Unveiling Information and Tips for Families

An unveiling is the ceremonial dedication of a memorial marker or headstone at a loved one's grave. Its primary purpose is to mark the deceased's final resting place, honor their life, and provide a focal point for remembrance in the years to come. An unveiling may take place any time after Shloshim (30 days following the funeral), though many families choose to hold it 11 months to one year after the passing, marking the conclusion of the formal mourning period. Because monument dealers may require several months to prepare a memorial, we encourage families to plan accordingly.

Scheduling Your Unveiling

- An unveiling fee of **$300** applies and may be paid online via the JCAM website at the time of scheduling.
- Once your unveiling is scheduled using the link below, JCAM will notify the monument dealer and coordinate the veiling of the monument.

  Important: All unveilings must be scheduled through JCAM in advance. Families may not arrange unveilings directly through monument dealers or proceed with an unveiling without notifying JCAM. Scheduling through JCAM helps ensure that cemetery staff, caretakers, and monument dealers are properly notified and that the site is prepared for the service. JCAM cannot be responsible for any issues, disruptions, delays, conflicts, lack of cemetery preparation, or other service-related concerns associated with unveilings that have not been scheduled through our office. Unveilings are not considered confirmed until they have been scheduled with JCAM.

  https://jcam.org/schedule-an-unveiling/

- Unveilings are not scheduled between **December 1 and February 28**.

Preparing the Monument

- Some monument dealers will arrange the veiling of the monument for you, while others do not. If you are unsure, please contact your monument dealer directly.
- To help ensure the monument remains covered until the service, consider bringing a pillowcase or knitted blanket as a backup in case the veil has been removed or blown away.
- For best results, the monument should be veiled shortly before the unveiling to prevent the covering from becoming dirty or misplaced.

Please note:

- JCAM does not provide veils or cover the monuments with veils.

Resources

- Sample unveiling prayers are available on the JCAM website.
- If you would like a rabbi to lead the service, JCAM can provide a list of rabbis upon request.

Preparing for the Day of the Service

- Tents and chairs can be arranged through JCAM for an additional fee. To ensure availability, requests should be made at least **14 days in advance**. Requests made after this window may not be accommodated. Families may not arrange tents or chairs independently through rental companies.
- Because cemetery grounds can be uneven, families may wish to have several chairs available for guests who may need them.
- During periods of hot, humid, rainy, or cooler weather, bringing bottled water and umbrellas is recommended for the comfort of attendees.

Cemetery Preparation

To help ensure the unveiling proceeds smoothly, JCAM will notify the cemetery caretaker in advance to inspect the site.

Rescheduling or Changes

If you need to reschedule, postpone, or change the time of your unveiling, please contact the JCAM Staff member listed below as soon as possible.

Please note that burials always take precedence over unveilings at the cemetery. If a burial must occur at the same time and location as your scheduled service, our caretaker will do their best to make a slight adjustment to ensure privacy and respect for all families involved.

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