

## the benefits of pre-need planning

Planning for death is never easy. But the comfort and security you provide your family by planning ahead, is invaluable. By doing this, *you* make the vital decisions, and relieve your loved ones from having to make these plans in their time of grief. Planning and paying ahead also frees your family from encumbering an unforeseen financial burden during a time when mourning should be their only worry.

Purchasing burial plots, crypts or niches, gives you (and your family) peace of mind as well as:

- Relieves your family members the emotional and financial strain of last minute arrangements.
- Ensures all family members will be buried in close proximity to each other.
- Offers you the option of extending payments (interest free over a maximum of five years) while saving money by avoiding future price increases.



## BURIAL options

Ground interment offers a traditional means of burial.

Above ground tombstones (no higher than 30 inches) are allowed in the Haifa and Beersheva sections of the original cemetery.

Only flat markers are allowed in the Tiberias, Galilee and Afula section. This is the newer section of the cemetery.

Please contact Congregational Emanu El. A Home of Eternity representative will contact you and help prepare a plan that is best for you, and your family.



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## about us

Since 1861, History and Tradition have guided Home of Eternity Cemetery to meet the needs of the Inland Southern California Jewish Community.

As the oldest, and *only* exclusively Jewish Cemetery east of Los Angeles, we are prepared to handle Pre-death and immediate death needs. With interest-free financing and congregational discounts, Home of Eternity provides a number of burial options, including above and below ground interment.

Since 1930, Home of Eternity has been operated by Congregation Emanu El. Its ties to the establishment of a Jewish community dating back to 1851 make it the oldest Jewish Community in Southern California.

Home of Eternity sits near Downtown San Bernardino, on Sierra Way just north of 8th Street, making it accessible from several major freeways, including I-215.

## history

It was in 1861 that an acre of land was donated to the San Bernardino Jewish Community by Mormon settlers. The land was originally deeded to Marcus Katz, who at the time was a premier leader of the San Bernardino Jewish Community. With an understanding that the land would *only* be used as a Jewish burial site, the cemetery was then given its name, "Home of Eternity". The first adults to be buried here were Wolf Cohn and Victoria Franklin. In 1883 Marcus Katz transferred the cemetery deed to Paradise Lodge #237 of B'nai Brith. Then on July 10, 1892, a Jewish Cemetery Association was formed. In the 1930's the Cemetery was officially deeded to Congregation Emanu El, which has operated it ever since. By 1962, acreage was

added to the northern section, along with an outdoor mausoleum for above-ground crypt entombments. The Mausoleum was named in memory of long time Cemetery Board of Managers chairperson, Herman Stelzer. In 1989, additional crypts were added to the mausoleum as well as a Columbarium for cremated remains. It was then that the entire mausoleum was named the "Mausoleum of the Twelve Tribes of Israel", with each section named for one tribe. The mausoleum was then re-dedicated in honor of Dr. Leon J. Lapidus who like Herman Stelzer, was a longtime chairman of the Board of Managers, the commission which continues to oversee Cemetery operations today.



*Home of Eternity Cemetery enjoys the designation as an Historic Site, as proclaimed by the San Bernardino Historical Society and the State of California.*

