

## **Rutland Jewish Cemetery Committee Meeting April 21, 2026**

Present: Mj Hochberg, Barry Cohen, Carolyn Devlin, and Brad Hart. Absent Suana Rubin

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am. The Minutes from the May 2025 and October 2025 meetings were approved by a motion from Barry Cohen, seconded by Carolyn Devlin.

### **Old Business**

#### **Cemetery Sustainability**

The Cemetery Association was briefly discussed again, and Barry will look into it. After the Cemetery workday, this will be our focus.

**Corner Markers** are ready to be installed, and the committee, after discussion, decided to tackle this project on our annual workday on June 7. Brad and Barry will go to the cemetery ahead of time and mark out where the markers should go.

**Safety concerns about a headstone** were discussed. Bowker and Son will be able to repair the headstone, and Mj will finalize the details with the individual family.

**The headstone complaint issue** was discussed, and Mj shared the details of what she has learned from 4 different memorial companies with the committee. A diligent and long discussion ensued. Mj will meet with the complainant and discuss the available options with the family.

### **New Business**

**1-Cemetery accounting tracking.** A discussion ensued regarding the need for a smooth transition of receiving payments and donations from members and non-members into our accounting system. Barry Cohen will speak to the board and attempt to devise a plan moving forward.

**2-Memorial Day** was discussed, and Mj will contact Israel and Josh Mac about placing flags. Mj will provide the flags.

**3-Spring workday** was discussed. June 7, 2026, 8:30 am — 2 pm ish is the planned time. The community is becoming aware of the upcoming event, with Gabriella adding it to the eNewsletter and website. As the date gets closer, more targeted advertising will be sent out. We will move things forward as we have done in the past. Individuals will be contacted regarding their volunteer service, needed supplies, etc. As stated above, we will be having the “crew” install the corner markers in the new section.

**4-Website visibility.** It was noted that the Cemetery information is not easily found on the RJC website. It is not intuitive to search for Cemetery information under Lifecycle Events. Mj will speak to Judy regarding placement.

**5-Artistic Memorial** has closed its business, and per Brad Hart's recommendation, Bowker and Son is the recommended monument company.

**6-Mowers.** We will have a new company mowing the lawns this year, and Carolyn Devlin is on top of that.

**7-Rules and Regulations.** A brief discussion was had regarding tweaking some of the wording in our Rules and Regulations. More thought needs to go into this, and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am, and Mj will contact the committee if we need to meet before the June 7 workday.

Mj Hochberg  
Rutland Jewish Cemetery Chair