

## Funerals at Or Chadasch – FAQs

### Questions about organizing a funeral.

1	Who should I contact after a death?	<a href="mailto:chewra@orchadasch.at">chewra@orchadasch.at</a>
2	If a family member has died and a funeral is to take place in the Or Chadasch cemetery, should I first contact Bestattung Wien (Funeral Vienna) and Wiener Friedhöfe (Vienna Cemeteries)?	No. In order to bury someone in the Or Chadasch Cemetery, Vienna Cemeteries must obtain permission from the Chewra Kaddischa. Therefore, you must first contact the Chewra Kaddischa to initiate this process and discuss the details.
3	Can I contact the Chewra if my family member died on Shabbat or a holiday?	Yes: <a href="mailto:chewra@orchadasch.at">chewra@orchadasch.at</a>
4	What documents are required?	Birth certificate or other personal documents identifying the deceased and, if applicable, death certificate.
5	When can a tahara (ritual body washing) be carried out, and when is that not possible?	A taharah can be performed as long as the person is Jewish and no extreme harm has been done to the body.
6	Can a funeral take place at the Or Chadasch cemetery within 3 days of death?	According to Austrian regulations, at least 72 hours must pass before a burial can take place.
7	If a funeral needs to be postponed, are there any regulations that the funeral must take place within a certain time? Are there any additional costs associated with this?	No.
8	When will the stone setting take place?	30 days to 1 year after the funeral

## Questions about Costs:

1	How much does a funeral cost?	Approximate price (to be paid to Bestattung Wien [Funeral Vienna]): € 6,000
2	How much does a gravestone cost?	Approx. €2,400 – 3,000: (Design, engraving, base, mount etc) Decision rests with family members.
3	What ongoing costs do the surviving dependents incur?	The grave right must be renewed every 10 years. This costs €810.
4	Can I pay for a funeral in advance? Can I pay this fee in installments?	Yes. Bestattung Wien must be paid: around €6,000 (also possible in installments). A monthly premium is paid to the Wiener Verein.
5	What payment does the Chewra Kaddischa or Or Chadasch require for a funeral?	For Or Chadasch members: No fee. For non-members: 5 years' membership fees
6	How much does the Chewra Kaddischa contribute to the funeral costs?	Or Chadasch does not cover funeral or burial costs. If necessary, help can be provided from the Chewra Kaddischa social fund.

## Questions about the Funeral Ceremony:

1	Does a rabbi have to lead the ceremony, or can a friend, family member or lay leader do this?	Any Jewish person can lead the ceremony (after consultation with the rabbi).
2	Are music, candles, flowers, etc. allowed at the funeral?	Music is allowed. We ask that you refrain from using candles and flowers.  You can find more information about the process of a Jewish funeral at Or Chadasch here: <a href="http://www.orchadasch.at/Chewra-Kaddischa">www.orchadasch.at/Chewra-Kaddischa</a>
3	How do you behave at a Jewish funeral?	You can find more information about the process of a Jewish funeral at Or Chadasch here: <a href="http://www.orchadasch.at/Chewra-Kaddischa">www.orchadasch.at/Chewra-Kaddischa</a>

4	Are there any specifications for the coffin?	Yes: a simple pine box with no decorations. Chewra Kaddischa works closely with Bestattung Wien (Funeral Vienna) to ensure that the correct coffins are used.
5	Can an Or Chadasch member be buried in the Jewish Cemetery at Gate 4?	Or Chadasch and the Chewra Kaddischa cannot decide who can be buried at Gate 4, nor can we organize a funeral at Gate 4; nor do we have any influence on these decisions. The IKG would have to be contacted for this.
6	Can a funeral be organized in the Jewish Cemetery at Gate 4 with the Rabbi of Or Chadasch officiating?	No
7	Can an Or Chadasch member be buried in a Christian cemetery with Christian family members where the rabbi presides over the ceremony?	Yes
8	Can a Christian family member/partner be buried in the Or Chadasch cemetery with a Christian funeral service?	No. All burials at the Or Chadasch Cemetery must follow Jewish traditions.

### Questions about the Cemetery of Or Chadasch:

1	Where is the cemetery of Or Chadasch?	Central Cemetery Gate 1, Group 18
2	Is it a separate cemetery or part of the Central Cemetery?	It is part of the Central cemetery.
3	Is it a grave for eternity?	The grave right must be renewed every ten years.
4	Who can be buried at the Or Chadasch cemetery?	All Or Chadasch members and their family members (partners and children) .
5	Can non-Jewish family members be buried in the same grave?	Yes, provided they are relatives of an Or Chadasch member.

6	Can Jewish persons who are not Or Chadasch members be buried in the Or Chadasch cemetery?	Yes. The prerequisite is the additional payment of 5 years' membership fee.
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7	Can Christian or other non-Jewish symbols be engraved on a gravestone?	No
8	Can I be cremated and my ashes buried in the OC cemetery?	Yes
9	Will the rabbi conduct the service in the case of a cremation?	Yes
10	Can I be buried with my pet or my pet's ashes?	No. Or Chadasch does not permit animal burials.

### Other Questions:

1	What if I have no surviving family members? Who will pay for the stone?	The Or Chadasch Cemetery Committee will ensure that a gravestone is erected.
2	What if I have no surviving family member – who pays the fees?	In this case, the Or Chadasch Chewra Kaddisha will cover the annual fees
3	How can I ensure that my family honors my request for burial at the Or Chadasch Cemetery?	A Living Will is necessary for this. Please inform the family members of your wishes in advance, as the final decisions will be made by the family members.
4	Can I have a Jewish funeral if I donate organs?	Yes
5	Can I donate my body to science and then have a Jewish funeral?	No
6	Can people be buried in the cemetery of Or Chadasch after a suicide?	Jes
7	Can a person who committed suicide also have a tahara?	Yes
8	How many people can be buried in one grave?	Up to 4 people