

WEST PALM BEACH MENORAH GARDENS RESANCTIFICATION

On May 18, 2008, Rabbi Maurice Lamm presided over the rededication of the Menorah Gardens' West Palm Beach Cemetery. Rabbi Lamm is a member of the Court-appointed Blue Ribbon Panel that is supervising the remedial actions at Menorah Gardens. In conjunction with the Florida Attorney General's office, the Blue Ribbon Panel has supervised the spending of millions of dollars to fix the previously existing problems and to reorganize the cemeteries to ensure that future management is appropriate.

"This is a welcome day for all of us who have been deeply involved in this process, and I am glad that we can finally bring an end to this trying time and usher in a era of Menorah Gardens in Palm Beach," Rabbi Maurice Lamm stated in a news release.

Rabbi Leonard Zucker, President of the Board of Rabbis of West Palm Beach presided over the renaming ceremony for the cemetery. Menorah Gardens West Palm Beach was renamed "Star of David Cemetery of the Palm Beaches," nearly six and a half years after the lawsuit was filed in December, 2001.

FORT LAUDERDALE MENORAH GARDENS RESANCTIFICATION

Rededication of the Broward cemetery will be overseen by the Blue Ribbon Panel and class counsel. The decision regarding rededicating the Broward Menorah Gardens has been deferred pending further adjustments by SCI. As soon as details are available on the date and time of the rededication, class members will be notified via a posting on this website. A press release with the relevant information will also be issued to the appropriate news agencies so that they may also publicize the date, time, and purpose of the rededication services of the Menorah Gardens cemeteries. The Fort Lauderdale Menorah Gardens Cemetery remains under the Examiner's direction.

SCI has filed a motion in the West Palm Beach Circuit Court for the Examiner's supervision of the cemetery to be terminated. The Examiner's appointment and continued supervision of the Ft. Lauderdale cemetery is governed by the State of Florida Attorney General's Settlement Agreement with SCI. The Examiner has advised SCI and the State of Florida that he believes the cemetery is not in compliance with Florida regulatory standards and that his supervision of the Ft. Lauderdale cemetery should continue until it meets Florida regulatory standards. The Blue Ribbon Panel that was appointed by the then presiding Judge, Judge Fleet, in the class action case, is in agreement with the Examiner. The Blue Ribbon Panel has opined that the Ft. Lauderdale cemetery may not be resanctified until, at a minimum, it is in compliance with Florida law pursuant to the Examiner's opinion. Class Counsel supports the position of the Examiner and Blue Ribbon Panel.

Special Note: The disbursements of qualified claimants' funds are NOT tied to the resanctification.