

The Burial Cremation & Funeral Expenses Scheme (the “Scheme”)

1 January 2026

Scheme rules

The current rules can be found on our website at arksynagogue.org/funeralscheme.

A printed copy can be requested from the Synagogue office.

Surcharges

The Scheme only pays for the cost of a standard funeral for a burial or a cremation. Any additional charges incurred will be invoiced to the member's family or estate. The table overleaf shows the current and most common surcharges and is published on our website. A printed copy can also be requested via the Synagogue Office. An updated notice will be published in Davar annually. The website is the official means of notification.

Other surcharges may be incurred. The Funeral Director will always inform families about any surcharges.

Woodland burial

Woodland burial is available at GreenAcres Chiltern and Cheshunt Cemetery. There are surcharges as noted in the table overleaf.

GreenAcres Chiltern

Liberal Judaism published a set of questions and answers about this cemetery. You can find them on the Progressive Judaism website via our link: arksynagogue.org/lj-greenacres.

Questions

If members have any questions, would like to check their Scheme entitlements, or would like to notify or update the synagogue about their preference for burial or cremation, they should contact our Burial Team — Jean Ryba and Debbie Davies on 01923 537 226 or scheme@arksynagogue.org.

Cremations

The Ark Synagogue conducts cremation services at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane and at GreenAcres Chiltern, Beaconsfield. There are surcharges for cremations held on a Sunday or a bank holiday as shown in the table overleaf.

Kings Funeral Directors

When a synagogue member who is included in the Scheme has died, the funeral director who must be instructed is Ronnie King of Kings Funeral Directors. Ronnie can be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including Bank Holidays and Jewish Festivals on 07595 956 936. Any charges incurred for the services of another funeral director will not be paid for by the Scheme.

Stone-settings and Memorials

The Scheme does not cover any of the costs associated with ordering and erecting a headstone or a memorial on a grave. Enquiries about headstones at Edgwarebury and Cheshunt cemeteries, memorials at GreenAcres, and all consecration services should be directed to Lisa Godsal or Tanya Garfield at Progressive Judaism, or to one of our Rabbis.

SERVICE**CHARGES FROM
JANUARY 2026****Funeral Director surcharges**

Mileage over 40 miles from Kings, London N11	£2.25 per mile
Overtime charge	from £300
Sunday supplement	£110
Home visit to collect documents	£80

Woodland burial double-depth plot at Cheshunt Cemetery

Payable on first death of a couple, or in advance of first death	£3,020
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Woodland burial double-depth plot at GreenAcres Chiltern

Woodland supplement – payable on first death of a couple	£2,635
Woodland supplement – payable in advance of first death	£2,735
Interment (first / second burial in a plot)	£1,695/£848
Service hall hire	£695
Sunday or bank holiday surcharge (service hall hire & interment)	£995
Live streaming	£56

Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium

Sunday	£520
Live streaming	£75

Cremation at GreenAcres Chiltern

Sunday or bank holiday	£695
Live streaming	£56

Shiva prayers at the Synagogue

Hall hire for the Shiva	No charge
Live streaming	£64
Hall hire for refreshments	£215