

Hakafa's Pricing at
Willow Lawn Cemetery, Shalom Memorial Park,
and Cremation Society of Illinois

All prices here were presented to us in October 2011 and may be changed somewhat as time goes by.

As of October 2012, Willow Lawn is offering us a price of \$1600 per plot in the new green section which they are developing. This compares to a cost of \$2395 for a standard plot in the Hakafa section at Shalom. Prices at both parks include perpetual care, but do not include the costs of internment, that is, the opening and closing of the grave, which is \$1260 at Willow Lawn and \$2695 at Shalom. Nor does it include the costs of a casket, a grave marker or, for a traditional burial, the concrete grave liner, which cemeteries require to keep the ground level to facilitate lawn maintenance. Note that Illinois law does not require either a grave liner or a casket for burial; it is legal, safe, and not a health hazard to be buried only in shrouds, which is an option in a green cemetery.

For comparison, the Cremation Society of Illinois currently prices cremation at \$1295, if you are a member of the Society, which costs \$50 for an individual and \$90 for a couple; membership has to be obtained before the need for the cremation. This price does not include transportation to the crematorium, the urn, the cremation container (casket), and other services, nor does it include the cost of a burial plot and burial services, if those are chosen. Please note that the Cremation Society is a for-profit enterprise.