

#### **Earth Burial:**

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



For more information or assistance with planning a Jewish burial for yourself or someone you love, please visit our website at www.peacefulreturn.com, email us at contact@peacefulreturn.com, or contact Peaceful Return at 718-847-6280.

# YOU WOULDN'T BURN YOUR HAND WOULD YOU?

#### CREMATION HURTS

the environment.

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

## CREMATION HURTS the body.

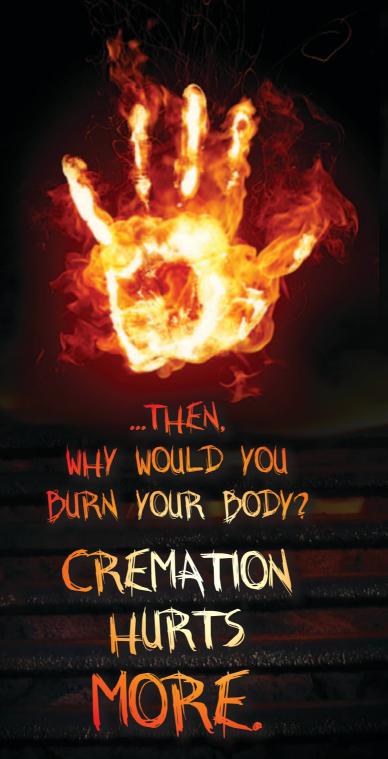
The sanctuary which housed our soul throughout its stay on earth does not deserve to be incinerated and obliterated; it deserves to be treated with respect.

#### CREMATION HURTS 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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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.



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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.

### CREMATION HURTS 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.

## CREMATION HURTS 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.