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In 1848, the first synagogue, Shaare Shamayim (The Gates of Heaven), was established at the corner of Penn Avenue and Sixth Street.

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- M. Taylor, Jewish Community of Pittsburgh, December, 1938 (1941);

CEMETERIES:

- Adath Israel Cemetery: directions. (Shaler Township): contact: Sidney Snitzer 412-621-791. 443 Irwin Lane-Pittsburgh, PA 1521. Adath Israel is located adjacent to Kether Torah Cemetery
- Adath Jeshurun Cemetery: directions. (Hampton Twp) 4779 Roland Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Roland Rd off Wildwood Rd; Wildwood.
- Agudath Achim Cemetery: directions. contact: Morris Flam 412-846-536, Sherwood
Road, Forest Hills Pittsburgh, PA 15221; contact: Milton Zelkowitz 412-521-0377 or 421-1964

**Agudath Achim**
*(Hampton Township)*: contact: Ray Oswald 412-443-5218.
27 Green Oak Drive, Kennedy Twp., PA 15108

- **Ahavath Achim Cemetery**: [directions](#). (Newport & Sherwood Roads, Forest Hills, PA 15221) contact: Eugene Lipman 412-823-9200

**Ahavath Achim Cemetery**
*(Kennedy Township)* contact: Maurice Perr 412-571-113.

**Ahavath Achim**
*(Mckees Rocks)*: contact: Sandord Gills 412-264-602.
1819 21st Street Beaver Falls, PA 15010;

- **Allegheny County Memorial Park McCandless. Temple Ohav Shalom-Section** 1600 Duncan Avenue, Allison Park, PA 15101
[directions](#).

- **Anshe Lubovitz Cemetery**: [directions](#). (Shaler Twp) Oakwood St off Wible Run Rd; (Shaler Twp) v.7/ Source: [Pat Alexander](#). Source:
- **Anshe Sfard**: (Versailles Boro) contact: Gerald Speigel 412-673-6309

513-221-1875 (tel); 513-221-7812 (fax). E-mail:
[AJA contact form](#). Administered since 1906 by Rodef Shalom Congregation. Interments begin 1848. The earliest Jewish cemetery in Western PA, also known as Troy Hill Cemetery, the grave of the first Union officer from Pittsburgh to die in the Civil War, Captain Jacob Brunn, is at Bes Almon Cemetery. Original records available at Archives of Rodef Shalom (contact: Martha Berg, Archivist, 4905 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, 412-621-6566) [updated by Martha Berg. August 2009]

- **Beth Abraham Cemetery**: 800 Stewart Street Pittsburgh, PA 15227. [directions](#). The congregation no longer exists. Contact
Arlene Adelman 412-918-1673.

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- Beth El: see Mount Lebanon Cemetery
  - Beth Hamedrash Hagodol Cemetery: 100 Rosemond Street McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
    (McKees Rocks) contact: Samuel Goldstein Esq. 412-471-5373 [October 25, 2001]  
    directions

See "Graves vandalized, flags burned in Jewish cemetery" by Lillian Thomas, Post-Gazette, Oct. 25th, 2001. "Nearly 100 gravestones were wrenched from bases and smashed onto walkways or pushed down steep slopes of the Beth Hamedrish Hagadol-Beth Jacob Congregation cemetery in Pittsburgh's McKees Rocks suburb Monday night. The vandals also pulled a dozen U.S. flags off veterans' graves and burned them in a pile at the top of the hill at the site. ... The vandalism at the 128-year-old Orthodox congregation's cemetery led to warnings being sent to local Jewish organizations and synagogues to be on the lookout for possible further violence or vandalism. ... There are some 5,000 graves at the site, which has been used for Jewish burials in the area for 128 years." Source: The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
[January 2002]

(Sep 25, 1919 to Sept. 12, 1920); Volume 21. Edited by Harry Schneiderman for the American Jewish Committee Submitted by Alan Hirschfeld.

