## JCAM Cemeteries

### BROCKTON
- Plymouth Rock Cemetery
- Temple Beth Emunah
- Temple Israel

### BUXTON ROAD, DANVERS
- Ahabat Sholom
- Farband (Jewish Nat’l Workers Alliance)
- Jewish Community Center of Chelsea
- Roumanian American

### WORDSWORTH ST. EAST BOSTON
- Temple Ohabel Shalom

### FULLER STREET, EVERETT
- Bessarabian
- Chevra Chai Odom
- Dorchester Hebrew Helping Hand
- Guard of Moses
- Jewish Deed Holders
- New Jewish Deed Holders
- Knights of Zaslav
- Liberty Progressive
- Linas Hazedek (N R)
- Linas Hazedek (G M)
- Mishna
- Montefiore
- Netzah Israel
- N. Russell St.
- Poali Zedeck
- (New) Tifereth Israel Everett
- (Old) Tifereth Israel Everett
- Tifereth Israel of Winthrop
- Tifereth Israel of Winthrop Memorial Park

### FITCHBURG
- Agudath Achim
- New Fitchburg

### LAKE SHORE ROAD, LYNN
- Ahavath Achim/Anshe Sfard

### LEBANON STREET, MALDEN
- Hebrew Charitable Burial Ground

### 38 LINWOOD AVENUE, MELROSE
- Netherland Cemetery

### ROUTE 99, BROADWAY, MELROSE
- Agudas Achim of Malden
- Hadrath Israel
- Onikchty
- Vikomir
- Workmens Circle

### WINDSOR AVENUE, NATICK
- Framingham-Natick Jewish Cemetery

### NORTH READING
- Lyon City Lodge

### ROUTE 114, PEABODY
- Workmens Circle

### RANDOLPH
- Lindwood Memorial Park
- Moses Mendelsohn
- Temple Emanuel Memorial Park

### STOUGHTON
- Pride of Brockton

### NORTH AVENUE, WAKEFIELD
- Amos Lodge
- Lynn Hebrew Benevolent Society

### WAYLAND
- Beit Olam
- Beit Olam East

### BAKER STREET, WEST ROXBURY
- Abramson
- Anshei Sfard
- Boylston Lodge
- Butrimantzy
- Chevra Shas
- Crawford Street Memorial Park
- Custom Tailors
- Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged
- Hebrew Volin
- Independent Pride of Boston
- Independent Workmens Circle
- Kehilath Jacob
- Kopaigorod
- Kovner
- Lawrence Avenue
- Mohliver
- New Palestine
- Ostro Marshoe
- Polonnoe
- Pride of Liberty
- Puritan
- Pultusker
- Quincy Hebrew Society
- Roxbury Lodge
- Staro Konstantinov
- Stepiner
- Sons of Abraham
- Vilno
- Zviller

### CENTRE STREET, WEST ROXBURY
- Anshe Dowig
- Bresna
- Congregation Beth Israel
- Congregation Chai Odom
- Congregation Sharei Sedeck
- Chevra Thillim
- (New) Hand and Hand
- (Old) Hand and Hand
- Heirs of Morris Greenwood
- King Solomon Memorial Park
- (Old) Mishkan Tefila
- Mishkan Tefila Memorial Park

### GROVE STREET, WEST ROXBURY
- Adath Jeshurun
- Beth Abraham
- Cong. Adas Yisroel
- Har Moriah
- Hebrew Progressive
- Jewish Benevolent
- Jewish Civil Service
- Moses Mendelsohn
- Ohavi Sedeck
- Pride of Jacob
- Shari Jerusalem
- Siskind Family Plot
- Sons of Benjamin
- Tifereth Israel
- Young Israel

### MONTVALE, WOBURN
- American Austrian
- Anshe Poland
- Beth David
- Beth Jacob
- Beth Joseph 1
- Beth Joseph 2
- Beth Joseph 3
- Chevra Kadusha of Boston
- City of Boston Lodge
- Independent Golden Crown
- Independent Pride of Boston
- Kenesseth Israel
- Meretz
- Montefiore
- Pride of Boston
- Puritan
- Roxbury Mutual Society
- South Boston Lodge

