



**NORTHWOOD & PINNER LIBERAL SYNAGOGUE
BURIAL CREMATION AND FUNERAL EXPENSES SCHEME**

Summary
(effective 3 March 2010)

- 1 Subject to payment of the appropriate subscription, Scheme benefits are available for all Full members and benefits are also available to some Associate members. To be eligible Associate members must be either married to, or in a civil partnership with, a Full member. In the case of Family membership and Associate Family membership the benefits are also available for any children included in the membership who are Jewish and 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 The Scheme currently uses two Liberal Judaism (LJ) cemeteries. At Edgwarebury all burials (including single people) are in double-depth plots. At Cheshunt burials are in single depth plots. Reservations of adjacent plots are possible at Cheshunt but not at Edgwarebury. LJ is unable to make a commitment that spaces will be available at either Edgwarebury or Cheshunt in the future and other than as explained in the following paragraph it is not possible to reserve a grave in a particular cemetery. Burial of persons who are not Jewish is permitted only at Edgwarebury.

Upon the death and burial at Edgwarebury of the first to die of a couple the upper part of the grave is automatically reserved for the surviving spouse or civil partner. In certain circumstances, and provided that an application is submitted and accepted before the second death, arrangements can be made for a person other than a surviving spouse or civil partner to be buried in the upper part of the grave. Further information is available from the Burial Officer.

- 4 The Scheme benefits are:-
 - (a) Burial at Edgwarebury or Cheshunt as above, or
 - (b) Cremation at the Hoop Lane, Golders Green Crematorium;
 - (c) The services of a Rabbi and Sexton.
 - (d) The cost of a basic funeral and burial at Edgwarebury or Cheshunt
 - (e) The cost of a basic funeral and cremation at Hoop Lane, Golders Green.
 - (f) The basic expenses of the LJ undertakers, including the provision of a small temporary name plate.
 - (g) Use of a hearse.
- 5 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 and the LJ undertakers.
- 6 A number of surcharges may apply. A list of current surcharges is annexed. These may change from time to time and an updated list will be published in Davar which

will be the official means of notification of change to members.

- 7 The following are not covered by the Scheme, but are available at extra cost:
- (a) Mourners' cars
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) At Cheshunt only, the reservation of a plot alongside that of a deceased spouse.
 - (d) The surcharge for cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip or any other London crematorium.
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- (a) If any membership subscription is not paid within three months of the due date Scheme benefits are suspended until payment.
 - (b) Members are also reminded of the provisions of Article 11(a) of the Synagogue's Constitution as follows:
11(a) "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 Clause his/her membership shall forthwith cease."
 - (c) An Associate member who is divorced from a Full member shall automatically cease to be a member of the Scheme on the date of the decree absolute of divorce. An Associate member whose civil partnership with a Full member is dissolved shall automatically cease to be a member of the Scheme on the date of the final order for dissolution of the civil partnership.
- 9 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 Council 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.
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- (a) Benefits under paragraphs 4 (a) (b) and (c) above apply from the date on which the application for membership of the Synagogue is approved by the Synagogue Council (provided payment of the first subscription is made, or in the case of an Associate member who elects to join the Scheme after becoming an Associate member, on the date of receipt of the relevant additional subscription) but benefits under paragraphs 4 (d) (e) (f) and (g) above do not commence until the first anniversary of such date.
 - (b) Any Full or Associate member who is over 50 at the date of joining the Scheme is required to pay an entry fee to participate in the Scheme.
- 11 The rules of the Scheme may be amended at any time by the NPLS Council.

The NPLS Funeral Expenses Scheme

The following are the standard surcharges at 1 January 2012 for the services provided:

Service	Charge
Basic mourners' car	£190
Overtime removal	£140
Sunday cremation	£200
Excess Mileage (outside 20 miles from Northwood)	£2.50 per mile
Excess Time (over 2 hours)	£32 per hour
Excess time (mourners' cars only) (over 2 hours)	£45 per hour
Special collection/delivery of paperwork	£52.50
Take into domestic premises (normal time)	£78
Take into domestic premises (overtime)	£140
Viewing at Broads premises	£50
Surcharge for coffin bearers at Breakspear Crematorium	£105