

Annual Cemetery Committee Report (2014-2015)

As my 3rd year as Cemetery Chairman comes to a close, I would, again, like to thank the Board of Governors with entrusting me with this very honorable task.

We, unfortunately, did lose 4 of our cherished members and/or associate members this year----Dr. Arthur Gelbart, Debbie Katcoff, Sam Goodrich, Patricia Ram Sawilowsky, Rae Bolgla and Dr. Robert Holzberg . We will certainly miss them and may they rest in peace.

I would like to thank Joel Sabel for his assistance on the committee and his hard work in securing our new yard service.

The cemetery continues to be challenging and a constant work in progress. As I mentioned, we did change our maintenance and yard company. We are saving \$3000.00 a year with the new company and are consistently monitoring the quality of work. Any members that notice problems, please don't hesitate to let us know so that we can be prudent in solving the problem.

As I mentioned last year, we have an increasing number of older stones that are aging and in disrepair. Family members are not available. It is a growing problem that needs addressing as perpetual care only covers ground maintenance, not stone repair. Stone repair is the families' responsibility. As our congregation ages and decreases in numbers, these issues become more unsustainable. We need to revisit the idea of a perpetual trust fund for the cemetery that will help maintain the grounds and the stones in the future.

Lastly, the city has several trees that live outside of cemetery 1 and 2 that have major roots encroaching into the cemeteries and causing stone damage. I have contacted the city and they have issues with taking down living trees. Our President is in the process of writing letters to the city to decide how we can rectify this problem.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Frohman 5/30/15