



NO!
BECAUSE
IT HURTS...

Earth Burial:
natural, spiritual
and eternal
has been
for 3,500 years
the Jewish way
of sanctifying
our bodies
after death.



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planning a Jewish burial for yourself or
someone you love, please visit our website
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**YOU WOULDN'T
BURN YOUR HAND
WOULD YOU?**

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the environment.

The carbon emissions are enormous. Environmentalists strongly advocate natural, in-ground burial.

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the body.

The sanctuary which housed our soul throughout its stay on earth does not deserve to be incinerated and obliterated; it deserves to be treated with respect.

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our family.

Unlike burial wherein the bereaved participate, cremation allows much less opportunity for proper closure. Future generations have no meaningful place to visit and feel a real connection. Ashes aren't real.

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the soul.

Jewish tradition teaches that the soul is not at peace when its body is not properly put to rest. "The dust returns to the earth...and the spirit returns to G-d..." (Ecclesiastes 12:7) is a 2-step interdependent process. The soul – our conscious self – is aware and concerned for the well-being of its lifetime host.



...THEN,
WHY WOULD YOU
BURN YOUR BODY?

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MORE.

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our relationship with Jewish tradition at a time when our religious feelings should be greatest. "From earth thou art, and unto earth thou shall return" (Genesis 3:19), is a biblical mandate. "Ashes to ashes..." has no Jewish origin.

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our sense of Jewish identity.

Throughout history, Jews were burned by those seeking our destruction: Our Temples were burned down, our bodies burned at the stake. In our century millions were gassed and cremated in death camps. The thought of cremation should offend our Jewish sensitivities.

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our eternity.

It contradicts and negates our belief in resurrection. The earth is where regeneration takes place. Nothing grows in ashes. Not even our DNA is identifiable.

Eternity is a very long time to hurt.