

## RJC Cemetery Committee Report February 6, 2024

Cemetery Committee—Barry Cohen, Carolyn Devlin, Brad Hart, and Mj Hochberg

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The **New Cemetery Fees** are posted, and letters have been sent. **As expected**, this has generated many phone calls, and emails. If you hold a **current** Cemetery Plot Reservation, you have until February 17, 2024, to purchase your plot(s) at the previous rates. I will be contacting those individuals that we have not heard from next week.

The **Mapping** is complete on the new section and plots are ready to sell.

**Volunteers for Spring Planting** to beautify the front of the new entrance and road are needed. Please contact someone on the Cemetery Committee if this is something you would be interested in helping us with.

Records continue to be updated. Contribute any obituaries, death certificates, etc., for our records.

The Cemetery Committee is meeting Tuesday morning, February 20, 2024 at 10 AM. If you have questions or concerns; please contact Mj Hochberg.

Pictures sent to Board regarding continued trespass debris on our property. Committee concerns over snowmobile riders over the new road also expressed to the Board.

## **RJC Cemetery Committee Board of Directors Report March 29, 2024**

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**No trespassing signs** have been purchased. A volunteer will be needed to post them.

Our records are a valuable resource for the cemetery. If you have any obituaries, death certificates, or other relevant documents, please consider contributing them to our records. Your contribution will help us maintain a comprehensive and accurate database.

**The Cemetery Committee meets** Friday, April 12, 2024, at 10:30 AM.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mj Hochberg.

# **RJC Cemetery Committee Report**

## **April 2024 Cemetery Board Report**

Cemetery Committee—Barry Cohen, Carolyn Devlin, Brad Hart, and Mj Hochberg

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Attached Cemetery Checklist

# The Board of Directors of the Rutland Jewish Center Cemetery May 2024 Report

As some of you may be aware, in addition to working on the recommendations for the updated fee schedule, the Cemetery Committee deemed it an opportune time to review and update the Rutland Jewish Cemetery (only) section of the By-Laws. We have just [thankfully] finished our arduous journey. We are ready to bring our recommendations to the Board of Directors for input into this process and a possible membership vote at the June General Membership Meeting.

The committee has worked diligently for some time, gathering information and meeting regularly to articulate what we believe are much-needed changes and amendments to the decade-old bylaws, which we feel would reflect a more straightforward and modern approach. We have also created a New Rutland Jewish Cemetery Rules and Regulations document to make managing the cemetery easier and to reflect a more consistent policy moving forward.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

The Cemetery Committee  
Barry Cohen, Carolyn Devlin, Brad Hart, and Mj Hochberg

Attached Documents  
Rules and Regulations  
Proposed By-Law Changes

# RJC Cemetery Committee Report June 9, 2024

Cemetery Committee—Barry Cohen, Carolyn Devlin, Brad Hart, and Mj Hochberg

The RJC Cemetery website page has a few links that no longer work. We are working on updating the information. Please bear with me as I recreate these pages and links.

The Cemetery Committee is **delighted with the “Expansion” and the work that has been done** to date. If you haven’t checked it out, please do so, especially as we have entered the summer season. **Donations to the Cemetery are urgently needed to replenish the endowment fund.** Our income from burial plot sales and donations this past fiscal year was \$9530.00, which should cover our mowing expenses this season. Thank you for your continued support.

The Committee met many times this past fiscal year, and its notes and minutes are available on the website's members-only section.

Monthly Inspection reports are also found on the RJC website in the members-only section.

**The Cemetery Grounds** —are looking good. We had another successful **Cemetery Workday** on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Again, thanks to all our RJC and VOCA volunteers. A potential Fall workday is possible.

**Cemetery Roads—The old and new roads have held up well. The Cemetery Volunteers weeded the circle,** and we hope to plant in it soon. Assistance is needed.

**Burial Sites** —The new section is meticulously mapped out, and plots are now available for sale. We are delighted to share that we sold eight cemetery plots in 2023/2024.

**Monuments** —**Don't hesitate to contact me** if you wish to clean your family’s headstones. I have the proper solution to use [D2] and am happy to provide instructions on cleaning **headstones properly.**

**Flagpole** — Repair is still needed.

## Current:

**The Cemetery Committee proposed an update to the Cemetery Bylaws to the Board of Trustees.** The board has approved the updates to be presented to the general membership, and copies are available for the membership to peruse.

**Fencing** options are being explored by the committee.

All **known Yahrzeits** are on the RJC website in the **Members Only** section. Contact Mj if you need a new login. If you have loved ones buried in our cemetery, please send the obituaries, photos, and memories to Mj.

## Future Work:

**Spring Plantings** to beautify the new entrance and road are being planned. Your assistance is needed to accomplish this. Please get in touch with Mj if you would like to help.

**Records—We continue to search for obituaries, death certificates, etc., for our records.** This past year, the increase in genealogical research has highlighted the need to document our records.

Anyone wishing to assist in this endeavor is welcome to assist.

The Board of Trustees of the Rutland Jewish Center  
Cemetery Committee  
July 2024 Report

The Cemetery Monthly Inspection report was sent to the RJC Secretary.

The Board of Trustees presented the proposed Cemetery By-law amendment to the membership at the June General membership. The RJC Board will set a meeting for the membership to vote on the proposed By-law change.

The committee recommends that members direct their questions to Mj Hochberg, who can be reached by phone at 802-236-4387 or by email at [cemetery@rutlandjewishcenter.org](mailto:cemetery@rutlandjewishcenter.org).

