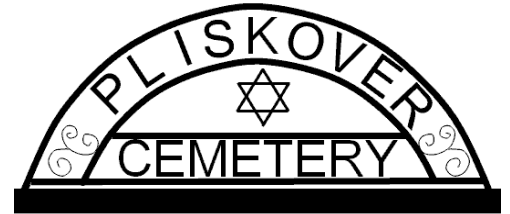


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PLISKOVER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

December 2016

Shalom Pliskovers!

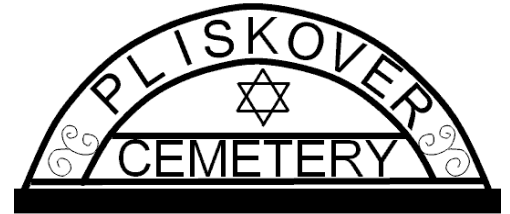
Accompanying the attached 2017 Dues Statement, The Pliskover Board of Directors is pleased to send you this year-in-review newsletter, offering a rundown of the state of the Pliskover Cemetery Association. Below is a listing of your current Board members.

Board of Directors

Kimball Rubin	President
Bruce Ibe	1 st Vice President
Pam Ludin	Vice President – Budgets, Investments, and Audits
Jared Rubin	Vice President – Events and Scholarships
Jared Kaufman	Vice President – Marketing
Frank Rubin	Vice President – Membership
Cheryl Kaufman	Treasurer
Andrew Pearl	Financial Secretary
Honey Forman	Recording Secretary
Marilyn Brody	At-Large Boardmember
Cookie Danovitz	At-Large Boardmember
Joel Dresbold	At-Large Boardmember
Bud Roth	At-Large Boardmember
Carole Rubenstein	At-Large Boardmember
Fallon Rubin	At-Large Boardmember
Paula Rubin	At-Large Boardmember
Gloria Shapiro	At-Large Boardmember
Steven Speck	At-Large Boardmember

The Board members listed above were elected at an Open Meeting on June 6, 2016, and then the specific board positions were voted at the next Board Meeting. We are excited to have three new board members in Andrew Pearl, Jared Rubin, and Fallon Rubin. We are also looking forward to the new 2-year term of officers, led by our new president, Kimball Rubin. Looking back, we thank the outgoing President Bruce Ibe for his service and leadership over the past couple years.

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2016 – A Year in Review

We continue to improve the operations of the cemetery. Unfortunately, we have experienced a lot of problems with ground hogs this year. While these lovable furry creatures may be a nice sight in the wilderness, they wreak havoc on our cemetery grounds, burrowing holes all over the place. We have caught a dozen of them so far, and have continued to try to rid the cemetery of them. But if you see any holes, we apologize and ask that you please let us know.

Elsewhere on the cemetery grounds, we have repaired the garage door on the storage shed this past spring, making our tools and equipment more secure, not to mention addressing an eye sore. In the next year, we have decided that we will be doing some repair work to replace some of the hand rails on the southern end of the cemetery that have shown their age and are in need of upgrading.

On Sunday, September 25, we had our annual Kever Avot Memorial Day at the cemetery to pay respects to our departed ancestors and family members. We contracted Rabbi Mendy Schapiro of the Chabad of Monroeville to help our visitors with the ritual prayers.

Financially, the Association is in good shape. Our current Board takes its fiscal responsibilities very seriously. For the past several years, we have been more diligent in preparing an annual budget and have implemented certain controls to ensure that we are prepared for our expected expenditures and have protections in place in the event of an unexpected expenditure. Thanks to this responsible budgeting process, the Board has voted to set the annual dues for 2017 at \$40, marking a second consecutive year without a dues increase.

Something new the Board is excited to announce is that you now have the ability to pay your dues and make donations electronically through our website, www.pliskover.com. On the Donations tab, click the "Donate" button, which will take you to a PayPal page. We ask only that you please consider adding \$2 to cover the transaction cost. Also, if you use this new feature, please provide a thorough description of the payment so that we can make sure that the dues/donation payment is properly credited to your membership account.

While we did not have a social event in 2016, the Board is exploring the possibility of having a picnic in the summer of 2017. Once a date and place are set, we will send out an announcement to save the date.

This year, the Pliskover Scholarship was awarded to Shifra Berg, of Sharon, MA. Shifra submitted a fantastic essay, entitled "An Homage to my Heritage," in which she recounted the

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experiences of her family’s travels from Pliskov to the USA. We thank Shifra for her efforts and are proud to award her the \$500 scholarship as she pursues her collegiate degree at Drexel University. We wish Shifra the best of luck in her educational endeavors!

As a reminder, the Pliskover scholarship is made available to children of active members in good standing who will be attending a post-High School educational program. Applicants must submit an application form and essay on the Pliskover Emigration Experience. In addition to receiving some financial assistance, the applicants have the opportunity to research their Pliskover heritage and gain a better understanding on the tight bond we share with our past. Previous scholarship winners are ineligible (limit one scholarship per person).

