

SOUTH VALLEY JEWISH CEMETERY EXPANDED – GREAT DISCOUNTS FOR PRE-PURCHASED PLOTS

Congregation Emeth now exclusive managers of the Jewish Section!

Habing Funeral Home and Congregation Emeth entered into an agreement recently which resulted in the Jewish section of Gavilan Cemetery now being under the temple's management.

Congregation Emeth is now the exclusive contact for anyone wishing to buy a plot in the Jewish section. As a consequence, the congregation is now able to offer a substantial purchasing discount, especially to non-members who buy their plots anytime until June 1, 2013. A significant presale price was already offered to congregation members. The cemetery is located at 1000 First Street in Gilroy.



“Given the comparative high rates for plots at some of the local Jewish cemeteries, our goal was to offer the Jewish community a chance to purchase plots for considerably less money,” explained Grant Gordon, Congregation Emeth’s president. “Because we are located in South County, real estate is considerably less than in other cities, enabling us to support the entire Jewish community in this sacred endeavor.”

Gordon noted that the expansion and beautification of Gan Emet, (Emeth Gardens) has been a year-long process. A physical boundary, a fence, was inserted around the Jewish section, in keeping with Jewish tradition, under the direction of Rabbi Debbie Israel and Michael Oshan, Facilities Director. Then, the area was recently expanded to three times the original size, grass was planted and trees were moved. The Holocaust memorial was also moved to a more appropriate area in our section. In addition, the fence can easily be moved should the need to further expand arise.

“Pre-selecting plots and purchasing them in advance is a gift one gives to one’s survivors,” Gordon said. “Congregation Emeth benefits from the purchases as well, again thanks to the goodwill of Habing Funeral Home. In exchange, our Rabbi and the cemetery committee regularly check the site to be certain standards are maintained. Congregation Emeth has invested significant time and money into the expansion and beautification of the Jewish Cemetery and we proudly offer it to the Jewish Community of Silicon Valley.”

Congregation Emeth, a Reform temple located in downtown Morgan Hill, serves the Jewish communities of South County. For further information about Gan Emet cemetery, email president@emeth.net.