- Beth Israel Cemetery: (McKees Rocks) contact: Sherman Siegel 412-222-1466
  - Betty Rosenberg-Parkway Jewish Cemetery: (Churchill, Wilkins Township)  
    contact: Joe Levine 412-823-7677.
Betty Rosenberg / Parkway Jewish Center Cemetery is closest to the bottom of the hill. Chofetz Chaim Cemetery is in the middle. Ohav Zedeck Cemetery is at the top of the hill. [July 2011]

- **B’nai Abraham Cemetery**: Butler directions.
- **B’nai Emunoh Cemetery**: directions. (Wildwood) contact: Hyman Sloan 412-421-2853 or Dr. Amir Pilch 412-421-2288.
- **B’nai Israel Cemetery**: directions. (Greensburg) {10739} contact: Duffy Friedlander; names from Milton J. Radman. **B’nai Israel Cemetery**: (Hempfield township) contact: William Brill 412-837-508.
- **B’nai Israel Cemetery**: (McKeesport) contact: Murray Siegel 412-672-530.
- **Cheseth Israel Cemetery**: (Reserve Twp) (Workmen's Circle Cemetery, Branch 932); Hoffman Rd; Pittsburgh (Reserve Twp); Source: Pat Alexander.
- **Chofetz Chaim Cemetery**: directions. Negley Rd. (Wilkins Twp.)Churchill, PA 15235
- **Coraopolis Cemetery**: directions. Grandview Avenue, Coraopolis PA 15108
- **Gemilis Chesed Cemetery**: directions. (McKeesport) Orthodox; Location: North Versailles, Pittsburgh Source: Barbara & Steve Wasser (also see New Gemilis Chesed)
- Greenwood: see Wheeling, WV
- Grandview: see Johnstown, PA.
- **Hebrew Burial Cemetery**: established 1853; Milvale; v.3; Source: Pat Alexander
- **Hebrew Cemetery Association**: contact: Sol J. Michael 412-437-8564
- **Kether Torah Cemetery**: [directions](#). 433 Irwin Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 (Reserve Township)
- **Holy Society Cemetery**: (Masontown) contact: Mr. Kronich 412-438-8064
- **Homestead Hebrew Cemetery**: [directions](#). (W. Mifflin Township) contact: Allen Smooke 412-521-3252 or Bob Katz 412-281-6136
- **Kether Torah Cemetery**: (Reserve Township) contact: Frank Rice 412-521-4164
- **Machsikei Hadas Cemetery**: [directions](#). (904 Geyer Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15209) (Shaler Township) (Revere Twp) v.8; contact: Allen Smooke 412-521-3252 or Bob Katz 412-281-6136
- **Mt. Lebanon Cemetery**: [directions](#). contact: 412-531-2007. Beth El Section: 590 Washington Road Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228 This cemetery has a Jewish section from about 1985. Used by Temple Emanuel: (Sissy Sterling 412-561-4664 or Brenda Miller 412-276-3776) and Beth El (Robert Lampel 412-257-8305):
- **Mt. Royal Cemetery**: The cemetery has a Jewish section from about 1990.
- **Neshannock Township**: see below Temple Sinai Memorial Park
- **New Gemilas Chessed Cemetery**: contact: Irwin Chinn 412-678-2725
- **New Light Cemetery**: [directions](#). 750 Soose Road, Pittsburgh PA 15209 â€“ Shaler Twp.
- **Ohav Shalom Cemetery**: [directions](#). (Donora) contact: Phil DeRienzo 412-379-6100
- **Ohav Zedeck Cemetery**: (East Pittsburgh Shul) Location: Churchill, Wilkins Township: contact: Rabbi Zaetz, 412-521-7434
- **Pliskover Cemetery**: [directions](#). Kennedy Township: Green Oaks Drive, Coraopolis, PA 15108 contact: Joe Roth 412-621-3138 or Irwin Wiener 412-373-8900
- **Poale Zedeck**: [directions](#). Sheridan. Faust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15204 (Orthodox Synagogue Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh), contact: Joe Roth 412-621-3138 or Irwin Wiener 412-373-8900
- **Poale Zedeck Memorial Park Cemetery**: [directions](#).
5744 Meridian Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044 Richland Twp. Source: Barbara & Steve Wasser.

