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BEYOND THE BIMA

with Rabbi Stephanie Kramer

Dear B'nai Jehudah Family,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the beauty of the fall season.

I am writing to share some exciting updates and heartfelt gratitude surrounding our beloved Rose Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum. As you know, Jewish tradition teaches us the importance of *Kavod HaMet*, honoring the dead. Our cemetery is not just a place of rest; it is a sacred space. Jewish law reminds us that activities within it must reflect reverence, not frivolity, loud conversation or disrespectful behavior. We care for our cemetery and its grounds with the utmost seriousness and dignity.

Despite Kansas City's weather challenges, wind, rain and snow, we remain committed to keeping the grass green, the headstones clear and the land level. To prepare for our annual Memorial Service at Rose Hill, Dick Barr, Kristi, Henry and Oliver Kanarek, Rick Klein, Jeff Marks and John Waldron volunteered over 40 hours cleaning the mausoleum, the backdrop for this meaningful service. A special thank you to Sandie Coombs, who lovingly repainted our directory sign and reprinted an updated directory for visitors.

We are also grateful for Veotis Freeman, who works full-time maintaining the grounds daily, weather permitting, between burials. His care and attention are evident in every corner of the property.

Our Cemetery Committee, led by Bob Dewitt, is proactive in overseeing practices, pricing and practical upgrades. We are proud to announce an upcoming volunteer workday with our Impact

Fellowship and Mitzvah Makers on Sunday, October 26, at 12:30pm. We will gather to clean and beautify the cemetery and mausoleum together.

If you would like to be contacted for future volunteer opportunities at the cemetery, please contact Amy Potts, who will gladly add you to our list.

A huge thank you to our Cemetery Committee members Bob Dewitt, Simon Abrahms, Zach Bassin, Manny Greenberg, Rick Kline, Gary Rogoff, Rick Simon, Steve Simon, Marcia Soltz, Dave Stein, Mick Lerner and to Kristi Kanarek, our devoted president, whose commitment to the cemetery's upkeep is truly inspiring. Just recently, Alana from Louis' Funeral Home shared that our grounds look better than any others she visits, a high compliment from someone who regularly works with neighboring privately owned cemeteries.

Thank you for being part of a community that honors tradition, dignity and sacred responsibility. May we continue caring for our loved ones and sacred spaces with compassion and reverence.

Warmly,
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