### WOONSOCKET, R I
- Friends of B’nai Israel Cemetery

*Italicized cemeteries are managed, but not owned, by JCAM*
Just as synagogues preserve Jewish continuity in life,
so do Jewish cemeteries preserve Jewish continuity in the afterlife.
The Baker Street Jewish Cemeteries are comprised of forty-two Jewish cemeteries in use since the 1920s. Located on Baker Street in the West Roxbury section of Boston, the cemeteries are located on land that once formed part of Brook Farm, a 19th-century communal-living experiment.
Greetings from the JCAM Board of Directors

JCAM is proud to commemorate its 36th year as the organization of Chesed Shel Emet. What an accomplishment and how far we have come since 1984! Starting with 17 cemeteries, we have now grown to 124 with a growing urgency from independent cemeteries seeking to merge with JCAM.

In April 2019, we welcomed our new Executive Director, Jamie Cotel, as she brings a new energy and vision to JCAM. Jamie has been working very hard to ensure that our systems and standards of care for our cemeteries are even higher than before. We are excited for JCAM’s future under Jamie’s leadership and expertise. We also want to thank our entire JCAM professional team for their continued dedication year after year in serving the needs of the Jewish community.

Looking ahead to 2020, we will be assessing the need for greater security measures at our vulnerable cemeteries against growing hate crimes targeted against Jewish cemeteries around the country and here in Massachusetts. To bring awareness and support of this initiative, we are planning a large community event on April 28, 2020 to be held at the Florence & Chafetz Hillel House, overlooking the Charles River in Boston. In addition to marking JCAM’s 36th year, the evening will highlight the topic of “Securing Our Jewish Cemeteries.” Keynote speakers from the Anti-Defamation League and Combined Jewish Philanthropies will discuss the growing rise of anti-Semitism, how it affects Jewish cemeteries, and what we can do to combat this tide. We hope you will be able to join us for a delightful and informative evening.

Most importantly, we gratefully appreciate you, our loyal friends, for your continued longstanding support. Without your generosity we would not be the strong organization we are today. On behalf of the entire JCAM Board and Team, we thank you and wish you and yours the very best in the coming year!

Stephen Hamburger
President

Laurence K. Richmond
Immediate Past President
A Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many good wishes and congratulations from this incredible community! It is both an honor and a privilege to be leading JCAM as its new Executive Director. Both the Board of Directors and the JCAM Professional Team provided tremendous support as I transitioned into this role. JCAM has a great deal to be proud of that would not have been possible without your support. Your longstanding generosity has made us the leader in historic preservation and restoration of Jewish cemeteries throughout Massachusetts. JCAM is the model organization that rescues and cares for more Jewish cemeteries than any other cemetery organization in Massachusetts and throughout the United States.

Now in our 36th year of serving the Jewish community, our sacred promise remains unbroken. We not only serve the needs of the Jewish community when it needs us most—during times of personal loss and grief—but also as the guardian of 124 Jewish cemeteries, where families depend on us to care for their loved ones’ resting places in perpetuity.

I am extremely proud of the impact that this organization has had on the lives of so many Jewish souls who came before us. With both vision and determination, JCAM will continue to enhance its programs and engage the community in our mission. In addition to our cemetery educational tours, we are developing new and innovative programming for all ages. This year we are introducing hands-on Cemetery Restoration Workshops in order to engage the community where volunteers can help us restore our cemeteries! We will conduct actual restoration work by learning techniques to properly clean historic headstones and re-set small leaning monuments of children. Another new program this coming year is JCAM’s first annual community event on April 28, 2020, with presentations from both Combined Jewish Philanthropies and the Anti-Defamation League on security threats and acts of hate committed against Jewish cemeteries.

JCAM will continue our work of providing a proper Jewish burial to the most helpless in our community. With an ever-increasing community need to provide a dignified resting place for individuals with little to no means of support, JCAM must continue to build its Indigent Fund. We are grateful for your continued support of this critical initiative.