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- **Podolier Cemetery**: directions. 453 Hoffman Rd., Reserve Twp., PA 15212 contact: Evelyn Levine 412-682-4737

- **Rodef Shalom Cemetery**: (Johnstown) contact: Beth Shalom Congregation 814-536-0647
- **Shaare Torah Cemetery**: directions. Gates of Wisdom section burial list supplied by Shaare Torah Congregation, 2319 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. 412.421.8855 and by Marilyn Newman to the JOWBR. [April 2009]
- **Shaare Zedek Cemetery**: directions. 800 Stewart Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227 (Carrick) contact: Al Goppman 412-361-0130
- **Sons of Israel Cemetery**: directions. (Rankin) (Sherwood Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 (Forest Hills) contact: Joni Marcus 412-521-8282 or Albert Silverman 412-271-3393, Ronald Angerman 412-678-0054

- **Temple Beth Am Cemetery**:
- **Temple Emanu-el**: directions. (Greensburg) contact: Bob Sloan 412-834-299. Temple Emanuel: directions. 590 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228
- **Temple Israel Mem. Park**: (Neshannock Township)
- **Temple Ohav Shalom of North Hills**: directions. contact: 412-486-737. Temple Ohav Shalom Allegheny County Memorial Park. 1600 Duncan Ave., Allison Park, PA 15101, McCandless Township

- **Temple Sinai Memorial Park**: directions. 7740 Saltsburg Road, Plum Boro, PA 15239 (Neshannock Township) contact: Phyliss Weinkle 412-921-9715 & Marylin Weiss 412-521-6788.

- **Tiphereth Israel Cemetery**: directions. (Shaler) Oakwood St off Wible Run Rd; (Shaler Twp) v.7; Source: Pat Alexander. Management:

  Adam Gusky

  1100 Penn Center Blvd #1113 Pittsburgh, PA 15221 Email:
- **Torath Chaim Cemetery**: directions. (2649 Wickline Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044) v.3; Source: Pat Alexander
  Hampton Township

- **Tree of Life Memorial Park Cemetery**: directions. estab 1948; Reiss Run Rd; Pittsburgh. v.2; Source: Pat Alexander.

- **Tree of Life in Sharpsburg**: directions. Contact Morton Gottfried at 1-412-961-6800 for the Sharpsburg Cemetery. Additional information: Burton L. Hirsh Funeral Home, Inc., 2704 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 may have the address, contact person, and phone number of area cemeteries. Some of the cemeteries have a booklet with directions to most of the cemeteries. Call for information at 1-142-555-1212, to request cemetery address and phone number. Pittsburgh Jewish Burial Assn. at 1-412-553-6469 has an automated message. Source: Lea Trager from Michigan

- **Tree of Life Sfard**: directions. Versailles Boro) contact: Gerald Spiegel 412-673-6309

- **TROY HILL**: (historic) In 1846 the first Jewish communal institution, Troy Hill Cemetery, was founded by William Frank, David Strassberger and Emmanuel Reis,

- **Torath Chaim**: (Gibsonia) contact: Sam Goettesman 412-422-8618

- **West View Cemetery of Rodef Shalom Cong.**: directions. 4720 Perrysville Road, Rt., 19 North, Westview. Source: Pat Alexander.
  Owned by Rodef Shalom Congregation, which was chartered in 1856. (contact: Martha Berg, Archivist, Rodef Shalom Cong., 4905 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, 412-621-6566) Archives also contains records of other life-cycle events & 150+ years of congregational history. [Updated August 2009 by Martha Berg]
Workmens Circle directions. Branch 975: (Irwin Lane, Reserve township) contact: Wendy DeRoy 412-421-9477 or Bernard Bauer 412-393-4236

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