

Is Consolidation the Future for Jewish Cemeteries? Analyzing Different Models for Acquiring and Preserving Vulnerable Cemeteries June 29, 2021 - 11am - 12:30pm (EST)



David Harris, Executive Director of the
Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati
(JCGC):
A community based model for consolidating
cemeteries in a metropolitan area



Jamie Cotel, Executive Director of the
Jewish Cemetery Association of
Massachusetts (JCAM):
Consolidating cemeteries across a region
through merger, transfer, and
management models.



Noah Levine, Senior Vice
President of the Jewish
Community Legacy Project:
Consolidating cemeteries in rural
areas

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Some questions our panel of Jewish cemetery professionals will be addressing:

- How do we build a communal board of directors?
- Will we lose control over the way we run our local cemetery?
- Who will have any say in governance?
- Will our local cemetery's endowment be co-mingled with others?
- Will one weak cemetery draw off resources from others?
- What if a cemetery has no assets?
- How reliable is selling graves as a source of revenue?
- Are there successful methods of raising funds from family members of the deceased?
- What are the pros and cons of the management model versus the ownership model?
- What has been the track record of consolidated cemetery organizations?