

NORTHWOOD & PINNER LIBERAL SYNAGOGUE
BURIAL CREMATION AND FUNERAL EXPENSES SCHEME
(effective 12 December 2018)

1. Subject to payment of the appropriate annual subscription, Scheme benefits are available for all Full and Associate members. In the case of Family membership and Associate Family membership the benefits are also available for any children included in a membership who are under twenty-one.
2. A written application must be made to join the Scheme. Some Full and Associate members are not members of the Scheme. If in doubt, please contact the Burial Officer.
3. A Full or Associate member joining the Scheme is required to pay an entry fee if:
 - the member is aged over 70 at the date of joining the Scheme, or
 - the member is aged over 50 at the date of joining the Scheme and either a subscription subsidy has been approved or the NPLS Distance Subscription Policy has been applied.
4. The Scheme currently uses two Liberal Judaism (LJ) cemeteries - Edgwarebury and Cheshunt. LJ is unable to make a commitment that plots will be available at a particular cemetery in the future. Reservations cannot be made in advance except as set out below.

Burial of persons who are not Jewish is permitted only at Edgwarebury.

At Edgwarebury, all burials, including those for single people, are in double-depth plots. Upon the death and burial at Edgwarebury of the first of a couple to die the upper part of the double-depth plot is automatically reserved for the surviving spouse or partner. In certain circumstances, and provided that an application is submitted and accepted before the second death, an arrangement can be made for a person other than a surviving spouse or partner to be buried in the upper part of the grave.

At Cheshunt, burials are in single depth plots. Reservation of an adjacent plot is possible only at Cheshunt following the burial of the first of a couple.

Woodland Burials are available at Cheshunt and Edgwarebury. A surcharge will be applicable.

5. The Scheme provides a basic funeral and burial - not a woodland burial - at Edgwarebury Cemetery or Cheshunt Cemetery, or a basic funeral and cremation at Hoop Lane Crematorium, Golders Green or at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. A basic funeral includes:
 - an appropriate undertakers' vehicle
 - the provision of a small temporary name plate.
 - the services of a Rabbi and Sexton.
6. The Scheme benefits are available from the date on which the application for membership of the Synagogue is approved by the Synagogue Board (provided payment of the first subscription and any entry fee due are paid), or in the case of an existing member who elects to join the Scheme after becoming a member, on the date of receipt of the relevant additional subscription and any entry fee due.
7. Burials, cremations and funerals are arranged by LJ for NPLS and the Scheme benefits only apply if all arrangements are made through LJ and NPLS using the LJ undertakers.

8. Surcharges may apply. A list of current surcharges is available on the NPLS website or on request to the NPLS Office. An updated list will be published in Davar annually - this will be the official means of notification of change to members.
9. The following are not paid for by the Scheme but are available on payment of a surcharge:
 - (a) Mourners' cars.
 - (b) At Edgwarebury or Cheshunt, burial in the woodland section.
 - (c) At Edgwarebury only, the burial of ashes following a cremation and for the provision of an inscribed tablet and rose bush over the plot or, for the simple scattering of ashes in the Cemetery.
 - (d) At Cheshunt only, the reservation of a plot alongside that of a deceased spouse.
10. The Scheme does not include the cost of an inscribed headstone. Families who wish to arrange for the installation of a headstone on a grave should contact Liberal Judaism (LJ) for a list of approved stonemasons and arrange for the installation of the headstone at their own expense. Wording on headstones must comply with LJ guidelines. Headstone consecration ceremonies should be arranged with LJ and one of the NPLS Rabbis as far as possible in advance of a preferred date to ensure the availability of both a Rabbi and the cemetery.
11. (a) If any membership subscription is not paid within three months of the due date Scheme benefits are suspended for all members included in the subscription until payment has been received by NPLS.
 (b) Members are also reminded of the provisions of Article 8.12 of the Synagogue's Articles of Association as follows:
8.12 " If a member shall be six months or more in arrear in payment of his/her membership subscription and shall fail to discharge such arrears within two weeks after being given written notice requiring him/her to do so and setting out the provisions of this Article his/her membership shall forthwith cease."
 (c) An Associate Member with an entitlement in the Scheme and whose Full Member spouse or partner has died will be able to continue membership of NPLS and the Scheme on payment of the appropriate annual subscription.
 (d) An Associate Member who ceases to be in a relationship with a Full Member shall automatically cease to be a member of the Scheme.
12. Payments made by or on behalf of a member towards the Scheme are not refundable in any circumstances. However, in the event of a member leaving NPLS and joining another LJ Synagogue sympathetic consideration will be given by the NPLS Board to the former member remaining a member of the Scheme on appropriate payments being made so long as membership of the other LJ Synagogue is maintained.
13. These rules supersede all earlier versions and may be updated and reissued at any time by the NPLS Board.

Note: Questions concerning the Scheme rules should be addressed to NPLS' Burial Officer on 01923 537225 or funeralscheme@npls.org.uk.

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