

BURIAL: WHERE

BURIAL: JEWISH CEMETERY

Jews Buried with Jews

Jews should be buried with Jews. It is permitted to disinter a body from a non-Jewish cemetery for reburial into a Jewish cemetery.

Non-Jew Not Buried in Jewish Cemetery

A non-Jew (including a non-Jewish spouse of a Jew) may not be buried in a Jewish cemetery.

Suicide

Someone who commits suicide may not be buried within 8 amot of other Jews in a Jewish cemetery. If the person had emotional problems, consult a rabbi.

BURIAL: ERETZ YISRAEL

Burial: Eretz Yisrael If Did Not Live There

You should not be buried in Eretz Yisrael if you could have lived in Eretz Yisrael but chose not to. If you could not live there or if you had a heter to not live there, it is OK to be buried there.

NOTE The reason to be buried in Eretz Yisrael is for Resurrection of the Dead (techiyat ha'meitim), which will only happen in Eretz Yisrael. But the entire world will eventually become Eretz Yisrael, so it is only an issue of time.

BURIAL: NEAR OFFSPRING

Children Visiting Cemetery

It is considered comforting to the parent's soul for children to visit the cemetery. So proximity to children may be a factor in choosing where to be buried (but who knows where offspring will end up living?).