

# Hebrew Cemetery Association

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The Jewish month of Kislev ushers in the holiday of Hanukkah. Hanukkah is a joyous time for Jews as we globally celebrate our freedom and victory over evil. We Jews are fortunate to enjoy many special days for such celebration throughout our calendar year and life continuum.

At the end of a joyous marriage ceremony, it is Jewish tradition for the groom to break a glass. This occurs immediately before that matrimonial kiss that enjoins two souls forever. There are many the-

ories as to why we perform this traditional breakage at each Jewish wedding. The more prominent one, however, seems to be that along with our great joy and celebration, we must always remember the destruction of our temple, and how that destruction so dramatically impacted our people and the practice of our faith. It is a tradition that symbolizes our eternal yearning for the rebuilding of our temple.

Jews must never forget the

martyrs (both Jewish and Gentile) that came before us. Those brave heroes and heroines fought our battles so that we could enjoy the freedoms that we have today. And those freedoms are not to be taken lightly for they did not come without great struggle, sacrifice, and loss. At Hanukkah we must take time to



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pause and remember the Maccabees who fought so bravely to maintain the sanctity of our holy temple and our rightful place amongst the other peoples of the world. And while we remember the Maccabees during this Hanukkah celebration, let us not forget the others who so valiantly fought ... and sacrificed ... to guarantee the freedoms that we enjoy today. In her book *Talking To God*, a collection of personal prayers, Rabbi Naomi Levy writes a "Prayer of Remembrance for Fallen Heroes":

"Some might have stood by, but you stood up. You gave your lives

so that others might live. We are indebted to you, we are humbled by you. When all hope was lost, when the world seemed like a dark and heartless place, you restored our faith in people and our trust in God. You taught us hope, and fearlessness, and honor. We miss you. We will never forget your heroism. We will teach our children and grandchildren about your courage in the face of danger. We will try with all our might to live up to the example you have set. We will not ignore human suffering, we will not be indifferent to the cries of those in pain; you did not die in vain. You have changed us. You live on inside us, in pride and in love. May God watch over you as you watched over us. Rest in peace. Amen."

If you would like to make a

donation to memorialize a loved one, send your check payable to the Hebrew Cemetery to 4229 Peggy Lane, Charlotte, NC 28227. For more information about membership benefits, graves, prepaid funeral costs, endowments, and/or including the cemetery in your estate planning, contact Association President, Kevin Levine at 704-333-5155 or Cemetery Director, Joe Kodsí at (H) 704-321-3537 or (M) 704-576-1859. Visit the website at [www.hebrewcemetery.org](http://www.hebrewcemetery.org).

Directions to the cemetery: Providence Rd. north into and through uptown; right onto Graham St.; follow Graham for about two miles; left at fork in road onto Statesville Ave.; travel about 1/2 mile, the cemetery entrance will be on your left. ☆



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In memory of Aly Lerner's grandfather from Stacey and Ira Slomka

### The Oasis Senior Transportation Fund

In memory of Max Zimmerman from Paul Broder and Susan Wiczorek

### The Musler Memorial Fund for Children's Programs

In memory of Brenda Patten's mother from Paula Musler and Sol Levine

### The LJCC Coaches Fund

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In memory of Mark Diamond, father of Jodi Diamond from the Kapustin Family and the Selkin Family ☆



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