

The Jewish Section at La Puerta Natural Burial Ground

For Jewish People and Their Families



Pricing for Burial in the Jewish Section of La Puerta Natural Burial Ground

Plot	\$450
Management of the Section	\$100
Required fee to the Jewish Federation of New Mexico paid through La Puerta Natural Burial Ground.	
Opening and Closing	\$245
Pine Casket.	\$825
Built by Fathers Building Futures	
Kosher Pine Casket.	\$1000
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Urn	\$70–\$240
Built by Fathers Building Futures	
Tahara.	Free
For more information or to schedule a Tahara, contact: Marc Yellin, Chevre Kaddisha Coordinator, (505) 750-2465.	
Jewish Officiant	\$500
For more information or to schedule an officiant through the Rabbinic and Cantorial Association of Albuquerque (RACAA), contact the Jewish Care Program’s Community Chaplain, Rabbi Arthur Flicker, (505) 400-7966.	

Guidelines for Burial in the Jewish Section of La Puerta Natural Burial Ground

1. The section is for Jewish people and their families
2. All burials within the Jewish section of La Puerta must follow the general guidelines for natural burial at La Puerta.
3. The funeral officiant must be designated by each synagogue/Chavurah, or for the unaffiliated, be officiated by a RACAA member or an officiant approved by RACAA.
4. Only Jewish ritual symbols are allowed on burial markers. No other religious symbols are permitted.
5. Jewish Federation of New Mexico manages the Jewish section. This service is covered by a required fee of \$100 paid through La Puerta Natural Burial Ground.
6. The Jewish section does permit cremation and urn burials, as well as green burials without a coffin.

Jewish Burial Information

Kosher Casket

Jewish law requires the body to be allowed to return to the earth as soon as possible. Therefore, the casket must be made entirely of wood with several holes drilled in the bottom to hasten decomposition and the body's return to the earth. In construction they have been doweled, pegged, and glued together. No nails, metal, or unnatural materials have been used.

Tahara (Purification)

A term used to describe the entire process of ritually washing and dressing the dead accompanied by prayer and chant. Men prepare men and women prepare women.

Chevre Kaddisha (Holy Society)

A group of volunteers who are on call to prepare a deceased person for burial according to time-honored Jewish traditions. The Chevre Kaddisha's ultimate concern is to care for the deceased with respect and kindness. Members of the Chevre Kaddisha maintain strict confidentiality out of respect for the dignity of the deceased.

Jewish Federation of New Mexico

(505) 821-3214

jewishnewmexico.org

The Jewish Federation of New Mexico partners with community organizations to meet the needs of Jews in New Mexico, Israel and worldwide through leadership, philanthropy, social action, and education.

La Puerta Natural Burial Ground

(505) 716-2543 or (505) 360-4480

naturalburialnewmexico.com

The mission of La Puerta Natural Burial Ground is to honor the earth and our fellow humans by bringing affordable and environmentally sound burial options to New Mexico.

Fathers Building Futures

(505) 341-9034

FathersBuildingFutures.org

Fathers Building Futures is a non-profit, social enterprise working to empower formerly incarcerated fathers by teaching them soft and technical job skills and financial literacy in order to build financial sustainability and working with community partners to create emotional and social sustainability. FBF micro businesses include: Wood Shop and Freight & Distribution.

Jewish Care Program

The Jewish Care Program, a program of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico, provides connection and resources to the most vulnerable members of our community.

(505) 348-4451

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