We are seeking ways to better secure our cemeteries from vandalism and desecration. As more and more independent Jewish cemeteries seek to join the JCAM family, we are challenged by the need to enhance security, convert outdated recordkeeping techniques to new mapping technology and to restore these historic Jewish sites one-by-one.

JCAM’s critical mission cannot be accomplished without your generosity. We appeal to you to partner with us as we enhance our programs and continue to rescue Jewish cemeteries that would otherwise disappear without JCAM. Please consider making a generous contribution to these efforts. As always, we extend to you our sincere appreciation.

B’Shalom,

Jamie H. Cotel
Executive Director
An Everlasting Remembrance

The Hebrew Charitable Burial Ground is the second-oldest Jewish cemetery in Massachusetts (established in 1851). JCAM has been working to restore the memory of more than 1,400 souls, mostly children and infants, buried without a grave marker. Since the rededication of the cemetery in 2013, JCAM has been bringing dignity to the final resting places of those children, brick by brick.

JCAM provides small, but permanent, markers that line the walkway of this historic cemetery for the many who were buried without any recognition of their short lives.

In 2018 we received a call from a direct descendent of Yenta Gorodetsky Ullian who died October 12, 1892 at the age of 32, after giving birth to twins. Sadly, the twins also died shortly after. After visiting the gravesite, the relative was puzzled by the fact that only one of twins’ names (Etta) was inscribed on the old, worn monument. The caller decided to contact JCAM after learning of our memorial bricks. She wanted to have a brick inscribed with the name of the other twin (Jacob) laid on the walkway of the cemetery.

The caller was greatly appreciative when JCAM suggested that instead of installing the brick on the walkway, we place the inscribed brick for Jacob Ullian at the base of the monument of his mother and twin sister, so that they can all be united again for eternity.

The outpouring of kindness and interest from the community in this “mitzvah” project has been wonderful, but we still are far from our goal of ensuring that each forgotten child will have a memorial brick.

If you or your organization would like to sponsor one or more bricks, please visit our website at www.jcam.org to download an order form and learn more about this mitzvah program. Or contact Lisa Berenson at JCAM, 617-244-6509, Ext. 102.
Securing Our Jewish Cemeteries

As we are keenly and painfully aware, anti-Semitism has risen to alarming levels here in the United States, and Jewish cemeteries are among the most vulnerable to hate crimes.

The recent attack in March of 2019 at the Hebrew Cemetery in Fall River, Massachusetts—where nearly sixty monuments were toppled and/or desecrated with anti-Semitic graffiti—is one example of this vulnerability.

In a February 27, 2019 press release the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reported that the number of anti-Semitic incidents was nearly 60% higher in 2017 than 2016: the largest single-year increase on record and the second highest number reported since ADL started tracking incident data in the 1970s.

According to ADL, the desecration of Jewish headstones is a classic anti-Semitic act, employed for hundreds of years. The majority of the cemetery desecrations occurred in the first months of the year, at the same time as bomb threats were called in to Jewish institutions, which contributed to the sense that the Jewish American community was under threat.

Below: Vandalism at the Hebrew cemetery in Fall River, March 2019. 59 gravestones were defaced with anti-Semitic language and swastikas.

The High Price of Protecting Jewish Cemeteries from Vandals

Anti-Semitic attacks on American cemeteries were, until recently, quite rare, which gave rise to the belief that vandals considered burial grounds to be off limits. Jewish cemeteries have seen only a handful of incidents over the past decade; some were anti-Semitic, while others were simple theft. Hence the relatively relaxed security. Rarely were family members contacted regarding payment of fees or restoration of ruined headstones.

Damage to headstones is covered, in most cases, by the family’s homeowners insurance; the cemetery also insures it, usually in case of natural disaster. Securing Jewish cemeteries against future attacks remains a formidable task. Fences rarely enclose the entire perimeter, while a locked gate at night does little to deter vandals, who can easily scale the fence. Few cemeteries employ security guards, and fewer still have security cameras.

