

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, February 18, 1951

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A meeting of the representatives of the organizations owning ground at the Lombardy Cemetery was held on Sunday, February 18, 1951, at the Federation office at 11:30 A. M. Those present were:

- ✓ Adas Kodesch Congregation representative - J. A. Chester ✓ *HH*
Samuel Keil ✓
- Beth Shalom Congregation " Philip Cohen ✓
J. W. Braun
- ✓ Chesed Shel Emeth Cong. " Louis Budin ✓ *1216 West*
Louis Feldman ✓ *943 E 26*
- " " " " (unofficial) Fred Rudrick ✓ *MIT*
- ✓ Moses Montefiore Society representatives - Nathan Michlin ✓ *1502 W 5*
Harry Jahlow ✓
Morris P. Schenck
- ✓ Workmen's Circle " - Louis Platensky ✓ *22nd St*
Henry Schultz ✓ *4th St*
Morris Schenkman ✓ *104 Fulton*
- Jewish Federation of Delaware representatives - I. E. Finkelstein
Ben V. Codor

The items on the agenda for discussion were:

- (1) Situation at the Chesed Shel Emeth in regard lack of graves for its members.
- (2) Chesed Shel Emeth plan to purchase a piece of ground from Mr. Emmons for the sum of \$8,000.
- (3) Consideration of purchasing the stock of the Lombardy Cemetery from Mr. Emmons. (He asks (\$40,000))
- (4) Possibility of the four organizations concerned to release respectively a few graves for the use of the Chesed Shel Emeth Congregation.
- (5) Consideration of the possibility of taking an option on a number of graves from the Beth Emeth Cemetery Corporation.
- (6) The Bill presented to the Legislature by Mr. Emmons, for the purpose of modifying the Charter so that he may be permitted to sell property. (Adjacent to the Jewish section of the Cemetery.)

In discussing item No. 6, it was the unanimous opinion of the representatives at the meeting that the Bill ought to be opposed and a committee consisting of Nathan Michlin, Philip Cohen and Ben V. Codor was delegated to make representation to the Legislature, stating our objections to the intent of the Bill. If the Committee deems it necessary, it will ask each organization to write to their representatives to state their objections to the Bill.

The meeting also went on record that it was inadvisable to meet with Mr. Emmons at the present moment regarding the buying of cemetery ground. A motion was approved that no one individual or individual organization is to negotiate with Mr. Emmons for the purchase of additional cemetery ground without first consulting with all the other organizations represented here. //

It was also the consensus of the meeting that no negotiations with Mr. Emmons be initiated until this group will meet again to devise a plan whereby it can deal with him in the name of all five groups concerned. // Read

Regarding the situation at the Chesed Shel Emeth, each representative of the organizations expressed themselves that a way ought to be devised so as to alleviate the situation regarding the immediate need of graves on the part of the Chesed Shel Emeth.

Mr. Chester and Mr. Keil, speaking for the Adas Kodesch Congregation promised to release, for a stipulated price, ten graves for the use of the Chesed Shel Emeth membership.

Mr. Schultz, Mr. Platensky, and Mr. Scherkman, speaking for the Workmen's Circle promised for their organization to release a parcel of land for graves.

Likewise, Mr. Philip Cohen, speaking for Temple Beth Sahlom said that his congregation will release five graves.

The Moses Montefiore Society, represented by Mr. Michlin and Mr. Jablow, stated that they have released a total of twenty graves to the Jewish War Veterans. Therefore they are not in a position to do anything at the present time, but if the Adas Kodesch has committed itself to participate in the gift, with the Montefiore Society, to the tune of ten graves, the Montefiore Society will therefore temporarily release the Adas Kodesch from its obligation in lieu of their offer of ten graves to the Chesed Shel Emeth. //

Mr. Feldman and Mr. Budin, speaking for the Chesed Shel Emeth felt that this cooperative gesture will prove most helpful to their organization and thereby eliminate the need for negotiations immediately with Mr. Emmons, for the sale of a plot of ground for the sum of \$8,000.

The contractual arrangements between the various organizations and the Chesed Shel Emeth, regarding the release of ground for a price, will be worked out in the next few weeks.

It was also the opinion of the group that in the very near future a meeting of the representatives should be held to discuss plans for enlarging the cemetery, so that all member organizations will have more ground for graves for its members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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