

Emanuel Synagogue Cemetery, 1361 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, CT 06109:

- Established 1921
- 44 acres (33 acres are woods)
- Chapel building on cemetery grounds
- About 3,400 graves
- 24 to 31 burials per year (last 6 years)
- Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

Emanuel Synagogue and Emanuel Synagogue Cemetery are one legal entity:

- ESC is logistically separated from the Synagogue, has its own checking account and separate funds.
- The Emanuel Synagogue's treasurer and the Synagogue's bookkeepers are responsible for the cemetery's financials (paying bills, making deposits, and generating cemetery financial reports).

ESC Committee has 10 volunteers/Synagogue members:

Judy Brown, Joyce Flescher, Meyer Frankel, Alan Goodman, Faith Helene, Peter Mehlman, Don Miller, Joanne Pasternack, Jeff Rudolph, Jay Smith.

- Committee Chairperson** – Meyer Frankel (since 01-01-18), Reports to the VP of Ritual Affairs.
- Cemetery Administrator** – Karen Piacenta (since December 1, 2021) (Synagogue employee, paid from cemetery funds). Reports to Cemetery Committee Chairperson.

ESC Committee Meetings:

- Weekday Committee Zoom Meetings:** meets at 10 AM, 2 times per month.
 - . Invitees: Cemetery Administrator, Jeff Rudolph and 4 cemetery committee members and 2 guests.
 - . Cemetery Chairperson runs the meeting.
- Night time Committee Zoom Meetings:** meets at 7:30 PM, 3 to 4 times a year.
 - . Invitees: All 10 Cemetery Committee members, Cemetery Administrator, Synagogue's President and VP of Ritual Affairs, Synagogue Treasurer, Rabbi Small and guests.
 - . Cemetery Chairperson runs the meeting.

ES Cemetery's records:

- Cemetery plot cards, cemetery "deeds" and cemetery "surveyor" maps are stored at the Emanuel Synagogue Office (West Hartford, CT).
- The cemetery database (Excel Spreadsheets) and the above records are maintained by the Cemetery Administrator.
- Cemetery records were reverified in 2020/2021 by comparing names and dates on the cemetery's monuments with names and dates in the cemetery's database (Excel Spreadsheets).

ES Cemetery employs US Cemetery Services, LLC:

- Performs interments (grave digging for funerals) and installs grave marker foundations.
- Keeper of Emanuel cemetery grounds (lawn mowing and snow plowing).
- Performs grooming of grass (reseeding) near monuments as needed.
- Replace fallen monuments and patch cemetery roads (potholes).
- The Emanuel Cemetery has a one-year contract with US Cemetery, LLC: ends June 30, 2024.

ES Cemetery Interfaith / Inclusive Section:

- Approved by the Emanuel Synagogue's Board of Trustees: August 2015 and May 2019.
- Constructed a paved road that separates the Interfaith Section from the rest of the cemetery (2019).

ES Cemetery Committee's other Commitments:

- Yearly Services at the Cemetery:** held on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- Genizah:** Burial of religious items and articles (last performed: August 2019 and Dec. 2022).
- The cemetery's "Rules and Regulations" document** was written and is updated by the cemetery. . The last update was in 2019 to incorporate the "Interfaith/Inclusive Section" of the cemetery.
- The cemetery submits monthly Town of Wethersfield's interment forms (death permits).**

Recent Chapel Renovations:

- Installed a new handicap accessible bathroom. Sponsored by an Emanuel congregant (2017).
- Installed a permanent ramp (entrance to cemetery chapel) (2019).
- Painted the exterior of the chapel building (2020).
- Installed five new insulated windows (2021).
- Installed four new insulated exterior doors (2022).
- Painted the chapel's garage doors (2022).
- Repaired water damage to the chapel's ceiling (2022).

Recent Exterior Cemetery Repairs:

- Rebuilt cement stairs on hilly section of cemetery lawn (across from the chapel building (2019).
 - Replaced the exterior brick stairs, located across the road from the chapel building (2021).
 - Repaired the cemetery's stonewall near the Cemetery's entrance gate (2021).
 - Painted the cemetery's flag pole and replace the US Flag (2021).
 - Repaired cemetery's entrance gate (2022).
 - Patched cemetery roads (pot holes) (2022).
 - Power washed cemetery monuments (2022 and 2023) in Cemetery Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, A, B.
 - Plan to power wash the remaining cemetery grave markers after 07-01-2023 in Sections 8, 9, C.
- Note:** Cemetery's Section 5 (around the chapel building) has no graves.

Emanuel Synagogue Cemetery Committee's mission statement:

To honor the memory of all our loved ones by properly maintaining, supervising, and administering the Emanuel Synagogue cemetery in a manner that is religiously appropriate for a Conservative Synagogue.

Cemeteries on the "campus" of the Emanuel Synagogue Cemetery:

- (Emanuel Synagogue Cemetery 1361 Berlin Tpke, Wethersfield, CT 06109)
- Piaterer Varin Cemetery 1361 Berlin Tpke, Wethersfield, CT 06109
- Beth David Cemetery 1361 Berlin Tpke, Wethersfield, CT 06109
- United Synagogues Cemetery 1361 Berlin Tpke, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Cemeteries near (up the road from) the Emanuel Synagogue Cemetery:

- B'nai Shalom Cemetery Jordan Lane, Wethersfield, CT 06109
- Beth Torah Cemetery Jordan Lane, Wethersfield, CT 06109
- Kol Haverim Cemetery Jordan Lane, Wethersfield, CT 06109
- Beth Tefillah Cemetery Jordan Lane, Wethersfield, CT 06109
- Southington Jewish Congregation Jordan Lane, Wethersfield, CT 06109