

Jewish Cemeteries

Early Cemeteries

The first Jewish cemeteries in St. Louis were United Hebrew (Jefferson and Chouteau) and Camp Spring (Pratte street between Gratiot and Cooper) which were located in the area of the Mill Creek Valley train yard. These cemeteries were established in the 1840s as places for Orthodox Jewish burials. As with so many city cemeteries, the 1849 St. Louis Cholera epidemic filled the cemeteries rapidly and both groups had to establish new cemeteries in the county.

County Cemeteries

Emanu El est. Mount Sinai Cemetery on Gravois Road in 1850 and transferred bodies there from Camp Spring in 1872. United Hebrew est. a new cemetery in 1855 on Canton Ave. in what is today University City. United Hebrew transferred bodies from the city in 1880. Both congregations began to lean towards reform Judaism and in 1871, Sheerith Israel Congregation opened B'nai Amoona Orthodox cemetery at North and South Road.

Eventually Mt. Sinai changed it's name to New Mt. Sinai. The Mt. Sinai and United Hebrew cemeteries adopted a rural cemetery movement approach to burials with rolling hills and winding landscapes - this was in sharp contrast to the traditional orthodox B'nai Amoona. Chesed Shel Emeth at Hanley and Olive was opened in 1893 by Russian Orthodox. Latvian Jews opened Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol on Ladue Road in 1901 and Chevra Kadasha was opened on North and South Road in 1922. All of these Orthodox cemeteries were compact, crowded, but well cared for and strictly organized.

List of Jewish Cemeteries in St. Louis City and County

- Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol 9125 Ladue Road, Ladue MO.
- B'nai Amoona 930 North and South Road, University City.
- B'nai El Located near Pratt Ave (Jefferson) and Cooper St. (now part of Railroad yards in Mill Creek Valley near Union Station).
- Camp Spring Jefferson and Cooper
- Chesed Shel Emeth 7570 Olive Blvd, University City
- Chesed Shel Emeth II 650 White Road, Chesterfield
- Chevra Kadisha Adas B'nai Israel 1601 North & South Rd. Vinita Park
- Chevra Kadisha Ohave Sholom 7410 Olive Blvd.
- Mount Olive Canton & Olive, University City
- New Mt. Sinai 8430 Gravois
- Ohave Sholom 7410 Olive Rd, University City
- United Hebrew Jefferson and Chouteau