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Dear Or VeShalom Member:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with policy updates regarding our associations with Arlington Memorial Park and Greenwood Cemeteries. For each of the aforementioned cemeteries, policies are as follows:

Arlington Memorial Park (201 Mount Vernon Highway, Atlanta, GA 30328):

1. Congregation Or VeShalom (OVS) does **not** own the property.
2. Arlington sets the prices for the purchase of the lots. Therefore, the financial transaction is between the OVS member and Arlington Memorial Park.
3. Only surface memorials/monuments are permitted in the OVS section. Arlington Memorial Park does **not** permit upright monuments.
4. The sale of plots is between an individual OVS member and Arlington Memorial Park.
Congregation Or VeShalom is not involved in the financial transaction.
5. The State of Georgia requires that a vault be used for all burials. Therefore, in addition to the price for the individual plot, a vault for the plot must also be purchased **at an additional cost exclusively from Arlington Memorial Park**. Arlington will allow OVS members to purchase the vault either pre-need (before the plot is needed for use) or at the time of need prior to the burial, along with opening and closing fees.
6. In accordance with Orthodox Jewish Law (*Halacha*), a non- Jewish person **cannot** be buried in the OVS section at Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery.
7. Any and all contacts pertaining to Arlington Memorial Park **must** go through Ms. Maureen David, our authorized agent, who is fully cognizant of OVS cemetery policies. Her phone number is 404-255-0750.
8. Only those OVS members paying the **FULL MEMBERSHIP** dues category are allowed to purchase a plot in the OVS section at Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery.

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Greenwood Cemetery (1173 Cascade Circle, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30311):

1. Congregation Or VeShalom owns the OVS sections of property at Greenwood Cemetery.
2. OVS members paying the **FULL MEMBERSHIP** dues category and in **good standing** are entitled to a **single** burial plot at no charge in the OVS Cemetery section at Greenwood Cemetery. The plot is a **single plot** and is **not** reserved. It is available to the member at time of death and the location is in the area that is referred to as "**In Line**".
3. OVS members paying the **FULL MEMBERSHIP** dues category and in **good standing**, at their option, can give up the right to a single plot and can purchase a **reservation** for a pair of plots in a pre-selected area of the OVS section at Greenwood Cemetery. Effective April 30, 2010, the price to reserve a pair of plots is \$2,000.00. It should be clearly understood that the member is **not** purchasing the plots, but rather, is purchasing the right to **reserve** a pair of plots.
4. Listed below is the OVS policy for a member to purchase the right to **reserve a pair of plots** at Greenwood Cemetery:
 - A. **Pay in full for the reservation (\$2,000, effective April 30, 2010).**
 - B. **The plots can only be used by the member and his or her spouse or other designated family members (designee must be Jewish)**
 - C. **Reservations are not transferrable**
 - D. **Names of those members reserving the plots must be listed on cemetery plot maps (provided by the OVS Bikur Holim committee) at time of reservation.**
5. Reservation fee does **not** entitle the member to plot ownership. The plot remains the property of Congregation Or VeShalom. OVS, acting through the Bikur Holim committee, has the final decision as to who will be buried in the OVS section at Greenwood Cemetery. The plot reservation fee **does not include any costs that are incurred at the time of burial.**
6. **ANY MEMBER WHO CHOOSES TO RESERVE A PLOT MUST REMAIN A MEMBER OF CONGREGATION OR VESHALOM. SHOULD A MEMBER RESIGN MEMBERSHIP WITH THE SYNAGOGUE, THE PLOT WILL AUTOMATICALLY REVERT BACK TO THE SYNAGOGUE.**
7. Any monuments that are placed on the grave must be in accordance with the policies set out by OVS through the Bikur Holim Committee and Greenwood Cemetery management. There are certain restrictions and standards that must be adhered to that are the policies of Greenwood Cemetery.

8. Non-Member Policy

The OVS section in Greenwood Cemetery is intended for the exclusive use of OVS members. However, there are circumstances that require a variance to this policy so that a non-member can be buried in the OVS section. The decision with respect to this policy variance rests solely with the Bikur Holim Committee and the Rabbi.

9. The policy listed in Paragraphs 4 and 5 also apply to non-members. The difference being fees charged to effect a burial, listed in the next paragraph.
10. Effective April 30, 2010, the fees to effect a burial for a **non-member** of OVS are \$2,000 for a single plot and \$4,000 for a double plot (should the **non-member** choose to **reserve** a plot for a spouse or a designated family member of the Jewish faith.)
11. In accordance with Orthodox Jewish Law (*Halacha*), a non- Jewish person **cannot** be buried in the OVS sections at Greenwood Cemetery.
12. Any and all contacts pertaining to Greenwood Cemetery **must** go through the Chairman or Associate Chairman of the OVS Bikur Holim Committee.

Any and all Halachic issues regarding these policies must go through Rabbi Kassorla.

The OVS Bereavement Guide, which fully describes services that are conducted by Congregation Or VeShalom for the membership during their time of need, is available in booklet form in the OVS office.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We urge you to discuss these policies with your families.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Bikur Holim

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