The cemetery has been quiet this past month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mj Hochberg  
Cemetery Committee Chair

# The Board of Trustees of the Rutland Jewish Center Cemetery Committee August 2024 Report

The Cemetery Monthly Inspection report was sent to the RJC Secretary and is uploaded on the website.

The Board of Trustees presented the proposed Cemetery By-law amendment to the membership at the June General membership. The Special General membership to vote on the proposed By-law changes is set for Sunday, August 25 @ 10 AM.

The cemetery has had the usual summer activity: phone calls and cemetery visits for prospective plot sales. Several plots have been sold this month. One issue with Clifford Funeral Home was encountered and subsequently resolved. The cemetery committee, the President of the RJC, and the Rabbi were informed of the issue. If the Board wishes to discuss this, it should be done during the Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted, Mj Hochberg  
Cemetery Committee Chair

# The Board of Trustees of the Rutland Jewish Center Cemetery Committee October 2024 Report

The Cemetery Monthly Inspection report was sent to the RJC Secretary and is uploaded on the website.

The Cemetery Committee met at the cemetery to discuss our fencing needs. The committee chose a fencing style like what is currently in front. The fencing will be in the front of the new section, connecting to the old section and leaving a space open at the beginning of the 'new' road. It will cost up to 5K.

We are also taking a proactive approach to the cemetery's aesthetics. This fall, we plan to do a little landscaping, adding a few trees closer to the front to block the airport view and planting plants in the front to match the older section and/or in the circle on the new road. We are requesting a budget of \$2500.00 to accomplish these items. We would love to have volunteers to assist with this. Please get in touch with me if you can help us.

The committee requests that the Board approve up to \$7500.00 to accomplish this.

There has been the usual summer season activity of phone calls, visits, questions, etc., regarding the cemetery. To date, we have sold thirteen plots this year.

Respectfully Submitted, Mj Hochberg  
Cemetery Committee Chair

# The Board of Trustees of the Rutland Jewish Center Cemetery Committee November 2024 Report

The Cemetery Monthly Inspection report was sent to the RJC Board Secretary and has been uploaded to the website.

The seasonal care of the cemetery has gone smoothly with the new vendor. I must check with the treasurer to see how much lawn care costs this season. However, I am not sure what adjustments could be made to lower those costs.

The Cemetery Committee has ordered the new fencing. While the chances of it being installed before winter are slim, it will likely be installed in March or April.

Carolyn Devlin took advantage of end-of-season sales and began landscaping in the circle, adding shrubs and plants. There is still room for additional annuals and perennials in the spring. We need some volunteers for this endeavor in the spring. Please let me know if you have a desire to garden for us.

The usual summer season activity of phone calls, visits, questions, etc., regarding the cemetery, with a slight uptick in activity this fall. We have sold thirteen plots to date this year. I have met with several individuals in the last two weeks, and our first cremation plot is being processed as I write this report.

Respectfully Submitted, Mj Hochberg  
Cemetery Committee Chair

# The Board of Trustees of the Rutland Jewish Center Cemetery Committee December 2024 Report

To date this year, the cemetery has sold Fourteen plots. I consistently report cemetery Plot sales in the Cemetery Board reports, but I was asked to make this more transparent. I hope this helps.

The Cemetery Monthly Inspection report was sent to the RJC Board Secretary and uploaded to the website.

The new vendor has handled the seasonal care of the cemetery smoothly, and we are delighted with its appearance. However, I still need the treasurer's numbers to report on how well we estimated the costs for this year.

The cemetery fencing has been ordered. The fencing will likely be installed in March or April when the snow melts and the ground unfreezes.

I hope everyone has seen the start of the landscaping in the circle that Carolyn Devlin undertook to plant for us; many thanks to her for her dedication. The cemetery committee needs volunteers for this spring's landscaping. Please let me know if you want to help us this Spring with this effort.

The summer and fall seasons have been as busy as they usually are. There are always inquiries, phone calls, visits, questions, etc., regarding the cemetery, with a slight uptick in activity this fall. I even received three calls while I was out of the country on vacation.

In the last month, I have spoken to seven individuals on the phone and met with three individuals at the cemetery regarding purchasing a cemetery plot. I have also sent several photos to individuals inquiring about available gravesites in the old section. Those sales are still being determined. I always apprise the Board when a sale is finalized.

I was also asked to provide more clarification regarding the office administration workload regarding the Cemetery Committee requests. The office administrator does not send Yahrzeit letters and email notifications for the Cemetery Committee. *Yahrzeit* letters and email notifications are done solely by the Rutland Jewish Center's office administrator to benefit the Rutland Jewish Center, not the Cemetery Committee. The RJC secretary/administrator has always had these items on their weekly task list after the *Rebbitzen* gave this job up in the early days of Rabbi Goldberg.

The only burden the Cemetery Committee, or I, place on the office administrator for the Cemetery is:

- 1-Notify me (the chair) of any donations for the cemetery and payments for any cemetery plots sold. The Cemetery Committee has no other way of being notified when someone has completed a sale, and I, as the chair, need to send the individual or family an **official** deed stating that they have indeed purchased burial rights to a specific cemetery plot in the Rutland Jewish Cemetery.

2. Forward any inquiries or questions regarding the cemetery to me or another committee member.

Respectfully Submitted, Mj Hochberg  
Cemetery Committee Chair