

## You are Welcome at Adath Yeshurun Cemetery

Ensuring your family is supported during the grieving process is important to you. That's why Adath Yeshurun Cemetery, an inclusive Jewish family cemetery, welcomes you to its beautiful, park-like grounds. Established in 1885, several years before its site, Edina, was incorporated as a village, Adath Yeshurun has provided many Jewish families with comfort, care and peace.

Adath Yeshurun Cemetery Association is a not-forprofit Minnesota corporation that owns and operates Adath Yeshurun Cemetery. The cemetery is not affiliated with any Jewish synagogues in the Twin Cities, and welcomes Reform, Conservative and Orthodox burials. Jewish and non-Jewish spouses may be buried together in a special interfaith area created especially for this purpose.

Our ongoing mission is to care for the whole family: those who will be here forever and those who will find solace in visiting. Your time with us will be well-spent. Your complete comfort is paramount.





## **About Adath Yeshurun Cemetery: Our Roots Will Become Yours**

A Jewish burial in a cemetery that welcomes Jewish families is important to you. Adath Yeshurun holds the same ideals you do for care of your loved one, in a beautiful, park-like setting adjacent to Minnehaha Creek. Cottonwood and oak trees are among those providing shade and shelter, and it is not unusual to spot visiting wildlife. Adath Yeshurun is a restful spot for all.

## **How It All Began**

In the late nineteenth century, recent Lithuanian, Romanian and Russian immigrants to the area were eager to create a burial ground that adhered to strict Orthodox burial practices. At the time, it was traditional for Jewish burial grounds to be located outside city limits, even though it would be a long trip for them to visit loved ones from their homes in north Minneapolis.

And so Adath Yeshurun Cemetery, the second-oldest Jewish cemetery in Minneapolis, was established on a

two-acre plot of land purchased by Nathan and Estella Gumbiner in Richfield Township, on a hill overlooking Minnehaha Creek. The cemetery's existence preceded the incorporation of its newly named home of Edina in 1888.

Two significant additions to Adath Yeshurun Cemetery highlight the strategic planning of its early Association leadership. Early in the 20th century, one gift aided the construction of a chapel that continues to provide religious service and family gathering space onsite. Another gift resulted in the construction of a caretaker's house, making Adath Yeshurun the only Jewish cemetery in the Twin Cities to employ a full-time caretaker living on-site. Having a caretaker on-site immeasurably decreases the possibility of vandalism and damage.

Since the cemetery's first burial in 1885, more than 2,000 people have chosen Adath Yeshurun for their final resting place or for a relative. Some families trace family burials at Adath Yeshurun back seven generations. And although Adath Yeshurun Cemetery was founded on Orthodox Judaism's burial traditions exclusively, it has adapted to changing family needs and cultural requests. Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Jews all are welcome. An interfaith area is available so that



Jewish and non-Jewish spouses may be buried together. Remains that have been cremated with a Rabbi's supervision also will be buried at Adath Yeshurun.

Because Adath Yeshurun is a Jewish family cemetery, because of its beauty, because of its tranquility and because you and your family always will be welcome, visit us. Burial options and contact information is on following pages.

## **Remembrance and Service Options, Forms**

For detailed information, please refer to our website: adatheyeshurun.com

Choice of lots – Adath Yeshurun Cemetery offers lots in four areas, comprising different burial and marker choices. You may choose from in-ground burial with monument; in-ground burial with flower box and flat marker; in-ground cremated remains burial; and burial in the interfaith area.

**Burial site and service options** – You will find many choices for burial of your loved one and ongoing beautification and maintenance of the burial site at affordable prices.

Monuments – Monuments are constructed individually. We require that all monuments meet cemetery specifications and that all memorials have a foundation to ensure that your investment lasts. Monuments, Flower Boxes & Markers require cemetery approval prior to ordering.

Flower Box & Flat Marker – You may choose your preferred color of granite and design content.

Should you decide, you may also desire a bench for placement on your burial site. You may choose your preferred color of granite and design content.

For more detail, contact **Yehuda Polter, cemetery manager** 952-922-1072 or email at Manager@adathyeshuruncemetery.org



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