The 2017 Scholarship Application may be found on our website at www.pliskover.com. Applications are due to Jared Rubin, our vice President – Scholarship and Events, by May 15, 2017. Any questions you have should be directed to Jared.

Passings

In the past year, we lost a number of our loved ones, those special to the Pliskover family. We mourn those whom we lost. May their memories be a blessing...

<p>Irma Barr (8/25/2016)</p>	<p>The beloved wife of David Barr; loving mother of Charles Barr (Robyn Shapiro), Adam (Teresa) Barr, and the late Philip Barr; and grandmother of Tania Shapiro-Barr (William Orkin), Jeremy Shapiro-Barr, Michael Shapiro-Barr (Anna Kasper), and Joseph Barr. Irma was also the great grandmother of Benjamin, Jesse Orkin, and Elliana Orkin.</p>
<p>Louise Silverman (10/7/2016)</p>	<p>Beloved wife of Martin Silverman, and mother of Ed (Diane) Silverman and the late Randi Silverman. She is the grandmother of Hilary (Andrew) Sigal and Mitchell Silverman.</p>
<p>Joyce Pearl (10/27/2016)</p>	<p>Beloved wife of the late Ernie Pearl. She is the mother of Herman (Staycee) Pearl and Pliskover Board member Andrew (Elizabeth) Pearl, and grandmother of Donnell Pearl, Nicole, Sam and James Lough, and Eva Joyce Pearl.</p>

The Pliskover Board of Directors wants to thank you for your continued support for the Pliskover Cemetery Association. We are grateful for the participation of our volunteer board members, dues paying members, and generous donors that make it possible for this 108-year old organization to continue to thrive!

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Please remember to pay your dues (see attached 2017 Dues Statement), and any outstanding unpaid dues you may owe for the past year. All dues and donations to the Pliskovers are 100% tax deductible. Send them to:

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Or, if you will be using the electronic payment feature, please go to our website, www.pliskover.com and click on the Donations tab.

The Pliskover Cemetery Association Board of Directors wishes you a Happy and Healthy New Year 2017!

Always,

Jared Kaufman.
VP, Marketing
www.pliskover.com

**PLISKOVER ASSOCIATION
CEMETERY RULES, REGULATIONS AND FEES**

BURIAL PLOT ELIGIBILITY

1. A **member** in good standing (dues are continuous and current) is entitled to one (1) plot. Burial and related expenses are additional.
2. A **married member** in good standing is entitled to two (plots), for self and spouse. Burial and related expenses are additional.
3. **Children of members** who are full time students or who are under 21 years of age are entitled to a plot at no charge. Burial and related expenses are additional.
4. **Dependent disabled or exceptional children**, of any age, of members are entitled to a plot at no charge. Burial and related expenses are additional.
5. Burial plots are not transferable.
6. Cremation burials are subject to the same costs itemized below.

SCHEDULING & CONTACTS:

While the Pliskover Association will work with any funeral service provider, the one most commonly used by our membership is Ralph Schugar Funeral Home (412) 621-8282. The funeral service provider will contact **Bruce Ibe**, Pliskover 1st Vice President 412-759-8653 bruce@icspittsburgh.com to identify the cemetery plot and prepare the grave.

The Pliskover Association will try to accommodate families with respect to selecting grave locations to be close to other family members. Other than for one spouse no gravesites are reserved. Parents of departed family member cannot be reserved.

For scheduling a headstone unveiling, please contact Bruce Ibe to schedule a date and time. All fees must be paid prior to preparing the foundation for the monument/headstone.

BURIAL FEE:

Opening and closing of a single grave including routine grass cutting: **\$800**
The Opening and closing fee is collected by the funeral service provider prior to the funeral. Checks should be made payable to *Pliskover Association*.

Additional Burial Charges:

Additional burial charges will be billed by Pliskover Association after the funeral service.

- Use of additional digging equipment, such as a jackhammer, will have an additional charge of **\$200**

FOUNDATIONS for MONUMENTS (HEADSTONES):

Foundation and gravesite work will be done through the Association.

Permit fee for installation of the monument: **\$50**

No work will begin until the monument company receives a permit from the organization. The permit fee is collected by the monument company. Checks should be made payable to *Pliskover Association*

Foundations For Monuments (Headstones)continued

Cemetery Rules, Regulations and Fees continued

Monuments/headstones require a foundation that must be installed by our caretaker before the stone is set.

- Single foundation for a single stone: **\$600**
- Double foundation for a double stone: **\$750**

The double stone must be removed at the time of the second interment. The stone must then be reset. The cost for the removal and replacement of the double stone at the second interment **\$550**

GRAVE ENHANCEMENTS:

Pliskover no longer offers grave enhancements unless the enhancement is done to match the grave of an adjacent spouse.

1. Cement coping (curb) for an open planted bed per single grave: **ADD \$800**
2. Solid cement slab (closed bed) per single grave. **ADD \$850**
3. Marble ledger over the closed bed: Will be charged at the prevailing market price.

MONUMENT MAINTENANCE:

Additional monument maintenance services and repairs will be done through the association and will be priced accordingly.

All prices are subject to change.

(Revised 4/2016)