

Jewish Cemeteries completes its first year; elects new officers, board

Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati (JCGC) is comprised of 22 Jewish cemeteries, almost all of the Jewish cemeteries in Cincinnati and Hamilton, Ohio. It represents the culmination of more than 10 years of community efforts to address the financial, succession, upkeep and other challenges facing Cincinnati as well as many Jewish communities.

Cincinnati is a leader national-

ly in creating this type of organizational model to take care of its cemeteries in perpetuity, according to the organizations' executive director, David Hoguet.

"We are very pleased with our progress since the organization began operating in mid-2008. Our financial performance has been better than both our budgeted goals and the projections made by the consultants that were engaged

by the community leaders collaborating to form JCGC. We've also been able to improve the maintenance and security of the cemeteries, which will continue to be an ongoing project. In addition, we are actively looking for land for a new cemetery to serve the entire Jewish community," said Hoguet.

Ed Marks, outgoing board president, added, "Our initial board consisted of the cemetery

operators that contributed their cemeteries and endowments to JCGC, but our Code of Regulations provides for a three year transition to a community board. With the election of our new trustees, JCGC has begun the transition to a community board."

This month JCGC announced the election of new officers and trustees.

Elected to serve as officers

for a one-year term are Jan Armstrong Cobb, president; Elinor Ziv, vice president; Norman Frankel, treasurer; and Bradley Kaplan, secretary.

New trustees elected to a three-year term are Michael Bergman, Alan Brown, Tovah Kirschner and Joshua Shapiro. Tom Rinsky and Mack Evans, current trustees, were reelected to new three-year terms.