Changing this reality could prove costly. Installing cameras and motion-activated lights, hiring security guards and fortifying the fences around sprawling cemeteries, some of which are more than 100 acres, could easily drain the budget of the cemeteries.

The preferred course of action for now is working with law enforcement to increase patrols around the cemeteries. Local police departments have been attentive and willing to ramp up vigilance around cemeteries following recent events.

Jewish cemeteries around the world have always been vulnerable, at-risk targets for hate crimes and vandalism due to little or no security. The majority of JCAM cemeteries are clustered in urban areas which make them no less vulnerable than those situated in secluded areas. JCAM’s new Executive Director, Jamie Cotel believes that, “Taking a proactive stand, in light of the need for improved security on JCAM cemeteries, is vital to ensuring our cemeteries are not easy targets and that our visitors are safe. We are preparing to submit a grant application to the Homeland Security Nonprofit Security Grant Program in Spring 2020. Should JCAM receive a Homeland Security grant, we plan to use the funding to install equipment on our cemetery properties. JCAM also plans to raise funds from the community to help bolster this crucial initiative.”
Left: A crew works to fix tombstones that were toppled at the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Philadelphia in February of 2017, one of a spate of such attacks during that winter in the U.S. Only weeks before, nearly 200 Jewish graves were vandalized outside St. Louis, and 55 gravestones were overturned at a Jewish cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

siege. One bright spot in this was the generous response of members of the Muslim and Christian communities, which raised thousands of dollars to help repair the damaged tombstones.

There were 1,986 anti-Semitic incidents reported across the United States in 2017, which included physical assaults, property vandalism, and attacks on Jewish institutions. That figure represents a 57% increase over the 1,267 incidents in 2016. Every part of the country was affected, with an incident reported in all 50 states for the first time in at least a decade.

JCAM is preparing to submit a grant application to the Homeland Security Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). NSGP grants are used to improve the physical security of nonprofit organizations that are at high-risk of a terrorist attack within the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) sites, with cemeteries being near the top of the list of at-risk areas. Collaborative projects between nonprofits and federal, state, and local governments are also funded. Together, these projects create a whole-community approach to security and emergency management.

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Massachusetts, 2018–2019 | 144 anti-Semitic incidents were mapped by the ADL. Most were clustered in urban centers, but the spots marked in blue were distribution sites of White supremacist propaganda.
Phase II of the
Ohabei Shalom Chapel Restoration

The JCAM Charitable Foundation’s plan for the Ohabei Shalom Chapel in East Boston this year is to focus on securing a partner to share the historic building with JCAM. Raising funds for Phase II—the interior restoration—can begin once we have determined the community needs. The Phase I exterior restoration was completed in 2018, except for several basement windows and the front door of the Chapel. JCAM is submitting a $10k matching grant for these minor repairs through Preservation Massachusetts.

The 1903 neo-Gothic chapel can be transformed into a space that can serve the East Boston community and beyond. The restoration plans for the building include office space and meeting rooms available to provide the partner and community a place to work, meet and learn of Boston’s Jewish immigration experience through photographs, artifacts and audio recordings.

Since the chapel sits on the grounds of the first Jewish cemetery established in Massachusetts (1844), the upper level’s unique space could be used for community concerts, seminars and lectures, speakers on Jewish genealogy, the history of Boston’s early Jewish immigration, Jewish calendar events, art exhibitions, music, religious services and much more.

The chapel and cemetery became the property of JCAM in 1996 after years of neglect. In 2006 JCAM announced the property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its historic significance. Plans were set in place to restore the deteriorated building and ever since the JCAM Charitable Foundation has been raising funds and awareness of the significance of this historic site.

JCAM’s Ongoing Quest for Improved Technology

With a vision toward the future, JCAM is continuously seeking to improve its methods of cemetery management, record-keeping, mapping and technology. We are exploring implementing state-of-the-art cemetery software that will allow us to streamline our systems and make our cemeteries more sustainable.

