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AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 80 BOYLSTON STREET  
 BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Wakefield  
 Address North Avenue  
 Name Temple Israel Cemetary  
 Ownership: Public  
                    Private

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white)  
 Identify on back of photo.  
 Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location  
 in relation to nearest cross streets and other  
 buildings and/or geographical features. Indicate  
 all buildings between inventoried property and  
 nearest intersection.  
Indicate north.

DESCRIPTION

Approximate number of stones 600  
 Earliest death date 1860  
 Latest death date 1984  
 Landscape Architect (if known)  
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 Condition Immaculate cemetary with  
no leaning or fallen stones. The  
marble stone from 1860s-90s show  
considerable acid rain damage and  
are becoming illegible.  
 Acreage 5.9 acres  
 Setting on west shore of lake  
Quannapowitt with wrought iron fence  
surround.

UTM REFERENCE 19/329100/4708200  
 USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.  
 SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservati  
Associates  
 Organization Wakefield Historical  
Commission  
 Date March 1985

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Temple Israel Cemetary, laid out in an orderly grid beside Lake Quannapowitt, is associated with Boston's first established synagogue, Temple Israel, and contains the grave of Rabbi Joshua Liebman, a noted author. It retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and meets criteria consideration (Exception) D and criterion A of the NRHP on the local level.

## GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF ART WORK Describe materials used, designs, motifs, symbols that are either common or unusual, known carvers.

The earliest monuments from 1860s to 1890s are generally of marble and in a tablet form. Many have Hebrew inscriptions. In the 20th century the markers became lower and wider, often in a semi-circular shape with only a family name inscribed or in relief on the stone. These later stones are more often granite or limestone. Place of birth and often place of death are recorded on these stones unlike in Christian cemeteries. Often they are from Germany and died in Boston. One case even notes the hospital in which the person died. Uniformity of marker size, material and messages are notable.

## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain religious affiliations, major period of use and evaluate historical importance of burial ground within the community.

This cemetery was begun in 1859 by Boston's Temple Israel, the first synagogue established in Boston. Two other Boston congregations established cemeteries outside the city in Lynn and Brookline.

The earliest stones are located, as are those in adjacent Lakeview Cemetery, near the water. Unlike that cemetery, however, which is laid out in romantic curving paths and gently rolling landscape, Temple Israel Cemetery is laid out on an orderly grid on flat land and is planted primarily with low growing shrubbery.

In this cemetery is buried Rabbi Joshua Liebman, noted author.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Massachusetts State Armory  
Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byer 7/6/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

72. Richardson, Dr. S.O., House  
Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byer 7/6/89

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73. Simpson, Dr. Thomas House  
Entered in the  
National Register

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74. South Reading Academy  
Entered in the  
National Register

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75. St. Joseph's School  
Entered in the  
National Register

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76. Stimpson, William, House  
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77. Sweetser, Daniel, House  
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78. Sweetser, Michael, House  
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~~79. Temple Israel Cemetery~~  
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80. Tilton, D. Horace, House  
Entered in the  
National Register

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Temple Israel Cemetery

MULTIPLE NAME: Wakefield MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/23/89                      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89                      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/07/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000753

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    7/6/89 DATE

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National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Temple Israel Cemetary

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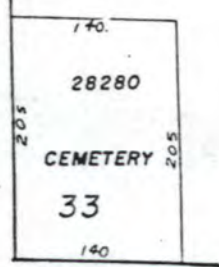
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TEMPLE ISRAEL CEMETARY  
NORTH AVENUE

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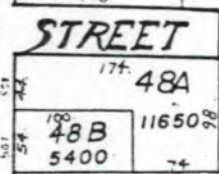


SCALE: 1" = 80'



CEMETERY

21.59 ACRES

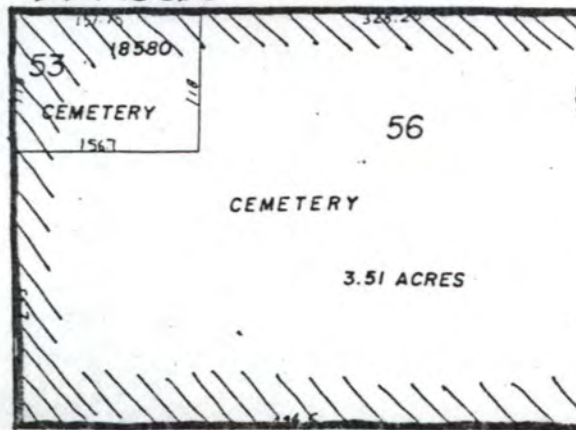
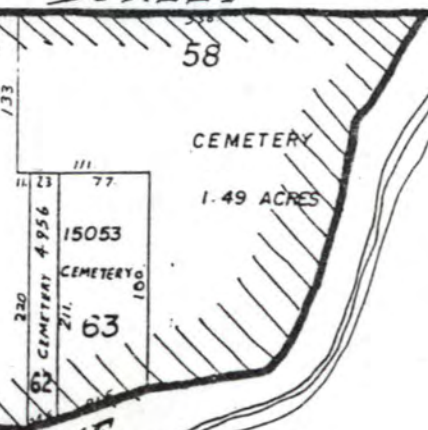
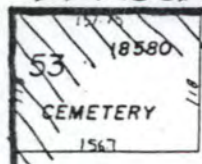


STREET

BEACON

STREET

NORTH



CEMETERY

1.49 ACRES

CEMETERY

3.51 ACRES

RE'

LAKESIDE

AVE.

Scale: 1 inch equals 80'

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000300