

Governance Committee

January 2024 Report To The Board of Trustees

To: Board of Trustees

From: Governance Committee (L Blumenfeld, R. Teitelman, R Gollob, M. Libbin)

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Over the approximately 5 months since the last Report the Governance Committee (GC) its members have met and have exchanged emails to provide opinion and advice on a variety of matters, including the legality and viability of prepaid interments at the Emanuel Cemetery as well as the pitfalls that would entail, modifications to the Conflict of Interest policy to correct an unintended inclusion, employee-related issues, issues related to compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws amendments that were adopted last fiscal year, and most recently, the Emanuel Cemetery Rules & Regulations (Rules) and the format of the document used to convey rights to plots and graves.

With regard to the GC's current activity, the Emanuel Cemetery Rules & Regulations and the form of agreement to sell/purchase interment rights, the Committee has made a detailed review of the existing Rules & Regulations and purchase-sale form, and at this point is in the process of obtaining input from the Cemetery Committee, The Cemetery Task Force, and Rabbi Small in order to understand and clarify the meaning and intent of many of the provisions of the Rules and their interaction. Once the Committee has a clear understanding of the intent and meaning that the Rules are to convey, it will draft amendments as seem appropriate or needed and will submit them first to the Cemetery Task Force and the Cemetery for input and comment. Once the Task Force approves the amended version, the Committee expects it to be submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee and the BOT.

Lou Blumenfeld, Chair