With funding, our goal is to find ways to enhance our records management process. Moving to a more efficient, improved database system which will include an end-to-end cemetery management process, will ensure the continuity of maintaining family contact from initial inquiry through burial and maintenance. A new management system will feature easily-searchable records with photos of each headstone, thus improving accuracy. Likewise, an enhanced system that provides high resolution imagery via drone technology for creating digital maps that will “walk” visitors directly to a gravesite is something to anticipate!

Internally, JCAM is implementing state-of-the-art office technology with tools for a more collaborative workspace which include protected cloud storage and an online payment system. These new tools have allowed JCAM to efficiently upload the burial records of one of our recent acquisitions’ (Mishkan Tefilah Memorial Park) into our current database. As more independent cemeteries seek to merge with JCAM, we will continue to adopt new technologies to enhance our services to the Jewish community.
Prayer Books Saved from Burial!

Recently, a member of Temple B’nai Israel of Revere needed to make arrangements to drop off 50 boxes of prayer books (Siddurim) at JCAM’s community Genizah. The temple closed its doors for the last time on May 24, 2019. The prayer books were in good condition but unfortunately no group in the area could make use of them.

JCAM’s Associate Director of Field Services & Technology, Noah Horowitz, leads our Genizah initiative. He informed the B’nai Israel caller that members of his own temple’s Brotherhood had recently met with Aaron Kintu Moses, the spiritual leader of the growing Abayudaya (People of Judah) Jewish Community in Uganda, who explained their need for prayer books. The Revere synagogue emailed the Uganda contact and now the prayer books, instead of being buried, are on their way to support that growing Jewish community.

We encourage people and institutions who want to drop off sacred materials, such as prayer books in good condition, to try to find a home for them first. There are study groups, nursing homes and small fledgling congregations that could receive free books for prayer and study. It is good for the community and good for JCAM.

Burying books in perfectly good condition is a poor use of cemetery land, and costs keep rising each year for us to provide this important service to the community. To learn more about JCAM’s Genizah project, visit our website at www.jcam.org and click on “Services.”

JCAM’s Newest Cemetery:
Lindwood Memorial Park, Randolph

The Lindwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Randolph was established in the 1950s to serve the growing Jewish community south of Boston. This sprawling 16-acre cemetery has 10,000 gravesites and many available locations for purchase. The garden-style park provides a peaceful and reflective setting for visitors. The cemetery is located minutes from Rte 128 on North Street in Randolph.

A place to honor them.
A place to remember them.

For our loved ones, our parents and grandparents. For veterans who served our country or those lost in the Holocaust. And for those who never came home... Available now from the Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts (JCAM): an affordable memorial in granite on a stunning 120-foot wall along the western hillside overlooking Beit Olam East Cemetery in Wayland, Massachusetts. The Legacy Wall is a beautiful and peaceful destination for reflection and remembrance.

For more information contact Lisa Berenson at 617-244-6509, ext. 102
The Year in Pictures

JCAM’s staff and crews were busy this year making improvements and updates to some of our 124 cemeteries

Butrimantzy Cemetery
In 2019, thanks to a generous donor, we were able to make improvements to the walkway. (West Roxbury, MA)

Centre Street Cemeteries – Mishkan Tefila cemetery
The former caretaker’s house was demolished to make room for additional gravesites.
The Legacy Wall at Beit Olam East Cemetery was completed this year, and work has now begun on installing engraved stones. The 120-foot granite wall was built by JCAM for honoring family members who are not buried locally, or who want a remembrance for a veteran or a family member lost in the Holocaust.

Tree maintenance is a big part of our maintenance budget, no matter the season. Above, crews take down trees in the Framingham-Natick Hebrew Cemetery.

JCAM’s New Director of Cemetery Management

Steven R. Burns joined JCAM in July, 2019 as our newest team member. He has a wide range of experience spanning over twenty years in cemetery management and landscape construction and design, which makes him a perfect fit as JCAM’s Director of Cemetery Management.

