The mausoleum at Westlawn Cemetery. Convenient and comfortable all year long.

A RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON JEWISH BURIAL

In 1960, as published in the Reform Responsa, Dr. Solomon Freehof explained that "burial in ancient Israel was more like mausoleum burial than earth burial. People were buried in niches in rocky caves. The patriarchs and matriarchs were buried in the Cave of Machpela, and all later legends depict them as lying on their beds, not as covered with earth.

"The Mishna carefully describes the arrangement of niches in a cave. It was in Baylon, where there were no rocky caves that the custom developed to bury exclusively in the earth. The law soon showed a preference for such burial" - Rabbi Dr. Solomon Freehof

Cost Comparison:

In-ground Burial vs Mausoleum Entombment

Interment spaces	8200	Crypts	7805
Interment fees	6200	Entombment fees	2550
Burial vault tax	2725	Ensure-A-Seal tax	1515
Granite memorial/ foundation and inspection fees, tax	2820	Bronze memorial plaque	2616
Total:	**$19,945**	**Total:**	**$14,486**

- Mausoleum starting price quoted; for 2 crypts, indoor, side-by-side lower level; prices variy depending on tier selection.
- Granite memorial starting price quoted; for 2 memorials
- Excludes ground cover and seasonal grave care, ranging from $500-$10,000.

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