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INTERVIEWEE: Rabbi Zuckerman

Interviewer: Austin Rosenfeld

Date: March 6th 2009

Location of Interview: Shaarie Torah, in the office of Rabbi Zuckerman

Research Assistant: Dennis LaPrade

Interview Series: SUSTAINING NORTHWEST LANDSCAPES & COMMUNITIES

Recording Equipment: DIGITAL RECORDER (WINDOWS MEDIA AUDIO FILE) WITH AN
 EXTERNAL, OMNIDIRECTIONAL MICROPHONE

Time	Notes
00:01	Where are you from? Brooklyn, NY
00:03	Where was your education from? He went into childhood schooling through college. Mother-in-law and many friends said he should become a rabbi. He talked about his work before becoming a rabbi.
00:06	He gave a walkthrough of a Jewish Burial, giving statements such as, entering the world simple thus exiting the world simple.
00:08	What does it mean to be a Cohen? When handling a funeral, he has to be at least 8 feet away from the body for purity reasons.
00:12	Describe the different type of caskets that can be used? He talked about no open casket showings, traditional mummification style. He then went into limitations of woods that can be used.
00:15	How does government regulations effect Jewish burials? Earthquakes and water tables require a cement foundation. Jewish law prohibits non Jewish members to be buried in a Jewish cemetery. He also went into several other Jewish regulations.
00:20	What are the types of toimestones that are used? He gives a description of toimestones and the importance of them.

