

# L'dor va'dor

*A guide for funeral services and interments*

**Westlawn**  
Cemetery & Mausoleum



**Lakeshore**  
Jewish Funerals

*To everything there is a season,  
and a time for every purpose under heaven.  
A time to be born, a time to die.*

- Kohelet (Ecclesiastes)



## A message for the Jewish Community of Chicago.

Chicago has a vibrant and diverse Jewish community and history. How we worship and acknowledge life events varies as much as we do as individuals. However, the importance of remembering and honoring our loved ones is a responsibility that we all share, even as we benefit from the support of those around us.

Westlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum and Lakeshore Jewish Funerals have been a part of the Chicago Jewish legacy since 1937. Together, Westlawn and Lakeshore are committed to serving our community and families in their hour of need when facing the loss of a loved one.

This Resource Guide provides valuable information, whether you are planning ahead or have a loved one nearing the end of life.

May the Eternal give strength and comfort to you and to all who mourn in Zion and Jerusalem.

Edwin C. Goldberg  
Senior Rabbi  
Temple Shalom of Chicago



# We can't remove the burden. But we can make it a little lighter.

Lakeshore Jewish Funerals and Westlawn Cemetery can work hand in hand. Lakeshore will also provide its services for any interment arrangements you have with other Chicagoland cemeteries. Whether you are planning ahead or have an immediate need, it only takes one phone call to take care of everything. We make it convenient when it matters most.





## Preplanning

**Yes, you can have peace of mind.** No one wants to anticipate the need for a funeral service. But making sound decisions well in advance frees your family of this responsibility at the time of your death, allowing them to focus on supporting each other's emotional needs. Making this decision now takes the burden off your family or loved ones later.



Why preplan your arrangements?

- Clarifies end of life wishes
- Removes doubts, avoiding unnecessary conflict among family members
- Relieves any financial burden related to funding a funeral and interment
- Guarantees most planned costs



## Funeral & Memorial Services

**Convenience matters. Especially now.** Lakeshore Jewish Funerals serves Chicagoland's Jewish families with care, commitment, and a relentless attention to details. Simplicity and dignity in difficult times are the hallmarks of Lakeshore. Whether a service is held at Temple Sholom, at another synagogue, in a cemetery chapel, or graveside only, we strive to make planning convenient and stress free.



What the Lakeshore plan includes:

- Professional services
- Transfer of deceased into our care
- Pre-selected casket with upgrade option
- Hearse to cemetery, if applicable
- Direction of funeral service at your choice of location

*The Beit Midrash Chapel at Temple Sholom*



**Westlawn has served Chicago's Jewish community since 1937.** Over 50,000 people have been laid to rest here. Large oak trees scattered throughout the grounds provide shade from the sun and a connection with the serenity of nature. There is space here for memories and roots to deepen.



Options to consider:

- Mausoleum
- Cremation
- In-ground burial
- Monument selection
- Floral arrangements and designs

# Mausoleum

Westlawn's Mausoleum is a contemporary structure, filled with light and open space. The skylights and minimalist design evoke a feeling of earth and heaven throughout three levels. When it comes to end of life choices, there are distinct advantages to choosing entombment.



*The Westlawn Mausoleum is climate-controlled and open year-round*

Advantages include:

- Cost savings can be significant compared to in-ground burial
- Comfortable to visit anytime of year regardless of weather<sup>1</sup>
- Tranquil and protected from the elements
- Chapel service is included with new purchase

## **A RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON JEWISH BURIAL**

*"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."*

*- Dr. Solomon Freehof, Reform Responsa*

1. Subject to gate and office hours



## Monuments & Floral Packages

Family monuments and memorials are available in a wide range of designs and colors. You can enhance the beauty and dignity of your loved one's grave through our seasonal care programs.





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