebrew Cemetery has only asked for funds three times in its 145 year history. While membership dues and burial fees cover a significant portion of the cemetery's expenses, our Hebrew Cemetery needs the support of the entire community to remain in perpetuity.

The Hebrew Cemetery relies upon the generosity of our Jewish community to help:

- Maintain the beauty of the cemetery in perpetuity
- Enable cemetery staff to provide services and comfort for families
- Provide burial plots for the indigent members of the Jewish community



For more information about how to create your Jewish legacy, contact Sandra Goldman, 704-576-1859 or director@hebrewcemetery.org

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