Steve formerly served as Supervisor of the Pembroke Department of Public Works Grounds & Cemetery Department. He has a thorough knowledge of cemeteries, caretaking, field management and contractor and budgetary supervision.

Additionally, Steve brings his experience as a landscape company business owner, having also managed multiple cemeteries south of Boston. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for seven years and is a retired Sergeant, 1st Battalion – 25th Marines, Camp Edwards.

Steve is a tremendous asset to JCAM and we enthusiastically welcome him.
36 Years...

Cemeteries are forever, but the organizations that created them are not. For 36 years, JCAM has taken in both impoverished and well-funded cemeteries and provided for their futures with a commitment to professional management, endowment growth, and a non-profit, community-service approach. Today, there are no longer abandoned Jewish cemeteries in Massachusetts, and we are committed to making sure there never are again.

**NUMBER OF CEMETERIES OWNED/MANAGED BY JCAM**

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**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT**

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### 2019 JCAM & Affiliates Financials

#### Gross Revenue and Expenses

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| JCAM Operating Revenue                      | $2,417,442.
| JCAM Operating Expense                      | $(2,517,248.)
| Net Operations                              | $(99,806.)  
| Perpetual Care Trust Fund Revenue           | $(834,314.) 
| Mergers                                     | $1,318,943.
| Perpetual Care Trust Fund Expense           | $(35,459.)  
| Net Perpetual Care Trust Fund               | $449,170.   
| Charitable Foundation Revenue               | $389,268.   
| Charitable Foundation Expense               | $(211,369.) 
| Net Charitable Foundation                   | $177,899.   

**NET INCOME** $527,263.

#### Net Assets

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| JCAM Operations                             | $466,412.  
| Perpetual Care Trust Fund                   | $17,888,630.
| Charitable Foundation                       | $959,810.   

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** $19,314,852

#### Perpetual Care Trust Fund Growth

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#### Cemetery Maintenance and Rehabilitation Expenditures

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Donors 2018–2019

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$500 and above

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The Right to a Dignified Burial

We believe that every Jewish person is entitled to receive a dignified burial as set forth by Jewish law and customs, regardless of their means. Therefore, JCAM administers an indigent burial fund through generous donor contributions that provide for funeral/burial support for Jewish families in need. These restricted funds allow us to fulfill our sacred mission and obligation of “Chevrat K’vod Hamet” (society for honoring the dead). The fund is only available for JCAM cemeteries. Because of the outpouring of generosity we have received, our Indigent Fund has been growing but we still need funds to ensure this mitzvah continues for generations to come. It is our collective responsibility to care for those who cannot care for themselves.

How JCAM’s Indigent Fund Touches the Community

JCAM works with Jewish clergy, funeral homes, cemetery caretakers and monument dealers to provide the respect and dignity that every Jewish person deserves. This could not be achieved without our supporters who donate to JCAM’s Indigent Fund.

JCAM received a call from a local Chabad rabbi, who had been contacted by the Jewish War Veterans regarding one of its veterans who died with no means for a burial. JCAM donated the grave and worked with the rabbi along with a long-time friend of JCAM in helping to arrange a fitting Jewish burial and Minyan for the deceased. It was reported back to us by the friend that it was one of the most emotional “mitzvots” he had performed and asked to be called again if a similar situation arose. The flag used to drape the veteran’s casket was later used on Jewish War Veterans flagpole at the Baker Street Cemeteries in West Roxbury. JCAM worked with a local monument dealer to mark the grave with a simple gray granite marker. It was an honor for JCAM to give back to a Jewish veteran in his time of need.

Another story of how the Jewish community comes together in time of need is the story of a homeless woman who had befriended a local rabbi. The rabbi called JCAM looking for assistance for the woman who had no family or funds to bury her. Due to the establishment of our Indigent Fund, JCAM was able to provide the grave and the rabbi performed the burial. The grave was marked with funds collected and donated by the members of the rabbi’s community in memory of the woman. This was a real community effort to ensure this Jewish woman received a proper Jewish burial.
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