

Historic Guidelines for the Beth Abraham Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa.

BACKGROUND

Beth Abraham Cemetery complex is located in the southern portion of Pittsburgh's Carrick neighborhood. Mostly secluded from the public view by mature forests and hilly topography. Beth Abraham Cemetery is part of a complex of four adjacent and interconnected Jewish burial grounds along Stewart Avenue in the Carrick neighborhood of Pittsburgh: Beth Abraham Cemetery, the Shaare Zedek Cemetery, the private Marks Cemetery, and the Gates of Wisdom Cemetery, which is also known as the old Shaare Torah Cemetery. The four-cemetery complex in Carrick is the most complete surviving physical record of the Jewish ethnic milieu in Pittsburgh before World War II.

GUIDELINES

As with all historic properties in the City, the Historic Review Commission will **only** review projects visible from the public right-of-way. All project involving the repair of fences, gates, gateways, roadways, retaining walls, and landscape features, etc. will require historic review. Alterations to graves and grave markers will only be reviewed by the Historic Review Commission if they are 50 years or older from the date of historic designation.

Caretakers will be expected to follow the National Park Service Preservation Brief #48 on tombstone cleaning and maintenance. Additionally, caretakers will have the option to present the Historic Review Commission with a Historic Properties Treatment Plan outlining the maintenance program's steps and materials they propose to use at the cemetery. The Historic Review Commission will have the option to approve the programmatic plan which will preclude the review of routine maintenance of grave-markers.

RESOURCES

NPS Preservation Brief #48 Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/upload/preservation-brief-48-grave-markers.pdf>

