



**East London and Essex Liberal Synagogue
(ELELS)
Burial and Cremation Scheme**

This leaflet is designed to give you an overview of the synagogue's Burial and Cremation Scheme and the options that are open to you as a member of the Scheme. We encourage you to discuss the options with your next of kin and/or make your wishes known to the synagogue's Burial Officers.

The Scheme

ELELS is one of 14 synagogues that participate in Liberal Judaism's Burial and Cremation Scheme. Under the Scheme Liberal Judaism (LJ) oversees the maintenance of the cemeteries and contracts with a preferred undertaker to arrange burials and cremations.

How this is Financed

Part of your annual membership subscription fees is paid into a separate fund administered by the Burial Officers, which is set aside to pay for individuals' burials or cremations. If you join the synagogue later in life you will be asked to pay a one off "overage" fee to ensure your entitlement to these services. Alternatively, if you are transferring to ELELS from one of the other LJ communities you will be able to transfer your Scheme rights along with your membership.

What does the Scheme Provide?

The LJ Scheme provides a standard burial or cremation, the scope of which is determined by each synagogue. At ELELS a standard funeral covers collection of the deceased on weekdays, during working hours and inside the M25 area; transportation of the deceased to the funeral or crematorium, a simple coffin and a single or in-depth (for the deceased and one close relative) burial plot. The Rabbi's services at the funeral and any subsequent stone setting are also included.

The Cemeteries

LJ's Burial and Cremation Scheme offers a choice of burial at Cheshunt (Western Cemetery) or Edgwarebury Lane. The standard scheme also covers cremation at Hoop Lane, Golders Green. Please note there are other crematoria that will offer a service, such as Forest Park, Hainault but there might be a surcharge.

A further option has been added to the current list following the establishment of the Woodland Cemetery at Cheshunt. Woodland burials offer a more natural setting and are now offered at Cheshunt and Edgwarebury, however this is subject to **additional cost**.

You and Your Family

Each subscribing adult (and their children under 21 years of age) is a member of the Scheme. If you are in a mixed faith relationship the non-Jewish partner may also join the Scheme by becoming a Friend of the synagogue.

Membership of the Scheme is only via affiliation to the synagogue. As long as individuals remain members they retain burial rights and can be buried (or cremated) together at Cheshunt or Edgwarebury.

Memorials

The Scheme does not include the purchase and installation of a memorial stone. Arrangement should be made by next of kin direct with the stonemason and this must be approved by the cemetery.

Where cremation was chosen, ashes can be interred at Cheshunt in the Columbarium or at Edgwarebury in the rose garden. It may also be possible to arrange for the interment of ashes in an existing grave. Please note that the scattering of ashes is not permitted at any Jewish cemetery.

Extra Charges

There are various scenarios or options that may be added to the funeral package. You and your next of kin need to be aware these will incur an additional charge. These include: collection of the deceased out of hours or outside the M25; a formal hearse or mourner's limousine; viewing of the body at funeral premises; tahara/ritual washing; reserving the adjoining grave space (at the time of the funeral); interment of cremated remains at Cheshunt or rose bush and bronze plaque at Edgwarebury. The Rabbi and the Burial Officers will always endeavor to forewarn relatives of such costs and discuss their choices with them.

Peace of Mind

In reality many people join a synagogue to celebrate a life cycle event or to plan for the end of life. The ELELS Scheme gives you and your next of kin the certainty that support will be available and most or all costs will be covered immediately following a death.

In the Event of a Death

At least one of the following people should be informed:

Michael King Funeral Directors (undertakers): 020 8368 7453

mobile: 07595 956936

Rabbi Jacobi: 07802 810580

The ELELS office administrator: 020 8989 7619 (during office hours)

Lastly if you wish to discuss any of the matters in this document please contact a Burial Officer, Sue Nathanson or Jane Porte: 07922 904643

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